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### Estate Planning After Divorce

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Your divorce is behind you. But your estate documents are still “married.” Now is the time to reevaluate your estate plan so you’re not forever tied to your ex-spouse. When you’re estate planning after a divorce, there are several key issues to think about, according to an [article in Forbes magazine](#).

Often, we name our spouses as executors and trustees of our wills and trusts and designate them as our “Power of Attorney.” The article noted that, following your divorce, it’s a good idea to change these designations to a trusted friend or relative. Also, you’ll want to update your health care proxy, so that your ex-spouse is not the one who makes health care decisions for you in the event of an emergency.



Wills and trusts have beneficiaries; so do retirement plans and life insurance policies. Review and revise the beneficiaries to ensure the correct people will receive assets upon your death. If you have minor children, think about establishing a trust. Your ex-spouse will likely become the guardian if you pass away, but you may designate a guardian if your ex is determined by the court to be unfit, or in the event your ex-spouse predeceases you.

These are just a few of the recommended estate planning steps to review following a divorce. There are others, not the least of which is considering a prenuptial agreement should you choose to remarry. To be sure you are taking care of these and other important measures, contact the Bucks County divorce lawyers at Williams Family Law: call 215-340-2207 or email [info@bucksfamilylawyers.com](mailto:info@bucksfamilylawyers.com).

