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How to Use the Legal Cloak of Invisibility to Protect Your Assets

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In an increasingly public world where very little info is private, you can protect yourself by employing an anonymous trust or anonymous LLC.

In the Harry Potter novels, the cloak of invisibility enabled Harry and his friends, Hermione Granger

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and Ron Weasley, to explore Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry without being seen or detected. The real world offers a similar opportunity to avoid your identity from being disclosed in the public records of property and company ownership.

As we begin our story, a quick disclaimer: Asset protection is **not** dependent upon and does not involve “hiding assets.” If there is a judgment issued against you, you will be required to truthfully disclose all your assets under penalty of perjury. True asset protection is owning assets in a manner that provides greater protection from loss or third-party attack.

That said, we have many clients — lottery winners, celebrities and even business owners — seeking anonymity to protect their personal lives and assets. Increasingly, law enforcement officers seek anonymity to protect their places of residence and property holdings from being discovered or identified to the general public.

The internet acts as an ever-watchful eye (similar to the Great Evil Eye of the Dark Lord in *The Hobbit*) that allows the curious to find a wealth of information about you that may include your home address and company or investment information. The internet provides the general public 24-hour access to a tremendous amount of our personal information. Many clients seek privacy and anonymity.

For example, if you own real estate, your name as the owner is disclosed in...[READ ON](#)

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THANK YOU!



On October 1st, I rode out with the Rotary Club of Sacramento and others in the community supporting the 9th Annual Sac Century Challenge. We not only reached my goal to raise \$6,000, but we exceeded it!

Thank you to all of the generous donations to help raise money and awareness to benefit the important work of the Sacramento Children's Home Crisis Nursery and the local kids and families they serve. Look forward to doing this again next year and maybe I will see some of you out there!

THOUGHTS
OF THE DAY

***“Nothing is more
difficult, and***

Estate Planning Attorney

Halloween was always a special time with younger kids. Since I was the only adult, I would put a big bowl of candy out at the front door for trick or treaters and left a note saying, “please take only one”, I then left to take my kids trick or treating. I imagine that the first 2 or 3 trick or treaters did very well. When I took my daughter to look for costumes, I took her to the princess section. Elizabeth’s firm decision for her costume that year was the villain from the movie “Scream”.



My son was a Ninja Warrior that year. Another favorite costume was Joe Montana with the San Francisco 49ers. The football uniform was a great costume...until he fell into the pool.

therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.”

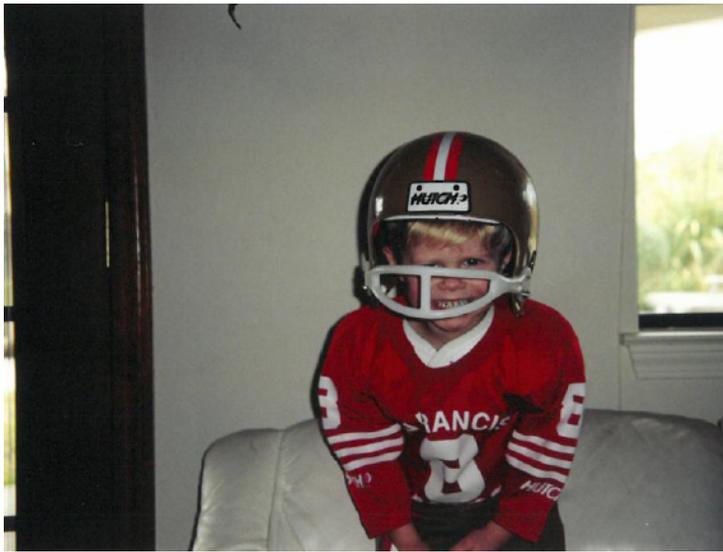
— Napoleon Bonaparte

“My father used to say: Don’t raise your voice, improve your argument.”

— Idris Elba

“You can’t calm the storm...so stop trying. What you can do is calm yourself. The storm will pass.”

— Timber Hawkeye



The rest of the team at the Goralka Law Firm put together their favorite Halloween memories and traditions. Check them out!

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Philip Seymour Hoffman was one of my favorite actors. He starred in *Charlie Wilson's War*, *Hunger Games*, *Pirate Radio* and many more major movies. His roles covered a wide range, from a priest in *Doubt* to a coach of the Oakland A's in *Moneyball*, which evidenced his unique ability as an actor.



Philip was a talented actor ... but not a good estate planner. He died in 2014 and was survived by his girlfriend, Mimi, and their three children, ages 10, 7 and 5. He did not want "trust fund kids" so he used a will prepared by his CPA to leave his \$35 million estate to his girlfriend. She was to provide for their children.

