

## **Brauman Moore & Harvey Law Offices**

### **ASSET PROTECTION LIST**

In order to properly advise you in your estate planning and asset protection, the following documents would be helpful for our discussion:

#### **Income/Medical Expenses/Gifts:**

1. Verification of income from any source including: Social Security, Retirement/Pension, Annuities, Earned Income (from employment), Rental Income, etc.  
(Social Security benefit letter can be obtained online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or by calling 1-800-772-1213)
2. Verification of health insurance premiums paid; (Medicare supplement premiums can sometimes be found at <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/enrollment/check-enrollment.aspx> )
3. Most current tax return.

#### **Resources/Assets/Gifts:**

4. Resource verifications: bring the most recent statement for each account (past 3 months' stmts. if applying for Medicaid)
  - Bank Accounts,
  - CDs,
  - Brokerage/Investment Accounts,
  - Life Insurance Policies including recent cash surrender values and death benefit;
  - Annuity statements – and, if possible, the policies;
  - Certificate of Title for vehicles, mileage and model of vehicles;
  - Deeds to any real property owned, property tax statements, and (if married) homeowner's insurance;
  - Prepaid funeral documents (if funded by a life insurance policy, need the death benefit of the policy and proof of irrevocable assignment to the funeral home) and cemetery plot;
  - Statements for any other assets
  - Retirement Accounts,
  - Stocks,
  - Bonds,
5. Verification of any gifts made within the last 5 years.
6. Long Term Care Insurance Policy

#### **Legal Documents/Disability**

7. Legal documents, i.e., Power of Attorney, Trusts, Wills
8. Any trust where funds are held for your benefit
9. Disability papers if anyone in immediate family (spouse or children) is disabled.

#### **General Documents Used for Medicaid or Veteran's Benefits Applications:**

10. Birth certificate **and** Driver's License or State ID;
11. Proof of Marital Status:
  - a. If Married: Marriage Certificate, Marriage License,
  - b. If Single or Widowed: Spouse's Death Certificate or Divorce Decree;
12. Social Security card, Medicare card, health insurance Supplemental cards;
13. Military Discharge Paperwork or DD214 for yourself or deceased spouse;

***It would be very helpful if you could bring these items in the order of the list for ease in copying and to expedite a quicker process in preparing for your consultation.***