

# Estate Planning for Blended Families

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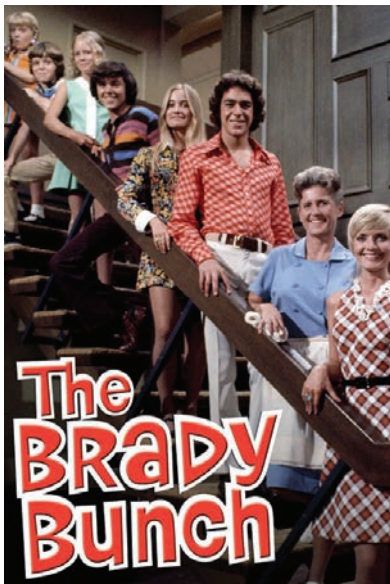
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## Introduction

### Who's In My Waiting Area?



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# Primary Goals

1. Determine Your Client's Goals
2. Carry Out the Client's Goals
3. Avoid Conflicts



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# Who Do You Represent?

## One Spouse

If so, consider discussing statutory spousal rights such as family allowance

## Both Spouses



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# Ethics – Joint Representation

## Conflicts

Different sets of kids?

## Confidentiality

**Written Waiver of  
Conflicts**

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# Get the Facts

## Inventory

## Prenuptial Agreement

## Character of Property

## Family Dynamics

## Problematic Assets

## Retirement Accounts

*"The facts, Ma'am.  
Just the facts."*



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