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How Long Does It Take to Draft an Estate Plan?



One of the most common questions we hear at Grissom Plummer Law, PLLC is:

"How long does it take to receive my estate plan?"

Typically, clients can expect to receive the first draft of their comprehensive estate plan within **3 to 4 weeks** from the time we have received all the information and documents needed to begin drafting.

Why Does It Take 3–4 Weeks?

Creating an estate plan involves much more than filling out forms. Your estate plan is a customized legal roadmap designed to protect you, your loved ones, and everything you have worked hard to build.

During the drafting process, we carefully:

- Review your goals and family circumstances.
- Analyze your assets and how they should be titled.
- Prepare customized legal documents tailored to your wishes.
- Ensure your plan complies with North Carolina law.
- Perform quality-control reviews before providing your first draft.

At Grissom Plummer Law, PLLC, we believe your estate plan should be **done correctly—not simply done quickly**.

What Can Cause the Process to Take Longer?

While many clients receive their first draft within our typical **3-4 week** timeframe, some matters require additional planning and legal analysis.

Your first draft may take longer if:

- You own one or more businesses and need business succession planning.
- You have multiple businesses, investment properties, or complex assets.
- You need specialized trust planning.
- We are waiting for information or documents needed to complete your plan.
- You request changes or provide additional information that affects the drafting process.
- Your plan requires coordination with other professional advisors, such as accountants or financial advisors.

Business succession planning, in particular, may involve reviewing ownership documents, operating agreements, buy-sell agreements, tax considerations, and long-term transition strategies. These plans often require more time than a traditional estate plan.



Help Us Keep Your Plan on Schedule

You can help keep your estate planning process moving by:

- Completing your intake forms promptly.
- Providing requested documents as soon as possible.
- Responding promptly to questions from our team.
- Scheduling meetings and your signing appointment when requested.

Your timely responses help us gather the information needed to prepare your documents efficiently.

Start Planning Today

Delaying your estate plan means delaying important decisions about your family's future. Starting early gives us the time needed to prepare a plan tailored to your goals and circumstances.

If you are ready to protect your family, preserve your legacy, or plan for the future of your business, **contact Grissom Plummer Law, PLLC** to discuss your estate planning needs.

Our team will guide you through the process and work to prepare your first draft as efficiently as possible while giving your plan the attention it deserves.

Your Legacy. Our Commitment.

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