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Hello to all my Clients,
Happy New Year! What a whirlwind Christmas season. Hope you all had as much fun and family time as I did.

As you all have heard, we have new federal tax laws coming into effect, applicable in 2018. This means we should be reviewing all your personal estate plans and business tax plans as soon as possible. There are significant changes to all standard deductions and the not-so-standard deductions which can add up to unpleasant surprises in April 2019 if we don't review them now.

We will be scheduling annual review meetings in the next 4-6 weeks to discuss the implications of the tax laws to you and your situation. I look forward to meeting with you, and of course, welcome referrals. I am honored to help your family and friends.
Best Regards,

Steve

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I'm still co-hosting **Idaho's Money Show** Monday-Thursday weeknights from 6-7pm, and we just moved to KBOI – 670 AM. Listen live on your computer at KBOI.com – archives at idahosmoneyshow.com. Call in at 800-529-5264, or email your questions anytime. We welcome your feedback, questions or comments on the topics of the day.

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What is a living will?
 A living will is a document that will instruct your friends, family, and health care team about your wishes in the case that you become medically incapacitated and are no longer able to make decisions for yourself.

A living will can instruct doctors to make every attempt to save your life, or it can request that no medical intervention is taken on your behalf, or somewhere in between. The document only goes into effect if you are unable to make medical decisions on your own behalf; that is if you are in a vegetative state or have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Why is it important?
 If you cannot make medical decisions for yourself, someone will have to do it for you. That might result in efforts being taken to prolong your life when you wouldn't otherwise wish it to be, or for family members to make the decision to stop life-sustaining efforts when you would want them to continue. The living will, then, does two things:

- It ensures that your medical wishes are known and followed even when you cannot communicate them for yourself.
- It takes the pressure off of friends and family members to make life-or-death decisions on your behalf.

Having a living will in place can be a guide in an otherwise difficult time for your friends and family members. They will know what measures you would want to take and will be able to communicate those wishes clearly with your medical team. If a disagreement arises, the living will can be enforced in the courts. The document will address treatments such as resuscitation, tube feeding, dialysis, and palliative care as well as organ donation.

Call if you have any questions. Our team can help you create a living will and/or any other estate plans.

Full Article at:
<https://www.capitalcitylawoffice.com/estate-planning-in-boise/living-wills-101/#/>