

Making a Difference, One Family at a Time

Davidov Law Group

Sometimes it takes a crisis to know what's really important. For husband-and-wife attorneys Michael and Ilana Davidov, that crisis was a debilitating family illness.

A close relative had developed Alzheimer's disease, and the legal complications that arose as the disease progressed overwhelmed the family.

"We realized quickly that with proper planning, [many] of the legal and family issues we faced could have been avoided," the Davidovs say in their soon-to-be-published book, *Keeping It in Your Family: Why Most Traditional Estate Plans Fail and What You Can Do About It*.

Determined to help other families avoid the turmoil their own family had experienced, they made the commitment 10 years ago to focus their legal practice on estate planning and elder law.

A Passion for Planning

- Estate planning
- Elder law
- Special needs planning

Listen, Educate and Empower

Since then, their law firm has helped more than a thousand families in their Queens community and beyond "create and preserve wealth, create a legacy and have a plan in place in the event someone becomes incapacitated or passes away," Michael Davidov says. A key focus is



Like many of their clients, Ilana and Michael Davidov are immigrants. Ilana, whose parents are from the former Soviet Union, was born in Israel. She and her family emigrated to the U.S. when she was eight, in 1983. Michael was born in the former Soviet Union, emigrated to Israel as a young child, and to the States when he was 12 (1984).

Ilana was recently honored as a 2015 "Top Women in Business" by the Queens Courier. Michael has been recognized as a Super Lawyer "Rising Star" in Estate Planning and Probate Law for several years.

helping clients protect their nest eggs from the cost of long-term care, using asset protection trusts and other tools.

A Certified Financial Planning Professional as well as an attorney, Michael Davidov manages many clients' investment portfolios through a separate entity, Davidov Financial Coaching.

"We really listen to our clients," Ilana Davidov says. "We help families identify and understand their goals, needs and concerns and make sure their estate plan adequately addresses those issues."

Many of the practice's clients are immigrants "who have worked hard and saved well their entire lives," Michael Davidov says. "Now they are concerned

about protecting their wealth for their retirement years and about passing it intact to their children and grandchildren."

"We've seen some families who have done very well forced to sell some of their assets because they didn't plan adequately," he adds. "We want to prevent that from happening to our clients."

Clients of Davidov Law Group quickly learn they have done more than engage an attorney to prepare a legal document. "Once we start working with a family, they become part of our family," Ilana Davidov says. "We're

here to hold their hand, as well as the next generation's hand, throughout the aging process. If somebody gets sick and needs to go to a nursing home or arrange home care, we're here to help."

Dedicated to empowering clients to make smart decisions about their estate planning options, Davidov Law Group hosts educational programs for clients and keeps them updated on any pertinent laws. "We believe our role is to educate clients on the law and the risks that arise due to aging, incapacity and death, and to present them with viable planning options to protect their wealth and provide lasting security for their loved ones," Ilana Davidov says.

"At Davidov Law Group, our mission and our passion are to make a difference, one family at a time," say Ilana and Michael Davidov. "We learned the hard way. Hopefully our clients won't have to."

