

# The **GAME** Plan

For a Peaceful Tomorrow



Jennifer Porter  
Founder

## Five Years of Gratitude and Growth

By Jennifer Porter

*On May 1, Jennifer Porter Law celebrates its fifth anniversary! When I look back at where this journey began, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude and pride.*

Five years ago, this firm started in my home office with 32 clients who trusted me to handle their personal injury cases. Those early clients believed in me and in the idea that legal representation could be both compassionate and effective. Their trust is the foundation upon which Jennifer Porter Law was built.

Today, that small home operation has grown into a dedicated team of nine professionals with offices in Springfield and Norfolk. Each member of our team shares the same commitment that guided those early days: treat people with respect, communicate clearly, and work hard to help our clients move forward after difficult moments in their lives and achieve the best results possible.

Since 2021, we have helped hundreds of individuals resolve their personal injury claims and have secured more than \$8,000,000 in case settlements for our clients. While those numbers matter, what matters even more are the stories behind them — people who were injured, overwhelmed, and uncertain about what came next. Our goal has always been to guide them through the process, make the law understandable, and help them reach a resolution that allows them to focus on healing and rebuilding.

Over the past two years, our firm has also grown in another important way. We have developed a flourishing estate planning practice, helping more than 60 families so far across Virginia create wills, trusts, and plans that protect the people they love most. Planning for the future is one of the greatest gifts you can give your family, and it is an honor to help clients take that step with confidence.



2021: Preparing for Zoom Court hearing



2025: New Springfield Office



New Norfolk Office



Our 2026 Legal Team

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### How We Can Help

At Jennifer Porter Law, we focus on giving our clients the information to make smart choices about their legal needs.

In personal injury, we help the seriously injured avoid being taken advantage of with a customized game plan. In estate planning, we create custom-designed plans that protect families, their future, and their privacy.

In both practice areas, our goal is to help people make proactive, informed decisions for a peaceful tomorrow.

Call us today at 571-532-9070 or visit [www.jenniferporterlaw.com](http://www.jenniferporterlaw.com) to schedule a consultation.

### JENNIFER PORTER LAW BY THE NUMBERS SINCE 2021

- 166 cases resolved for our personal injury clients
- 138 personal injury clients currently working with us
- 62 estate plans completed
- 51 deeds prepared
- 11 powers of attorney created
- 150+ 5-star Google reviews from clients and colleagues who trusted us with personal injury claims
- 30+ 5-star Google reviews from clients and colleagues who trusted us with estate planning needs
- 3 personal injury attorneys
- 1 estate planning attorney
- 5 dedicated support staff
- 1 office dog

# ESTATE PLANNING



## What Helping Families Has Taught Me

By Stephanie Himel-Nelson, Estate Planning Attorney

*As we celebrate five years of Jennifer Porter Law, I have been reflecting on what my time here has meant to me and on the many families I have had the privilege of working with since joining the firm.*

Estate planning is often thought of as a technical process involving documents and legal decisions. Over the years, however, I have come to appreciate that it is really about something much more personal. It is about listening to people's concerns, understanding their priorities, and helping them create a plan that reflects the life they have built and the people they care about most.

One of the most important lessons I have learned is how meaningful it is for clients to feel heard. Every family situation is different, and taking the time to truly understand what someone hopes to accomplish makes all the difference in creating a plan that works for them.

Estate planning certainly requires

technical knowledge of trusts, estates, and tax law. But over the course of my career, I have learned that expertise is only part of the work. Ultimately, we are helping people gain peace of mind.

Clients leave our office knowing their wishes are clearly documented and that we have helped them think through issues that could arise down the road. Seeing that sense of relief is one of the most rewarding parts of my work.

Working alongside Jennifer and the rest of our team has reinforced how important it is to approach this work with empathy and clarity. Together, we strive to make the process approachable so that families feel comfortable asking questions and making informed decisions.

As we celebrate this milestone for the firm, I am grateful for the trust our clients have placed in us and for the opportunity to continue helping families plan for the future. •

**Need assistance? Our estate planning attorneys are here to help – call 571-532-9070 to schedule a consultation.**

# SUPERSTAR SPOTLIGHT

## Welcoming a New Member to Our Team

*We have some happy news to share this spring. Our team at Jennifer Porter Law is growing again!*



We are excited to welcome a new personal injury attorney, Lisa Derco, to the firm! With more than 14 years of experience in personal injury law, Lisa brings a depth

of knowledge that will be very useful for our clients. Like Jennifer, Lisa started her career as an insurance defense attorney and has an in-depth understanding of the insurance industry and the tricks they use to diminish personal injury claims. Lisa is passionate about protecting our clients and brings a thoughtful, client-centered approach that fits right in with how we care for people.

We are thrilled to have her join us and look forward to the work we will do together, helping people navigate difficult situations.

We hope you will have the chance to meet **Lisa** in the months ahead. •

# WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT JENNIFER PORTER LAW

*"She delivered exactly what she said she would, and that transparency made the entire experience much less stressful."*

 **Hannah Moore**  
9 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★★ 2 months ago

I had a great experience working with Jennifer Porter and her paralegal, Allison. From the very beginning, she was extremely upfront and realistic about the process and potential outcomes. I really valued her honesty, expertise, and clear communication throughout my case. She delivered exactly what she said she would, and that transparency made the entire experience much less stressful. I'm very grateful for her guidance and support. **Hannah Moore**



We're proud to hold a 5.0-star Google rating with 150+ reviews and counting. If we've helped you, we'd appreciate you taking a moment to leave a review.

