



Life Stages



Addressing Your Legal Needs
at Every Stage of Life

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Take Life One Step at a Time

There are key events in life when having a law firm in your corner isn't just a good idea, it's a necessity. Throughout these specific life stages, we all encounter situations that require an attorney that is knowledgeable in different areas of law. From getting married to end-of-life preparations, you can rest easier knowing your legal rights are protected no matter what stage of life you're in.

By providing affordable access to an attorney, LegalShield has you covered for all of life's biggest occasions.

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The image displays five vertical cards, each representing a different life stage. Each card has a decorative header with purple and yellow squares. The cards are arranged in two rows: three in the top row and two in the bottom row. Each card features a central shield icon, a title in all caps, the 'Life Stages' logo in a script font, and a row of five small circular icons at the bottom. The icons represent various legal and life events: a wedding ring, a dollar sign, a baby, a family of three, and an elderly person.

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Life Stage: Getting Married

Marriage is one of the most beautiful bonds two people can share, but it is important to remember that it is also a legally binding contract. And as is the case with any contract, it is critical that you consult with a lawyer throughout the process. This is an exciting time in your life, and you and your spouse should be free to begin your married life free from distractions. Before you say, "I do," it's best to let a knowledgeable law firm take care of the legal needs so you can simply focus on your wedding.

Our legal plan was created to provide peace of mind and help remove the confusion of legal matters. When planning a wedding, you should not have to work to interpret (or worse yet, enforce) agreements, contracts, purchase orders, etc. Leave that to a LegalShield Provider Law Firm as you embark on this journey of joy and happiness.

Top Legal Needs Associated with Marriage

Prenuptial Agreement	Name Change	Will Preparation	Child Custody/Child Support
Average Cost: \$1,500	Average Cost: \$900	Average Cost: \$2,000	Average Cost: \$4,000
Total Cost: \$8,400 Annual LegalShield Membership: \$300 Savings: \$8,100			

Amounts based on LegalShield Provider Law Firm average rates. Exact costs are determined by law firms. Savings are based on LegalShield annual membership fee of \$300 per year.



Carl and Alison

As Carl and Alison plan their upcoming wedding and talk to various vendors, they come to the realization that they are likely going to end up spending thousands of dollars on their ceremony and festivities. They quickly discover that they will also need to enter into a growing number of contractually binding agreements with vendors such as the wedding planner, DJ, caterer, florist, and more. Having a LegalShield attorney that they can consult throughout the entire process helps ease their mind and protect their expenses.



Life Stage: Financial Decisions

Purchasing a new home is one of the biggest investments you will make in your life. The decisions made when buying a home can have lasting consequences, yet most adults go through this process on their own. Buying a home is expensive and many people simply don't think they can budget a lawyer on top of the investment of becoming a homeowner. Fortunately, LegalShield provides an affordable solution.

A legal plan can lead you through the ins and outs of buying a home (and also leasing one) while ensuring that you make responsible choices and investments. You can rest easier knowing that an attorney is available for consultation and to help review contracts or write letters on your behalf. Should the other party not hold up their end of the contract, your attorney will send a letter on your behalf.

Top Legal Needs Associated with Financial Decisions

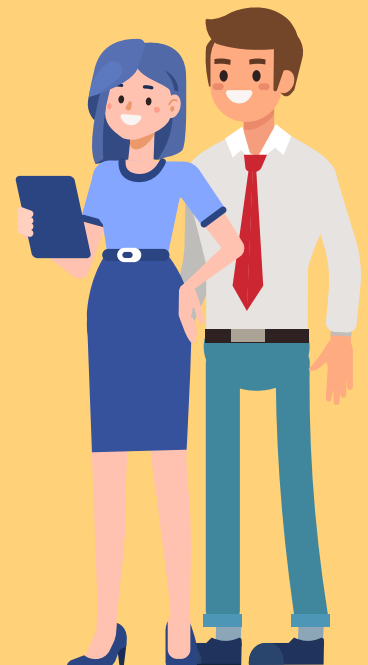
General Legal Consultation Average Cost: \$300/h	General Contract Review Average Cost: \$750/h	Prepare Purchase/Selling Agreement Average Cost: \$500/h
Total Cost: \$1,550 Annual LegalShield Membership: \$300 Savings: \$1,250		

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Patty

Like many families, Patty is in the process of renting her first home with her husband before they commit to buying their dream home. Having a lawyer review the lease documents could potentially save the couple thousands while they search for a home to purchase. And when they are eventually ready to invest in buying a home, the same legal guidance will further keep costs down – empowering Patty and her husband to go through the process with more confidence and less stress.



