

Privacy Policy Notice

1. <u>A new privacy law</u>.

Attorneys who provide legal services involving financial matters of clients are now required by federal law to inform their clients of their policies regarding the privacy of client information. The purpose of this notice is to explain what we will be doing with the financial information that you provide to us, and the ways that we will protect your privacy.

2. <u>A more strict standard</u>.

Oregon attorneys are bound by the Oregon Code of Professional Responsibility. This Code of Responsibility governs our conduct and requires us to protect your confidentially. These professional standards are even more stringent than those now required by federal law. Therefore, we have always protected your right to privacy and will continue to do so. Federal law now also requires that we let you know how we are protecting your privacy.

3. <u>Types of Nonpublic Personal Information We Collect.</u>

We collect nonpublic personal information about you that is provided to us by you or obtained by us in the course of providing you with legal services that you have requested. This information, in some cases, includes information about your personal finances and property.

4. <u>Disclosure of Information</u>.

We disclose nonpublic personal information about you only to individuals or entities necessary in order to provide you with the legal services that you have requested. For instance, our staff may have access to your nonpublic personal information in order for us to efficiently provide you with the legal services you have requested. In some situations we may provide information to another organization (such as your accountant, your realtor, or insurance company) in order to obtain information or assist in providing the legal services you have requested. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as is necessary in order to provide you with the legal services that you requested.

5. You Have The Right to Prohibit Disclosure.

If for any reason you do not want us to provide nonpublic personal information

about you to other parties in the course of providing you with legal services, you may direct us not to make those disclosures. If you wish to direct us not to disclose information, please call Lori Hopkes, Albright Kittell PC (503)842-6633. It may be that the nondisclosure of that information adversely affects our ability to perform the legal services that you have requested, to the point where we may have to withdraw from working for you on these legal services, but we will try to work out any concerns that you may have in this area, while still being able to perform the legal services that you have requested.

6. <u>Records and files</u>.

Your privacy is important to us. We retain records and files relating to the professional services you have asked us to provide. In order to guard you nonpublic personal information, we maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with the Code of Professional Responsibility that governs our profession. Please call us with any questions that you have about protecting your privacy.