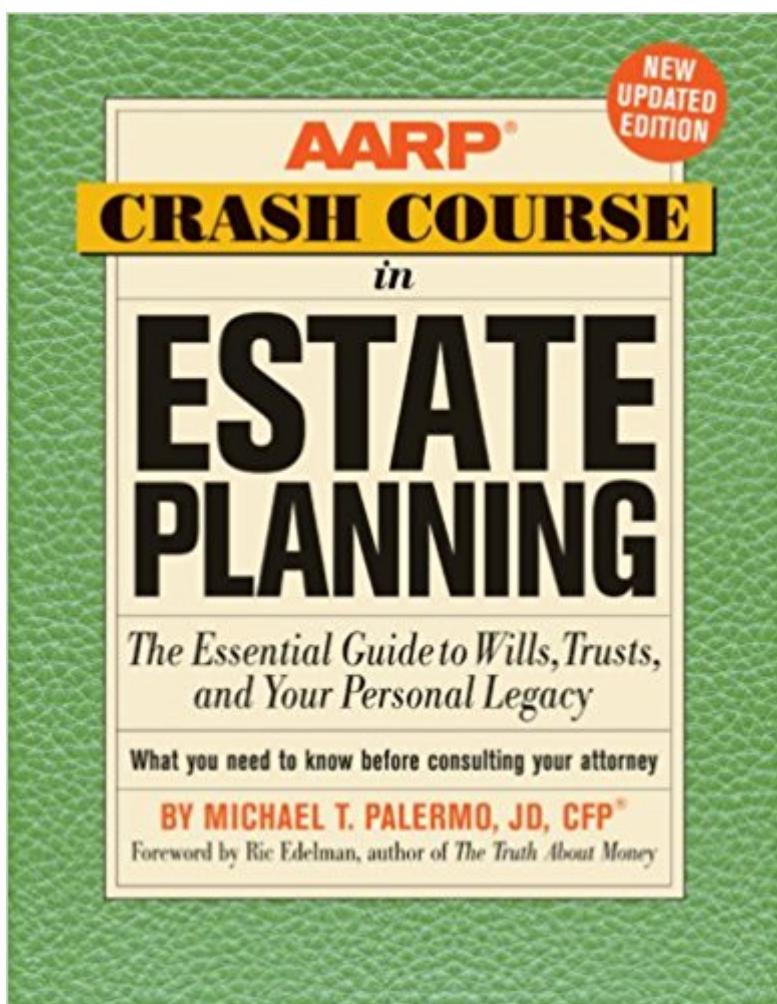


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AARP Crash Course In Estate Planning, Updated Edition: The Essential Guide To Wills, Trusts, And Your Personal Legacy



Synopsis

Scrutinized for accuracy by AARP's legal specialists, and completely up-to-date, this indispensable volume covers every aspect of planning an estate and creating a will. A crash course in one handy volume, the book walks readers through the entire process, from understanding the distinction between probate and nonprobate property to delegating a durable power of attorney, and from resolving possible tax issues ahead of time to safeguarding your assets. In these pages you will find: Comparisons of wills and simple living trusts; Advice on guardianship and advanced medical directives; Explanations of the role and powers of a trustee and what steps to take in the case of suspected misconduct; A primer on marshaling and protecting retirement assets; Help in planning for children with disabilities; A primer on marshaling and protecting retirement assets; Help in planning for children with disabilities; Ideas for making sure your money stays in the family in case a spouse remarries; and much, much more.

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After attending one of those "free luncheon" seminars I thought it best to know a little more about what we would need (and what to pay for) before signing up with our local Estate Planning Specialist. This book, AARP's Crash Course in Estate Planning, armed me with enough knowledge to speak intelligently with the attorney and know if she was trying to sell us something we didn't need or want. She did not. After all, it's very easy for a law firm to "fill in the blanks" of a computer

program and have it burp out all sorts of documents. But the ease of doing that is not relative to the cost of those services. And having a moderately easy to understand explanation of what we have is much better than reading all the where-as's and who-fore's of the actual documents. One thing it taught me, for sure, I'd have been better off buying this book before buying that \$40 DIY computer Will program.

I found this book to be extremely helpful in discussing the essential elements of estate planning-powers of attorney, wills and trusts among the basics. The writing is clear, the choices to be made outlined and the advantages and disadvantages to various ways of doing estate planning are made clear. Legal distinctions are made comprehensible in layman's language, and potential problems and their remedies are clearly presented. One should read this book or one like it before consulting a lawyer, estate planner or financial advisor about estate matters. The book will greatly help you clarify what you want to do and how best to do it, giving you a base line to compare to the advice you may get from others

Purchased this book initially due to the Ric Edelman connection however, am halfway through it and am very pleased with the information provided. It is easy to read, easy to understand, and uncomplicates a very complex problem in long term financial planning. I've learned more from only reading half of this book than I've learned from most of the financial magazines and estate planning websites that I've studied/visited. Kudo's to Mr. Palermo and Mr. Edelman for an outstanding publication!

Purchased this book in the hopes that it would provided the needed information to create a shorter attorney appointment. Book is well written with lots of real-life examples illustrating the unexpected outcomes that can happen from very well meaning people. Actually mis-placed the book when only about 30 pages in and am seriously considering buying another copy! The author is able to make complex legal matters understandable without making the reader feel "dumb".

The book has valuable information that everyone needs to know and it is written in easy to understand terms. Recommended reading before you see an estate planning attorney.

Palermo has compiled a practical, down-to-earth summary about estate planning, a topic that often gets bogged down in legal jargon expressed by other authors.

I'm reading this to prepare for my retirement in 3 years. It's helping guide me through the Estate Planning process. I like this book because of it's ease of reading and plain language.

Good book but VERY OLD; so out of date that much of it no longer applies. Buy the NOLO text: up to date with more detail.

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