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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT TRUSTS

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WHAT IS A TRUST?

Louisiana law defines a trust as the legal relationship formed when property ownership is transferred to a trustee, who manages it on behalf of another person.

HOW CAN A TRUST BE USEFUL IN MY ESTATE PLANNING?

Estate planners use trusts to help clients achieve a variety of goals or address various issues. Trusts can be beneficial in numerous scenarios.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, feel free to call us at 318-752-1012, or click the link to read more on trusts written by one of our attorneys, Stephen Cox.

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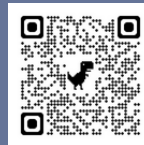


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TEN COMMANDMENTS TO BE DISPLAYED IN PUBLIC CLASSROOMS

- As part of a new legislative mandate effective August 1, 2024, Louisiana now requires public school classrooms, from elementary to college, to display the Ten Commandments.
- The inclusion of the Ten Commandments in classrooms serves as a historical reference point that can enhance students' understanding of the origins of many legal and moral concepts.
- By incorporating these displays, schools aim to enrich the educational experience, offering students a broader perspective on historical influences.

AUGUST MARKS NATIONAL BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH



As summer winds down and the excitement of a new school year builds, August marks National Back to School Month. It's a time for families to prepare for the academic year ahead, ensuring that students are equipped with the tools they need to succeed. It is crucial to stay informed about the legal aspects that can impact your child's education. To help you navigate these important considerations, we've compiled a list of tips and legal insights to ensure a safe and protected school year.

Read on to discover how to keep you and your children safe and well-prepared for the months ahead. By staying informed about these legal considerations and preparing accordingly, you can ensure a safe, productive, and legally compliant school year for your child. Here's to a successful academic year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and safety.

Stay informed, stay safe, and have a great back-to-school season!

ESSENTIAL LEGAL TIPS FOR A SAFE SCHOOL YEAR



As students return to school, it's crucial to be mindful of their safety while walking or riding bikes.

Drivers should slow down in school zones and stay vigilant for children crossing the street. Encouraging your child to use designated crosswalks and follow pedestrian signals can further enhance their safety.

Remind young cyclists to wear helmets and follow the rules of the road to prevent accidents.

Drop-off and pick-up times can be chaotic, and it's important to follow the school's guidelines to ensure safety.

- Always use designated drop-off and pick-up zones, follow traffic directions, and avoid double parking.
- If your child walks to school, make sure they are aware of the safest routes and the importance of crossing streets at designated crosswalks.
- Review bus safety rules with your child to ensure they understand proper behavior and safety protocols while commuting.



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- **BY TAKING THESE STEPS, YOU CAN ENSURE YOU'RE PREPARED TO SUPPORT YOUR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT IN ANY SITUATION THAT MAY ARISE**

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As your 18-year-old student heads off to college, it's important to consider securing a power of attorney.

This legal document allows you to make important decisions on behalf of your child in case of emergencies, such as medical issues or financial matters.

- **Medical Power of Attorney:** This enables you to make healthcare decisions if your child is unable to do so.
- **Financial Power of Attorney:** This allows you to manage financial matters, such as banking and tuition payments, if necessary.
- **FERPA Waiver:** Consider having your child sign a FERPA waiver so you can access their educational records.

Given the specific legal requirements in Louisiana, it's advisable to consult with an attorney to draft a POA that meets all state laws and adequately covers your needs.