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*"What I've discovered in practicing estate planning law is that most people are petrified of confronting their mortality and consequently, procrastinate in putting their financial house in order. Through story, people are often better able to grasp that however fearful they may be, planning is a powerful gift of love they can give to their family..."*

—Lela Juarez, Esq



Pleasanton, CA - On July 31, 2006, the Barber family was in a tragic car accident. Parents Melanie and Casey died. Their family was thrown into a nightmare. Mel and Casey had talked about naming guardians to provide for the care of their sons and the money they'd leave behind. They never got around to it. They likely thought their family would be able to work out who would care for the boys and their money, with love and grace, if anything happened.

**That's not what happened.** After the accident, the boys were in the foster care system for a short time. Since then, over 1,000 pages of court documents have been filed, 9 lawyers, and tens (or even hundreds) of thousands of dollars later, the boys will live with their aunt Janine and their money will be managed by a professional charging \$100/hour until the boys turn 18.

**Is that what Melanie and Casey would have wanted?** If they had known what would happen, they would have done everything they could to protect their kids, if only they had known how easy it would have been to take care of it.

**Learn from their experience! Don't be one of those people** who think they know what to do or think they have done it, but instead leave their loved ones with a complicated mess. By meeting with me for a **Family Wealth Planning Session™** you can **relax and rest assured your kids will never be taken out of your home** or raised by anyone you wouldn't want. If you already have a plan in place, but want to make sure it adequately protects your kids (most don't!), ask for an estate plan check-up. Normally, this Family Wealth Planning Session is \$750, but be one of the next 5 parents to call and mention Pleasanton Weekly and we'll reserve your Planning Session at no charge PLUS name legal guardians for your kids for free.

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