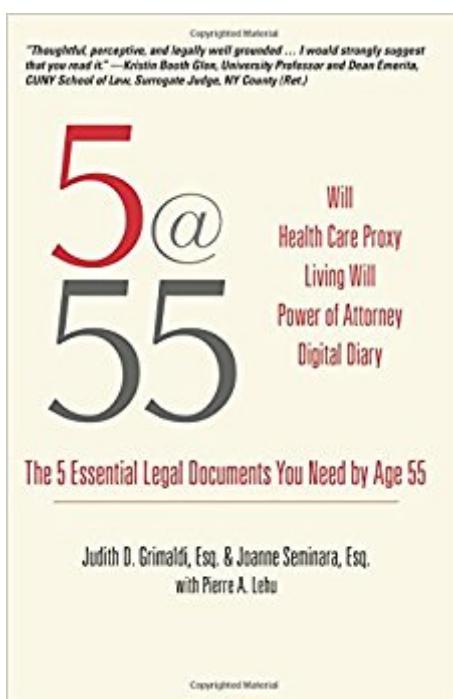


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# 5@55: The 5 Essential Legal Documents You Need By Age 55



## Synopsis

Many people discover too late that they need some essential legal documents to deal with common health and end of life issues. Failing to prepare these documents ahead of time can create major legal headaches that often require expensive trips to court to resolve. Written by expert attorneys, *5@55* is a slim, easy-to-read guide to the five most important legal documents you should have by age 55: Healthcare Advance Directive, Living Will, Power of Attorney, Last Will and Testament, and Authorization to Access Electronic Records and Media Sites. These are the documents that everyone says they'll get to "eventually." But "eventually" all too often turns to "never." Setting a deadline of age 55 to draft these essential documents ensures that they'll be ready before you need them and avoid nasty and costly surprises. With full descriptions of each document, explanations of why you need it, and sample documents you can adapt to your own needs, *5@55* is a must-have manual for the second half of life.

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Covers ALL bases to help prepare us for the next phase of life!

Clear, concise, good for libraries.

This is an essential, very helpful book. Arrived very quickly in perfect condition. Thanks!

I picked up this book at the library and will now buy it (since I have to give it back to the library!). The book does a great job of explaining the ins & outs of wills, health-care proxies, living wills, and powers of attorney, and introduces the idea of a digital diary for someone to wrap up all your various digital accounts should you become incapacitated or die. I found myself dog-earing many pages and wanting to show it to my husband. We're both 55 and have not done any of our important paperwork and, through the many "horror story" anecdotes in this book, have now been woken up. The 6 "what to do now" steps listed on page 96 are worth the price of the book alone, and the appendix of the book offers samples of each doc, which is very helpful, too. I suspect that by doing our will now, at age 55, this won't be the last time we have to deal with these essential docs, but at least this book has helped us get the show on the road.

Definitely a helpful little guide for those reaching late middle age and needing to get their lives in order. Easily accessible for any reader.

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