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# **President's Message**

Welcome back. On behalf of the Board of the Directors, we hope that you had a safe and refreshing summer. The HHEPC has an exciting year of programming on tap and our other committees are working hard to continue to provide excellent programs to you like the one we had in July on What Every Indiana Estate Planner Needs to Know about Florida Law. If you missed the July program, our speaker, attorney Richard Gans, has graciously agreed to post his seminar materials on the HHEPC website and they are available now to all members.

Our next meeting is September 16, 2010 at Chapmans at noon. Since Congress canot decide whether to make estate tax reform retroactive to January 1, 2010 or let the Bush tax cuts expire, our speakers have agreed to undertake the herculean task to explain how we can best advise our clients in this time of substantial uncertainty. Christopher Hirschfield from Hirschfield Financial Group in Carmel will address the impact on Buy-Sell agreements and C. Carter Ruml will speak about the tax effects on estate plans generally and also touch on the new tax increases on the Health Care Reform Act.

We look forward to seeing each of you at Chapmanos on September 16, 2010. Please RSVP by e-mail or by returning the flyer to our treasurer so that we will have sufficient materials for everyone who attends.

Best regards, James Bohrer, President

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# **September 16, 2010**

Chapmancs Restaurant and Banquet Center, Bloomington, Indiana rsvp: kmcconahay@yahoo.com by September 10, 2010

# **Estate Planning During Times of Uncommon Uncertainty**

# **Christopher Hirschfeld**

Hirschfeld Financial Group - Carmel, Indiana

# Basics of Business Continuation Key Person and Buy-Sell Planning: Succeeding with Business Succession

- 1. Why Business Continuation
- 2. Business Entities
- 3. Business Concepts and Terms
- 4. Business Valuation
- 5. Key Executive Life Insurance
- 6. Overview of Buy-Sell Arrangements and their Funding Structure
- 7. Special situations
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- 11. The Use of Life Insurance Financing
- 12. The Family business succession plan
- 13. Reviewing the Buy-Sell Agreement

# C. Carter Ruml

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP Louisville, Kentucky

### Tax and Non-Tax Recent Developments of Interest to Estate Planners

- 1. Forecasting the Fate of the Estate Tax
- 2. Recent Developments ó Transfer Taxes
- 3. Recent Developments ó Income Taxes
- 4. Asset Protection
- 5. Recent Developments ó State Law

To see the complete outline and biographies of our seminar topic and speakers please go to our website: hhepc.org and click on Documents.

**Speakers Biographies -** *Christopher Hirschfeld* Financial Group, specializes in helping families develop strategies to create maximum efficiency with their personal wealth while assisting business owners with their executive compensation and business succession plans. Chris has spent over 15 years in both personal and corporate finance. His services have included business succession planning, and other financial consulting services to individuals and small to middle market businesses owners and management.

Chris is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (BA-1986) and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (MBA Finance ó 1991).

C. Carter Ruml

s law practice at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP in Louisville, Kentucky focuses on estate planning, estate administration, and business law matters for Kentucky and Florida private clients, family businesses, and fiduciaries. Carter is a graduate of Princeton and Stanford Law School, and is admitted to practice in Kentucky and Florida. Carter founded and publishes KYEstates.com, Kentucky leading website on recent developments in trust and estates law, and speaks frequently at local and regional estate and business planning seminars. In addition, Carter is Vice Chair of the Probate Section of the Louisville Bar Association, a member of the Legislative Committee of the Probate Section of the Kentucky Bar Association, and a former assistant instructor on estate planning for family businesses at Vanderbilt Law School.

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# **Putting Funeral Planning Declarations to Work for Your Clients**

By Jessica Merkel, Attorney Bunger & Robertson Attorneys at Law

Have you worked with a client who wished to incorporate into testamentary documents directives about the burial site, funeral service, grave marker or other actions to be taken after their death? Unfortunately, these documents are not the appropriate vehicles for conveying such decisions because they are not likely to be consulted until after such actions have already been taken. Yet, until recently, we had no better tools to offer clients. Thus, the desires of their surviving relatives took precedence.

Enter IC 29-2-19-1. Prompted by individuals@and practitioners@concerns about a person@s relative inability to plan their own funeral/memorial service, this law passed in 2009 permits the creation of a Funeral Planning Declaration. The Funeral Planning Declaration is an effective and enforceable way for an individual to clearly express his or her final wishes.

Through a Funeral Planning Declaration, an individual can name a designee to carry out his or her plans, and give that person clear direction on such matters as burial, cremation, or entombment; funeral services or ceremonial arrangements; grave memorials as well as merchandise or property to be utilized in the disposition of remains or at services; and other instructions. The declaration also provides for contingencies, allowing the designee to alter arrangements if the wishes of the deceased cannot be carried out (for example, because a service provider has gone out of business).

The requirements of the statute are as follows:

- The declarant must be a person of sound mind and at least 18 years of age to execute the funeral planning declaration.
- The declaration must be a separate writing and not part of a Will, Power of Attorney or other similar document.
- The declaration must be written substantially in the form provided by IC 29-2-19-13 but additional specific directions may be added without causing the declaration to be invalid.
- The declaration must be voluntary.

- The declaration must direct an individual to serve as the declarantøs designee.
- The declaration must be signed either by the person making the declaration or at the declarantøs direction and in the declarantøs presence by another.
- The declaration must be dated and signed before at least two competent witnesses and the witnesses cannot be the declarant parent, spouse or child or the person who signed at the declarant direction or any person interested in the declarant estate, testate or intestate, and may not include the appointed personal representative or attorney under the Will.

