

## PRESS RELEASE

## NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 16-22, 2023

Boca Raton, FL, October 10, 2023 – More than half of Americans, an estimated 56%, do not have an estate plan in place, making estate planning a critically overlooked component of financial wellness. This creates hardship, financial or otherwise, that can be diminished by advanced planning.

National Estate Planning Awareness Week (H. Res. 1499) was adopted on September 27, 2008 to help consumers understand estate planning and its need, along with how best to create a qualified team of professionals to assist in the planning process.

Estate planning encompasses the growth, conservation, and transfer of an individual's wealth through the creation and maintenance of an "estate plan." The purpose of estate planning is to develop a strategy that will maintain the financial security of individuals through their lifetime and ensure the intended transfer of their property and assets at death, while taking into consideration the unique circumstances of the family and the potential costs of different methods. A properly created team of professionals may include, but is not limited to, the attorney, accountant, trust officer, credentialed insurance and financial planners, all working together for the benefit of their client.

## ABOUT THE GREATER BOCA RATON ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL

The Greater Boca Raton Estate Planning Council is comprised of over 200 local estate planning professionals devoted to serving the estate planning needs of their clients. The council is a non-profit organization with two goals: to provide a better understanding of the services that professionals in the estate and financial planning fields can render to their clients and to promote a collaborative approach to meeting the wealth transfer needs of their clients. The best-in-class programming is largely supported by generous sponsors in the local community. The Council is a member of the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils, the leading professional organization for estate planners, which provides its 2,000 Accredited Estate Planner® designees, and 275 affiliated local estate planning councils and their 30,000 members with ongoing education and a forum for professional networking. For additional information contact Danield Seigel, President of the Greater Boca Raton Estate Planning Council at dseigel@seigel-law.com or visit bocaratonepc.org.