

"KNOWLEDGE TO HELP, EMPATHY TO CARE"

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**December Update:**

It's December! It's a busy month with a lot of hustle and bustle in anticipation for the holidays! The holidays are a time for family. Show your family your love by developing a solid estate plan. This will leave all of your hard-earned money to your family and loved ones, instead of being lost to nursing homes, lawsuits, or excessive probate costs!

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## What is an Estate Plan?

Estate Planning is not about how much money you have, it is about protecting what you have for you, during your lifetime, and for your loved ones after you pass away. Estate planning is for everyone, despite how much money you have, whether you have \$5,000 or \$5 million.

We realize each person is different and that each situation is unique. Our estate planning addresses many different factors and all kinds of scenarios from naming guardians for your

minor children to ensuring your children do not spend away all of your assets.

Our Estate Plans include a will, a living will, power of attorney, health care power of attorney, health care directives, and revocable living trusts – but, only if you want them to!

Donald Law Office facilitates the drafting of the trust for you, the client, but you will determine what you want in the trust. We just make things easier by asking the right questions and

putting you in charge and control of your Estate Plan.

At Donald Law Office, we help you through the entire estate planning process. We believe in making a positive difference in the lives of everyone we touch by providing the most comprehensive planning possible, the way our clients want it. From basic document preparation to guidance with complex asset structure, we help you with everything. Find out more by calling us!

## Upcoming Workshop

**Friends & Family**

**Estate Planning Workshop**

Legacy Wealth Planning:  
Protecting Your Family &

Leaving a Legacy

**December 5, 2015**

10:00am -12:00pm

**Donald Law Office**

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During the course of the morning, Matt will address many common concerns and myths, & by the end of the seminar you will learn:

- Advantages & Disadvantages of Wills and

Living Trusts

- How Probate works and how to avoid it altogether

- How to plan before you need Long Term Care

- How you can qualify and use Medicaid to pay for nursing home expenses

- How to leave property to your children – yes, there is a right way & a wrong way!

- And much, much more!

You all are an important part of our life here at DLO and we value our relationship. Our goal is to receive candid feedback on the presentation and how we can be as

effective as possible while presenting it. We are so excited about this new seminar and educating other families in our community about their options in protecting themselves and leaving a legacy for generations to come.

**Call or email to register today!**



## Office Happenings

So now that we have kept you in suspense for a full month, I bet you are all wondering what some of the big changes are that are coming from our office...

Well, the first change is that we are actively pursuing office space in the Greater Columbus Area. We will most likely have an office in either the Gahanna area or the Westerville area. Kristy has done a great job

narrowing our search down to about five locations we are going to be looking at over the next couple of weeks so you will have to "Stay Tuned" for next month's newsletter to find out exactly where our satellite office will be!

The second change is that we are currently in the process of interviewing attorneys in the hope of bringing on a new associate! This might take

some time as we are looking for another "Nicole" and we won't settle for less!

That's just two of the big changes happening right now but there are even more in store for next year!

Another Spoiler Alert: We will probably be hiring another support staff member at the beginning of the new year as well so be sure to check back next month!

## Staff Spotlight

This month's Staff Spotlight will be focused on Ambreanna Cyrus, our Benefits Coordinator and Administrative Assistant.

Bre was born in southern Missouri, but relocated to Ohio with her mother at an early age. She is a Berne Union graduate and went

on to study Business at Ohio University. She is the mother of two beautiful and gifted children. They currently reside in Lancaster with their two rescue dogs and three cats. Bre joined our team in September, bringing with her several years of customer service experience and a genuine

love for helping others.

She is very excited to be part of such a wonderful team of people. We all love what we do and it's so nice to be able to go home to our families at the end of the day knowing that we were able to help give our clients' peace of mind.

## Matt's Message

As we round our third year of having our own office, I am still amazed by the number of people that are caught unaware of the tremendous cost of skilled care. What is even more startling to me is the number of people who don't know what can be done to lessen the financial burden of those costs.

Most of us have had a loved one require skilled care at some point in our

lives: a parent, a spouse, or even a sibling that has required at-home care, care at an assisted living facility, or care at a long-term care facility.

The cost of care in those circumstances can be devastating and result in leaving a huge financial and emotional burden for our loved ones.

We have two very simple messages to any of you or

any of your friends who may be experiencing such a situation:

**"It doesn't have to be that way."**

**&**

**"You are not alone!"**

Under most circumstances, we can help you! The sooner you contact us the more we can do for you, but we can't help you if you don't reach out to us. Don't wait until your finances are destroyed, call now!

### Quote of the Month:

"Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God." – George F. McDougall



At Donald Law Office, we guide you through your entire estate planning and long-term care journey!

**Our Mission is to provide peace of mind to you and your loved ones.**



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