



Jonathan Bressman is a senior-level attorney who can counsel you through your estate planning and administration concerns as well as special needs trusts and elder care issues with the confidence and expertise you need. He can also help you with IRS and tax matters. With more than 20 years of real-world experience, he knows how to listen to your concerns and create solutions that will protect your family.

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10 Common (And Costly) Mistakes To Avoid When Planning For Your Special Needs Child

#1 DISINHERITING YOUR CHILD

Attorneys without expertise in helping families with special needs children recommend this to protect a child's public benefits. This is emotionally unsatisfying and not necessary.

#2 IGNORING SPECIAL NEEDS WHEN CREATING A TRUST

A trust that doesn't take your child's special needs into consideration can render your child ineligible for benefits. A Special Needs Trust promotes the disabled person's comfort and happiness without sacrificing eligibility.

#3 A GENERIC SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

An attorney with some knowledge can protect a trust from invalidating the child's public benefits, but many trusts are not customized to each particular child's needs. This means your child doesn't receive the benefits that you currently provide or intend your child to have.

#4 PUTTING A "PAY-BACK" PROVISION INTO THE TRUST

Some attorneys automatically put a "pay-back" provision into their trusts. These provisions are only necessary in certain types of special needs trusts. An attorney who knows the difference can save your family hundreds of thousands of dollars, or more.

#5 PROCRASTINATING

Since you can't predict when you will die or become incapacitated, you must plan for your special needs child now, while you still can. Your special needs child may never be able to overcome your failure to do so.

#6. FAILING TO INVITE OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TRUST

A key benefit of creating the trust now is that your family and friends can make gifts to the trust or remember the trust in their own estates.

#7 SELECTING THE WRONG TRUSTEE

You can choose who will serve as trustee. You may choose a trusted family member or friend, a team of advisors, or a professional trustee. An experienced attorney can help you make the right decision for your situation.

#8 RELYING ON YOUR OTHER CHILDREN TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR SIBLING

Your other children will have their own expenses and financial priorities. Your other family member's death, divorce, creditors, financial setbacks, unemployment, and poor financial judgment can all wipe out what you want your special needs child to receive.

#9 FAILING TO PROTECT THE SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD FROM PREDATORS

When you plan with trusts, you put a layer of protection around the trust assets, helping to protect those assets from people who would take advantage of your child and protecting them from your trustees' creditors as well.

#10 FAILING TO COORDINATE YOUR PLAN

You can't plan for your special needs child in a vacuum. All of your assets, how those assets are held, and beneficiary designations must all be properly coordinated to ensure that your plan works as you intend it to.



PLAN TODAY FOR TOMORROW

The Law Offices of Jonathan Bressman helps you prepare for the future to protect your assets and meet tomorrow's challenges.

The Law Offices of Jonathan Bressman, LLC focuses on estate planning, special needs planning, elder law, and probate/estate administration law.

Jonathan believes in personalized solutions. He takes the time to get to know his clients, to find out which issues concern them the most and what they want to achieve. He takes pride in explaining things clearly, without using confusing legal jargon.

Jonathan's greatest reward as an attorney is when his clients tell him that knowing they can protect their families' future makes them feel like a weight has been lifted from their shoulders. He welcomes the chance to give you that same sense of relief and peace of mind.

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SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING



Protecting The Future Of Your Special Needs Child

Jonathan Bressman will help ensure that your special needs child will be well-cared for if something happens to you.

He will look at the whole picture with you, considering your child's needs, your financial picture, and what legal strategies will help--now and in the future

When you have a child with special needs, you need to take extra special care in planning for the future.