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Memo

TO: Texas residents
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RE: WEBSITES & FORMS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

Excellent Texas Website for Family Law Cases:

- Texas Law Help – www.texaslawhelp.org
- Texas State Law Library - <https://www.sll.texas.gov>
- Texas Office of the Attorney General – <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/>
- State Bar of Texas – www.texasbar.com
- Texas Young Lawyers Association – www.tyla.org
- Paid Sites to help you get organized (2) – <https://splitsmart.com/> or <https://divorcesavvy.com/>
- Co-parenting communication Tools (3) – www.ourfamilywizard.com; www.talkingparents.com or www.appclose.com
- Drinking & driving issues – www.soberlink.com
- Selecting a meeting place halfway between parents homes – www.meetways.com

Excellent Free Texas Websites for Estate Planning:

- Texas Law Help – forms approved by Texas Supreme Court - www.texaslawhelp.org
- Houston Bar Association's website (www.hba.org) – consumer, family and elder law booklets
- State Bar of Texas' website – www.texasbar.com
- University of Houston – <http://www.law.uh.edu/peopleslawyer/homepage.html>
- Texas Office of the Attorney General – www.oag.state.tx.us
- The Texas Probate Web Site - www.texasprobate.com
- Texas Health & Human Services - <https://hhs.texas.gov/>
- Harris County Law Library - <https://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/>
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers – Texas holographic 2020 will article <https://www.makejusticehappen.org/sites/makejusticehappen.org/files/Final%20DIY%20Holographic%20Will%20Packet.pdf>
- Texas State Law Library - <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/legal-forms/wills-estates>

I recommend that you read and decide if the following documents are right for you:

1. Statutory Durable Power of Attorney – for financial affairs – very powerful so beware!
2. HIPAA Release – so people that you designate can talk to your medical providers
3. Medical Power of Attorney for Health Care Designation of Health Care Agent
4. Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates also known as a “Living Will” in Texas
5. Declaration of Guardian in the Event of Later Incapacity or Future Need of Guardian
6. Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains – to handle funeral arrangements
7. Will – to show where you want your estate to go & who should handle the probate (independent executor)
8. Declaration for Mental Health Treatment – talk to your doctor before signing
9. Declaration of Guardian for a Child
10. Texas Department of Health Standard Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate Order - talk to your doctor before signing
11. Statement of Intent for End of Life – talk to your doctor before signing

Information on Domestic Violence

Texas Advocacy Project – www.texasadvocacyproject.org and their phone number is 1-800-374-HOPE. Legal help with family and dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Texas Council on Family Violence has a website - <https://tcfv.org>

Texas Health & Human Services has a lot of information about domestic violence and agencies in different cities that offer support.

24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline – 800-799-SAFE (7233) or www.thehotline.org

Additionally:

The Texas Legislature meets every other year (next session 1/2023) and often creates or modifies laws in Texas.

Some of these sites might not be current.

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