## Michelle's Korean Beef Short Ribs (LA Kalbi)

*A favorite dish in Michelle's home, this recipe brings together savory flavors and tender beef for a delicious Korean barbecue classic.*

### INGREDIENTS

2 lbs beef short ribs (about 6 LA-style ribs)  
 1/4 Asian pear (or 1 kiwi)  
 6 cloves garlic  
 1/2 cup chopped spring onion  
 Small piece of ginger  
 8 tablespoons soy sauce  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 tablespoon sesame oil  
 3 tablespoons mirin  
 2 tablespoons Korean corn syrup (or honey)  
 Dash of black pepper

### INGREDIENT TIP

*Many of these ingredients, such as Korean corn syrup, mirin, and properly cut LA-style ribs, can be found at Korean or Asian grocery stores like H Mart or Lotte Plaza Market.*

### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Soak the ribs in cold water for 1 to 2 hours to remove excess blood.
- 2 Prepare the aromatics by blending the pear, garlic, ginger, and spring onion until smooth.
- 3 Make the marinade by combining the blended mixture with soy sauce, sugar, sesame oil, mirin, corn syrup, black pepper, and water.
- 4 Marinate the ribs in a container or ziplock bag, making sure all pieces are coated.
- 5 Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Overnight is best. If using kiwi instead of Asian pear, marinate only 4 hours because kiwi tenderizes meat quickly.
- 6 Cook the ribs on a grill or skillet over medium-high heat until caramelized and fully cooked.
- 7 Serve hot and enjoy.



*Did you make it? Take a picture and send it to us. We may use it in our upcoming social media posts! We'll also send you a surprise gift! Email your photos to [contactus@jenniferporterlaw.com](mailto:contactus@jenniferporterlaw.com) •*

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

### Great Harvest Bread Co.



We're excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter where we highlight local businesses our team enjoys and that many in our community know and love. To start, we're featuring Great Harvest Bread Co.

With locations in Burke, Lorton, and Alexandria, Great Harvest bakes breads, scones, and desserts from scratch

each day. You can also find their baked goods at local farmers' markets throughout the area.

Jennifer's family especially loves the sourdough and pumpkin chocolate chip bread, two favorites that rarely last long once they make it home.

Earlier this year, we also shared Great Harvest bread boxes with several of our referral partners as a small way to celebrate a local business we appreciate.

If you're looking for freshly baked bread or a sweet treat, Great Harvest Bread Co. is well worth a visit. •

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### Five Years of Gratitude and Growth

From the beginning, my goal was simple: create a law firm that puts people first. That means listening carefully, explaining the law clearly, and making sure every client feels supported during what is often one of the most stressful periods of their life. As I often say, our clients' cases belong to them; our role is to give them the information and guidance they need to make informed decisions.

To the clients who trusted us, the colleagues who supported us, and the community that continues to refer friends and family our way, THANK YOU! These first five years have been an incredible journey, and we are just getting started. •

—Jennifer



*The Jennifer Porter Law Team*

### Planning for the Future, Protecting What Matters Most

Don't put off estate planning until it's too late. Call **Jennifer Porter Law** at **571-532-9070** or visit [www.jenniferporterlaw.com](http://www.jenniferporterlaw.com) to schedule your consultation today.

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**THANK YOU FOR THE REFERRALS**

*We're grateful for the trust you place in us. Your referrals are the highest compliment—and every time you send someone our way, you're helping them find a team who truly cares. Thank you for being part of our journey.*



**PAWS FOR A CAUSE**

**Paws for a Cause**

We love the pets that bring so much joy to our lives, and we also want to help animals still waiting for their forever homes. That's why **we'd love to invite you to join our Paws for a Cause initiative.**

Simply post a photo of your pet on Instagram and/or Facebook and tag **@jenporteresq**. For every tagged post, we will **donate \$5 to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.**

*We can't wait to see your furry friends!*

**Team Reflections: Your Favorite Way to Enjoy a Spring Day**

*Spring is here, bringing longer days and warmer weather. We asked our team how they like to spend a perfect spring day.*



**Jennifer Porter:**

Coffee and breakfast at the patio table, a walk outside in the sunshine, and a visit to see the cherry blossoms in DC.



**Stephanie Himel Nelson:**

I love to sit on the back porch with a book and enjoy the sun. Or I will be sitting on the sidelines of a baseball field cheering on my youngest.



**Erin Williams:**

Walking around the Botanical Gardens with my family and our puppy, Waffles. Dogs are allowed on Sundays. I also enjoy relaxing in my screened room outside.



**Michelle Chang:**

A picnic in the park, followed by a leisurely walk where I can people watch and take pictures of the beautiful landscape.



**Allison Alvey:**

A day off with my husband and son, where we go fishing in the backyard, then head to nearby ponds to search for turtles. While the boys fish, I lie in the sun and read a book.



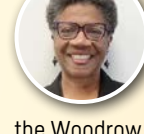
**Lupe Merlo Bechec:**

A walk through a nature reserve or park with my boyfriend, coffee at a specialty café, and ending the day with a live outdoor music concert.



**Maggie Kiernan:**

Opening the doors and windows to let the fresh air and light in, putting on some good music, and tackling a little spring cleaning.



**Missy Thompson:**

I enjoy going on long walks along the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Trail with beautiful views of the Potomac River, Old Town Alexandria, and DC. I also enjoy sitting in my serenity room (sunroom), birdwatching, and looking at the wildlife that passes through my backyard.

