

## **Probate Invades Your Privacy**

People value their privacy while they are alive, but sometimes they fail to protect their privacy after they're gone. From the examples below, you can see that a will is a public document available to anyone with the time to visit the County Clerk's office.

- Princess Diana (1961–1997) left £50,000 to her butler, Paul Burrell.
- John Lennon (1940–1980) left most of his estate to his wife, Yoko Ono.
- John F. Kennedy Jr. (1960–1999) left the scrimshaw (carved whale ivory set) once owned by his father to nephew John B. K. Schlossberg.
- **Malcolm Forbes (1919–1990)** made his oldest son, Malcolm S. Forbes Jr., the controlling stockholder of Forbes, Inc. with 51% of the shares and gave nine \$1,000 bequests to the owners of his favorite restaurants "as a token of gratitude for the joy their skills and genius added to the lives of those who've been lucky and sensible enough to dine at their restaurants."

One of the overlooked benefits of an annuity is

Your money goes to your beneficiaries without the when you pass away.

PROBATE AVOIDANCE.

**PUBLICITY OF PROBATE** 

Are you willing to have all your secrets seen by the public?

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