The lack of planning results in his estate owing estate tax of **approximately \$12 million**. If Philip had married Mimi, his family would have... [READ ON](#)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Day is on Thursday, November 24th. In observance of the holidays, our law firm will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. We have much to be grateful for this year and wish you and yours a safe and memorable holiday!



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Beneficiaries From Themselves?**



CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

"I called Attorney Goralka after a friend recommended him and while he explained why he wouldn't be able to take my case, he referred me to another lawyer that was able to help! He took the time to explain why and he gave me very insightful advice. Thanks for being so honest and not about just wanting to take any case that comes along. I can tell you truly care about your clients."

—Gary B.

"I had an issue with the IRS and my business, it was complicated. Several of my friends had mentioned John Goralka so I gave him a call and explained my situation. He immediately put my mind at ease and got to work on my case. I was pleased with the outcome and would recommend John for this type of work."

—Allison A.

Thanks for these lovely reviews, Gary and Allison. It's a reminder of why we do what we do!

And thanks to all of our clients for their business and referrals over the years. Reviews like these are a reminder about why we do what we do and reaffirms that we are not simply just preparing legal documents, but we're cultivating relationships and really helping families and their loved ones with transformational changes for generations to come.

Can you do us a huge favor and take a couple minutes of your time to leave us some feedback and a review online at one (or more) of the following websites:



RECIPE RECOMMENDATION

Pastry Wrapped Cranberry Baked Brie

Pastry Wrapped Cranberry Baked Brie, the holiday appetizer. It's quick, easy, and most importantly...incredibly delicious. Store-bought puff pastry wrapped around creamy brie cheese with homemade cranberry sauce and toasted pecans. Then baked until the pastry is golden and the brie warm and melty. A truly mouth-watering appetizer that's perfect for holiday entertaining. It's festive, easy to prepare, and always a crowd favorite.

INGREDIENTS

Cranberry Sauce

- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 pinch sea salt



Brie

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 8-12 ounce wheel of brie cheese
- 2/3 cup toasted pecans, roughly chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- coarse sugar, for sprinkling

DIRECTIONS

1. To make the cranberry sauce: in a medium pot, bring the cranberries, orange juice, maple syrup, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt to a boil over medium heat. Boil 10-15 minutes or until the cranberries burst and the sauce becomes jammy.
2. Preheat the oven to 425° F.
3. Lay the puff pastry flat on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Place the brie in the center of the pastry and remove a little of the rind from the top of the brie. I leave the rind on the bottom and sides intact. Spread the cranberry sauce over top and then sprinkle over the pecans. Fold the corners of the pastry over the brie. Brush the pastry with beaten egg and sprinkle lightly with sugar.
4. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the pastry is deep golden brown.
5. EAT and enjoy with your favorite bread or crackers...or just with a spoon.

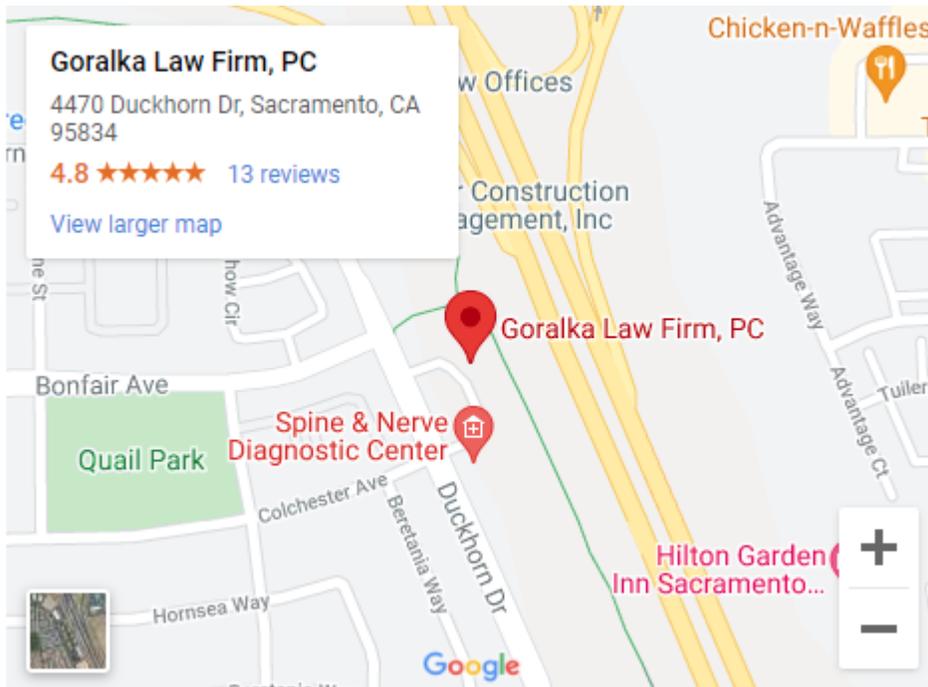
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