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Offit Kurman Attorney Lee Carpenter to Present at the University System of Maryland Wills Week Virtual Conference

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Offit Kurman attorney Lee Carpenter will present “LGBTQ Estate Planning” at the University System of Maryland's Wills Week Virtual Conference on Friday, October 25, 2024. This event is part of National Estate Planning Awareness Week, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of estate planning.

Lee Carpenter's session will address LGBTQ estate planning, a vital but often overlooked area. Lee will explore the unique legal concerns of same-sex couples and the broader LGBTQ community, discussing how Maryland's new domestic partnership registry and other legal options can provide peace of mind. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of wills, trusts, and essential planning tools tailored to their needs.

Carpenter's presentation will offer insights into:

- **Ensuring your wishes are carried out:** Properly outline how assets are distributed and who will care for dependents if you are unable to do so.
- **Avoiding family disputes:** Learn how to minimize potential conflicts with clear communication.
- **Appointing financial and healthcare proxies:** Implement measures to designate someone to make decisions on your behalf if needed.
- **Special circumstances:** Planning for unique family structures, including same-sex couples and blended families.

With an estimated 67% of Americans lacking an estate plan, Wills Week seeks to provide accessible, expert-led guidance to help individuals take control of their future. Over five free webinars, participants will learn about the critical legal documents necessary to ensure their wishes are respected and their loved ones are protected. This conference is a must-attend for anyone seeking to secure their financial future and protect their loved

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