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What families should be asking their Estate Planners in 2026:

In this article, Matthew F. Erskine explores the critical questions wealthy families must address with their estate planners in 2026. As the "estate tax cliff" approaches and trust laws shift, traditional strategies require urgent stress-testing against increased IRS scrutiny. Key focuses include ensuring trust flexibility for dynasty planning and protecting business assets from potential legislative changes. The landscape also faces a "new normal" of litigation risk, necessitating clearer documentation of capacity and intent. Furthermore, global assets and charitable strategies must be coordinated to balance confidentiality with expanding reporting requirements. A significant emerging challenge involves integrating AI and cybersecurity protocols into fiduciary duties to safeguard client data. Ultimately, estate plans in 2026 must be more sophisticated and adaptable than ever to preserve multi-generational wealth. This proactive approach ensures that family legacies are protected against both legal volatility and evolving technological risks.

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