

ESTATE PLANNING AND THE INTERNET

The Internet allows all of us access to pages and pages of unverified information on many topics, and the Estate Planning subject is no exception. Rhame & Elwood understands that a simple search on any popular search engine for “Estate Planning”, “Last Will and Testament”, or “Power of Attorney” produces hundreds of websites offering “do it yourself” forms for Wills, Trust, Living Wills, etc. We have reviewed some of these websites and they all have a few things in common, a lengthy disclaimer and general non-state specific legal forms.

The disclaimers are all worded a little differently, however, they make the same point, the website or business cannot actually give you legal advice. They can only provide general information on a legal issue and then you decide what to do with the information and paper work. In other words you do not have the opportunity to ask questions concerning your specific family or financial circumstances and have an Attorney help you weigh all the available options, in light of YOUR specific needs. These websites provide lots of general information and forms with little or no insight or the assurance that the information or forms are correct or even apply to Indiana.

The Attorneys at Rhame & Elwood offer information and legal advice, in light of your circumstances and needs, and then you decide the best course of action. In order to facilitate this exchange we provide a free Estate Planning Consultation.