The statutory order of preference for who controls the disposition of the decedent body is as follows:

- 1. The person named in the funeral planning declaration
- 2. The person named in the healthcare power of attorney
- 3. The decedent spouse, a surviving adult child of the decedent, a surviving parent of the decedent
- 4. Next of kin under the intestacy statute

The declaration may be revoked in writing or by burning, tearing, cancelling, obliterating or destroying the declaration with the intent to revoke. The declaration will be automatically revoked upon the occurrence of a dissolution of marriage, an annulment of marriage, or legal separation of the declarant and the declarant spouse if the declarant spouse was the named designee.

A person may contest the validity of this declaration in the same manner as one would contest a Will.

We now have a strong tool to use in helping Indiana clients to elucidate end of life decisions which are important to them. Let put it to good use.

Looking for a Funeral Planning Declaration that is consistent with the statute? A sample is included in this newsletter. You can also log onto the documents section of the Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council's web site, hhepc.org, to download this form.

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# **Estate Planning Seminar**

Featuring Christopher Hirschfeld, Hirschfeld Financial Group, Carmel, Indiana and C. Carter Ruml, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, Louisville, Kentucky

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2010

Time: 12:00 noon light lunch Program: 1:00 pm . 3:00 pm Place: Chapmans Restaurant and Banquet Center

308 S. Knightridge Road, Bloomington, Indiana

To register for the seminar, mail your check to Paul Bullock, Wachovia Securities Financial Network, 3925 Hagan St., Ste 300, Bloomington, Indiana 47401 or you may e-mail Kathleen McConahay at kmcconahay@yahoo.com.

> Registration Fee: free for Members and Guests\* -- \$60.00 for Non-Members Please register by September 10, 2010

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please register me for the seminar on September 16, 2010.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$	payable to Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council.				
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**Christopher Hirschfeld** C. Carter Ruml September 16, 2010

Chapman's Restaurant and Banquet Center Bloomington, Indiana

> Take advantage of our website www.hhepc.org

# FUNERAL PLANNING DECLARATION

Declaration made this	_ day of, 20
	thteen (18) years of age and of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make erning funeral services, ceremonies, and the disposition of my remains after a Code 29-2-19-1 et seq
	that after my death, DESIGNEE, now residing at
If my designee is unwilling of	, Bloomington, Indiana ZIP CODE, whose telephone number is my designee, carry out the instructions that are set forth in this declaration. or unable to act, I nominate ALT DESIGNEE, now residing at, Bloomington, Indiana ZIP CODE, whose telephone number is
(812), as alter	nate designee.
	that after my death the following actions be taken (I have indicated my g my mark before signing this declaration):
(1) My body shall be:	
(A)	Buried. I direct that my body be buried at
(B)	Cremated. I direct that my cremated remains be disposed of as follows:
(C)	Entombed. I direct that my body be entombed at:
(D)	I intentionally make no decision concerning the disposition of my body, leaving the decision to my designee as named above.
(2) My arrangements shall	be made as follows:
(A) I direct that fune	ral services be obtained from:
(B) I direct that the	following ceremonial arrangements be made:
(C) I direct the select	ction of a grave memorial as follows:

	et that the following merchandise and other property be selected for the disposition ains, my funeral or other ceremonial arrangements:
	I direct that my designee as named above make all arrangements
concernir	ng ceremonies and other funeral services.
(3) In addition	to the instructions listed above, I request the following:
(4) If it is impo	essible to make an arrangement specified in subdivisions (1) through (3) because:
otherwi	funeral home or other service provider is out of business, impossible to locate, or se unable to provide the specified service; or, e specified arrangement is impossible, impractical, or illegal;
I direct	my designee to make alternate arrangements to the best of the designeeøs ability.
	intention that this declaration be honored by my family and others as the final my intentions concerning my funeral and the disposition of my body after my
	estand that I may revoke this Funeral Planning Declaration at any time by a signed ag, or by destroying or canceling this document with the intent to revoke this
I unders	stand the full import of this Declaration.
NAM CIT COU	
I did not sign th parent, spouse,	as been personally known to me, and I believe the declarant to be of sound mind. e declarant's signature above, for, or at the direction of, the declarant. I am not a or child of the declarant. I am not entitled to any part of the declarant's estate. I and at least eighteen (18) years of age.
	Date:
Witness	
Printed Name	
	Doto
Witness	Date:
Printed Name	



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# **Membership Renewal Notice**

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## Dear Estate Planner:

Welcome back to the Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council (HHEPC) for the upcoming year! Our program committee is busy working on four programs. We will let you know the exact dates as soon as these programs have confirmed speakers and facilities. However, our first program is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> at Chapmanøs Restaurant and Banquet Center in Bloomington. Our speakers are Chris Hirschfeld and C. Carter Ruml. They will be speaking on Estate Planning during Times of Uncommon Uncertainty. We plan to continue our format with the luncheon first followed by the afternoon seminar.

Below is your annual renewal application for HHEPC. Please enter your current information, particularly the fax and e-mail address so we can continue to communicate with you this year. Once completed, promptly return the notice with your membership fee to insure that you will continue to receive the many benefits that the membership offers.

The 2009-2010 membership fee is \$110.00 and includes the four seminars for the current year. The cost for non-members attending a seminar is \$60.00 per seminar.

As you renew your membership, please take the time to think of someone else in the community that would benefit from membership. The last line of your renewal form has space for potential member names and addresses. This is a great way to introduce at least one of your associates or friends to our organization. The stronger we become as an organization; the more informed we

#### 2009-2010 Dues - \$110.00 per member

Please mail your check to: Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council c/o Paul Bullock, Treasurer 3925 Hagan Street, Suite 300 Bloomington, Indiana 47401

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