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John A. Warnick, who family, friends and clients know as “John A”, describes himself as a “recovering tax attorney.” After practicing for thirty years as a tax and legal advisor to wealthy families, he left the large law firm he was a partner in to pursue his passion of assisting clients transition their wealth more purposefully. He works with clients, and their team of advisors, to ensure that the impact of their technical planning will be a positive force in the lives of the rising generations of their family. His blog, Seedlings, provides suggestions on powerful but easy ways in which we can make non-financial gifts to our families and communities. John A has prepared himself for this professional service through a long-term collaboration with a team of wealth psychologists, family wealth counselors and family business consultants. But he is quick to point out “my greatest teachers have been my clients. It is through them I discovered the formula for producing not just tax-wise plans but plans that promote family harmony, individual growth and long-term preservation of family wealth.”

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