# 25 Estate Documents You Need to Put in One Place\*

#### The Essentials

- Will
- Letter of Instruction
- Trust Documents
- Financial Power of Attorney (POA)

### **Marriage and Divorce**

- Marriage License
- Divorce Papers
- Military Documents (DD214)

#### **Health-Care Confidential**

- Personals and Family Medical History
- Durable Health-Care Power of Attorney
- Authorization to Release Health-Care Information
- Living Will
- Do-Not-Resuscitate Order

## **Proof of Ownership**

- Housing, Land and Cemetery Deeds
- Escrow Mortgage Accounts
- Proof of Loans Made and Debts Owed
- Vehicle Titles
- Stock Certificates, Savings Bonds and Brokerage Accounts
- Partnership and Corporate Operating Agreements
- Tax Returns

#### Life Insurance and Retirement

- Life-Insurance Policies
- Individual Retirement Accounts
- 401(k) Accounts
- Pension Documents
- Annuity Contracts

#### **Bank Accounts/Social Media**

- List of Bank Accounts
- List of all User Names and Passwords
- List of Safe-Deposit Boxes



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