



Estate Planning with LegalShield



What is a **Blended Family**?

When two partners with children of their own marry each other, they create a blended family. Blended families are becoming more and more common in the U.S. and, they face a unique set of legal challenges.

How should blended families handle estate planning?

Mixing families means mixing your plans for the future. From what each child will inherit to who must pay taxes after a spouse's death, blended family estate plans are delicate and detailed. Here are some questions you may need to consider:

- How should our separate property items be distributed?
- How should we divvy up inheritances for each other and for our children?
- Who should have power of attorney in case one of us becomes dependent?
- As a stepparent, you are not legally required to leave anything to your stepchildren. But if you want to, how would you like to divide your possessions?

Get experienced legal help to navigate these challenges.

Creating and maintaining a happy blended family takes patience, effort, and great understanding of legal processes and family law. Make it easier on yourself and your loved ones by letting LegalShield help. For a small monthly fee, you can access a provider law firm that is dedicated to LegalShield members.

Your LegalShield lawyer can provide consultation, review paperwork, make phone calls or write letters on your behalf. You can even access a handy Will questionnaire to help you start the estate planning process!

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