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WILL REVIEW ANNUAL CHECKLIST

Use this checklist at least once a year and after any major life event or account/property change.

☐ Last reviewed on: _____ ☐ Next review scheduled: _____

1. BENEFICIARIES

- ☐ Primary beneficiaries still reflect your wishes
- ☐ Specific gifts (home, account, heirlooms) still exist and are described accurately
- ☐ Backup plan is clear if a beneficiary dies or disclaims

2. FIDUCIARIES — DECISION-MAKERS

- ☐ Executor/Personal Representative is still appropriate and willing
- ☐ At least one alternate is named and willing
- ☐ Contact info for fiduciaries is current (phone/email/address)

3. MINORS & VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

- ☐ Will creates a trust for minors, if any
- ☐ Any beneficiary with special needs is provided for with a Special Needs Trust
- ☐ Trustees (and alternates) for any testamentary trust are appropriate

4. GUARDIANS (IF APPLICABLE)

- ☐ Guardian(s) of the person are correctly named and still appropriate
- ☐ Guardian(s) of the estate (or trust structure) are covered
- ☐ Alternates are named and willing to serve as guardians

5. INCAPACITY DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Financial Power of Attorney agent and alternate are current and appropriate
- ☐ Medical POA/Advance Directive reflects current wishes
- ☐ Contact information of agents in documents is still current

6. NON-PROBATE ASSETS — BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

(These pass outside your will. Make sure they align with your Will or any diversion from your Will is intentional)

- ☐ Retirement (IRA/401(k)): primary & contingent beneficiaries current
- ☐ Life insurance/annuities: primary & contingent beneficiaries current
- ☐ Bank/brokerage with POD/TOD: designations don't unintentionally conflict with will/trust terms.
- ☐ Real estate with any TOD deed matches your overall plan
- ☐ Copies of beneficiary confirmations are saved with your estate binder

7. DIGITAL ASSETS & ACCESS

- ☐ Ensure lawful access for fiduciaries
- ☐ Maintain an updated password manager with emergency access for your trustee/agent.
- ☐ Document locations/credentials for crypto or hardware wallets

8. EMERGENCY READINESS

- ☐ Original estate planning documents are safely stored; someone you trust knows where they are
- ☐ Contact list for attorney, fiduciaries, CPA, and advisor is up to date

9. TRIGGERING EVENTS THAT REQUIRE ATTORNEY REVIEW

- ☐ Marriage/divorce or death of a family member
- ☐ Birth/adoption
- ☐ Move to a new state
- ☐ Buying/selling/refinancing real estate
- ☐ Opening/migrating accounts
- ☐ Starting a business
- ☐ Receiving an inheritance
- ☐ Passage of time (2-3 years have elapsed)