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Protecting Your Legacy After Losing a Spouse

What every widow and widower needs to know about estate planning

Losing a spouse brings emotional challenges that are difficult enough without having to navigate complicated financial and legal decisions alone. This episode breaks down exactly what to know, and who to lean on, to protect what matters most.

EPISODE SUMMARY

In this episode, Roy Hucke and Jeremy Scott are joined by estate planning attorneys Tom Hoffman and Brian Seelinger of Knox Law to discuss the unique financial and estate planning needs of widows and widowers. Through real-life stories and practical examples, they explore how thoughtful planning can help protect your assets, your family, and your wishes while reducing the risk of conflict, fraud, and costly mistakes.

From blended families and trusts to elder financial abuse and the importance of building a trusted advisory team, this conversation offers valuable guidance for anyone who has lost a spouse, or wants to be prepared before life unexpectedly changes.

KEY TOPICS & TAKEAWAYS

- Why widows and widowers face unique financial and estate planning challenges.
- How blended families can complicate estate planning without clear communication.
- Estate planning tools that can help protect a surviving spouse and preserve your wishes.
- The warning signs of financial fraud, elder abuse, and undue influence.
- Why a team of trusted advisors can help safeguard your financial future.
- The importance of reviewing and updating your estate plan after major life changes.

TIMESTAMPS

0:00	Introducing today's guests and why this topic matters
3:00	A real-life estate planning story that changed everything
8:00	Estate planning strategies for blended families
15:00	Protecting widows and widowers from fraud and undue influence
22:00	Building a trusted team of financial and legal professionals
31:00	Practical estate planning tools that provide long-term protection
40:00	Final thoughts on protecting your family, your legacy, and your peace of mind

RESOURCES & LINKS

- **Tom Hoffman, Knox Law**
  Estate planning attorney featured in this episode
- **Brian Seelinger, Knox Law**
  Estate planning attorney featured in this episode
- **Knox Law**
  Guest firm: estate planning & elder law
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