Life Stage: Family Additions

Welcoming a new child to your family is one of life's most joyous and exciting events. But it can also be stressful. Regardless of whether he or she is your biological child, or adopted, you are bringing a new human being into your life who requires love, care and planning. And protecting your loved ones from the unknown can be demanding and costly. While overwhelmed with joy over your new child, you might not have stopped to think about the legal considerations that come with adding a new member to your family.

A LegalShield Provider Attorney will help you navigate your legal needs, giving you more time to enjoy the newest addition to your household, and peace of mind. We back you with a dedicated law firm to help protect your family with consultation on any personal legal matter.

Top Legal Needs Associated with Family Additions

Will Preparation

Average Cost: \$2,000

Power of Attorney Preparation

Average Cost: \$280

Uncontested Adoption Representation

Average Cost: \$1,800

Total Cost: \$4,080 | Annual LegalShield Membership: \$300 | Savings: \$3,780

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Michael

Following the very time-consuming and stressful process of adoption, Michael, along with his wife and their 3-year-old son, finally welcomed baby Alice into their family. Adding a baby to the family is a time of joy and cheer, but responsible parents also need to take the proper legal steps to care for their kids. Completing or updating a Will is essential for new parents and a provider law firm is there to help every step of the way. For Michael, preparing a Will isn't just about taking care of his assets, it's also about making sure his children are cared for should the unthinkable happen.



Life Stage: Living with Teenagers

During the teenage years, your child begins to gain more independence and is slowly exposed to new legal matters that weren't a concern when they were younger. Simply coming of driving age and getting behind the wheel greatly increases their responsibility and opens them up to further legal problems. Teens also tend to spend more time on the internet, and social media is a powerful tool that can follow them throughout their life. Don't let an ill-advised social post or cyberbullying set back your family.

A LegalShield law firm can help mitigate the impact of your family's legal matters. An attorney is available to let you know what legal actions you can take if your child is being bullied, or to review contract agreements that may affect your child such as car purchases, cell phones and student housing. And if your teenager has a traffic-related matter, ranging from a citation to personal injuries resulting in an automobile accident, you can contact your LegalShield Provider Law Firm for assistance.

Top Legal Needs Associated with Teenagers

Representation in Traffic Matter	Review Agreements (car purchases, cell phones and student housing contracts)	General Legal Consultation
Average Cost: \$700	Average Cost: \$280	Average Cost: \$300/h
Total Cost: \$1,280 Annual LegalShield Membership: \$300 Savings: \$980		

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Jim

After obtaining his driver's license, Jim's seven-year-old son, Shawn, recently began driving to school by himself. While late to class one morning, Shawn was caught speeding through a school zone and was issued a citation – which can be a costly legal matter. Thanks to our legal plan, Jim easily used the LegalShield app to take a picture of the ticket and send directly to a LegalShield Provider Law Firm for review. The provider attorney even attended traffic court to help reduce the number of points on Shawn's license.



1 in 5
of 16-year-old drivers has an accident within the first year of driving.*

*11 Facts About Teen Driving, DoSomething.org

Life Stage: Elder Care/End of Life

Many don't want to think about end of life needs because death can be an unpleasant topic. As a result, it's common for adults to avoid preparing for when they're gone. Not having a Will at your passing can impose an additional burden on your family, and your assets may be taken by the state. Anyone with people they love and cherished possessions should have a Will.

Our legal plans give you access to a law firm to help create, update or review your Will. You can do much more than simply stipulate who gets what. Parents can provide for their children and decide how they want them cared for when they are gone. Don't leave the burden of distributing your assets up to the ones you love – or the state.

Top Legal Needs Associated with Elder Care/End of Life

Will Preparation	Power of Attorney Preparation	General Document Review
Average Cost: \$2,000	Average Cost: \$280	Average Cost: \$750

Total Cost: \$3,030 | Annual LegalShield Membership: \$300 | Savings: 2,730

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Frank

When Frank's father passed without having a Last Will and Testament, his family was left with disagreements related to the estate. Wanting to spare his children from a similar ordeal, Frank created a Will after starting a family of his own. Later in life, Frank discovered LegalShield and uses his membership to keep his Will up-to-date. Using the LegalShield mobile app, he easily initiates the process to make yearly updates as needed to his Will for big life changes such as divorce, remarriage, birth or adoption of a new grandchild, and new assets.



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