



About Matthew Crider, J.D.

Matthew Crider formed [Crider Law PC](#) in 1999 so he could help individuals and business owners by providing creative solutions and be their trusted advisor and legal counselor. He serves his clients by listening closely to their goals, dreams and concerns and working with them to develop superior and comprehensive estate and asset protection plans. His estate planning practice focuses on preserving and growing wealth by providing comprehensive, highly personalized estate planning counsel to couples, families, individuals and businesses.

When Should I Call a Lawyer?

By Matthew Crider, JD | Family Wealth Protection Attorney

You don't need a lawyer for everything, but there are a few times in life when hiring a lawyer is a necessity.

[According to an article in Forbes](#), these times include:

- * Anytime you might face arrest. This could include anything from driving under the influence to tax fraud.
- * If you have suffered bodily harm, been in an accident or caused one. Don't assume your insurance company will fight for you.
- * When you need an estate plan. Don't try to do it yourself. They are usually way too complicated.
- * When somebody dies. Again, trying to walk through the steps for administering an estate is too complicated to do yourself, even if you find a site on the internet that claims it can do it for you free or on the cheap.
- * You have to sign or are asked to sign a contract. This can range from buying a house to selling the rights to a book you have written.
- * You are getting divorced. Don't act as your own lawyer, particularly if there are children or wealth involved.

At our firm, we help families safeguard their nest eggs so that their financial assets are transferred in the way they want upon a loved one's death.