

Five Tips for Estate Planning

1. **Just Do It!** It is human nature to push estate planning to the back burner. Follow the other tips noted below to avoid delaying this essential task.

2. **Keep it Simple.** Most people do not have to make that many decisions to launch their estate plans. Make the easy decisions first, and the difficult challenges will become that much easier to resolve.

3. **It's Your Plan.** There is no manual that will designate the "right" person for you to choose as your trustee or as the guardian of your children. It's your life and your estate plan. Trust your judgment to make the decisions that will suit you and your family best.

4. **Use a Checklist.** Through the years, we have found that most people can make 90% of their necessary estate planning decisions with use of our simple two-page checklist. You can usually boil down the difficult decisions to two choices that will eventually be sorted out.

5. **Consult Your Professionals.** Your advisors can help you sort through the more difficult decisions, keep you updated on your options, and advise you as to the applicable law and principles. Lambert & Lambert PLC will guide you through the legal challenges to develop your beneficial estate plan.