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October Update:

It's October which means it's

**Breast Cancer Awareness
Month.** 

It's also National Long-Term
Care Planning Month AND
the 3rd week of October is
Estate Planning Awareness
Week!

All of which are related to
your long-term care plan; so
please don't wait & call or
email us today to set up an
initial consultation!

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Estate Planning with Minor Children

When people come into our office with young children, one of their biggest questions is, "what would happen to our children if we pass away?" With proper estate planning, you can name who you would choose to be the guardian of your minor children if something should happen to you while your kids are still young.

Many people don't think about planning for minor children once their kids are grown; however, another very important part of estate planning is protecting any minor children that may receive an inheritance from you once you pass. Oftentimes, we meet with clients who would like to leave a sum of money to each of their grandchildren.

The issue arises if the kids are too young to properly deal with the money at the time of death. Through proper planning, you can ensure someone you trust is in charge of handling your minor beneficiaries' inheritance until they can handle it on their own. This person can be the child's parent or guardian, or another trusted person of your choosing.

In trust planning, you can structure your estate plan to protect your underage family members not only from outside predators, but also from themselves. For instance, you can structure the plan to ensure that young beneficiaries can only reach their inheritance at a certain age. You can also

stretch it out, allowing beneficiaries to receive a certain amount at certain life events or after attaining certain ages. You can also allow the Trustee that you've named to safeguard their inheritance to provide distributions to the beneficiaries should they need money for something big in their lives, such as college tuition or a down payment on a house.

We have heard many horror stories of how quickly an inheritance is blown on new cars or fancy vacations. However, by structuring your plan this way, you can ensure your beneficiaries receive the inheritance you left them, and that money will be there for them when they are ready for it.

Upcoming Workshops

**Wills, Trusts & Nursing
Home Asset Protection**

**Discover How to Protect Your
Assets and Provide for Your
Loved Ones**

- Understand the advantages & disadvantages of Wills & Living Trusts
- Maintain your privacy and protect your estate against a living probate
- Plan before you need Long-Term Care
- Protecting your children's inheritance & preserve your estate for your children
- Learn about Medicaid eligibility

**** TWO DATES ****

**** TWO LOCATIONS ****

**COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY
AREA**

Thursday, October 20th

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn

Columbus University
3232 Olentangy River Rd
Columbus, OH 43202

WORTHINGTON AREA

Saturday, October 22nd

10:00am – 12:00pm

Sheraton Suites

Columbus

201 Hutchinson Ave
Columbus, OH 43235

Light Refreshments will be served.

Attend a workshop and receive a FREE no obligation private consultation with one of our attorneys to answer any questions about setting up your estate plan.

**Call 740-400-4194 or email
info@donaldlawoffice.com
to register today!**



Office Happenings

Losing a member of your team is never easy. As most of you know from either a letter we sent out or from reading our newsletter that we recently (in July) had to say good bye to Nicole who chose to move north to be closer to family.

We are proud to say that despite the loss of a key member of our staff, we continue to provide the same great service without interruption.

One of the major reasons for that continued great service is the fantastic staff that remained: Jen, Kristy, Bre and the addition of Keith to our team.

We have continued to present workshops (four since July), conduct radio interviews and spotlights, service our existing clients' needs, assist new clients, and perhaps most importantly, provide pro bono services to over 20 Veterans or their widows.

A major part of our continued success is directly attributable to Jen. No one in the office has stepped up to the plate and take up the slack as much as Jen. For that, we (the staff and our clients) are exceptionally grateful! Thanks Jen!

Lastly, if you or someone you know is a paralegal with extensive probate and trust settlement experience - give us a call, there might be room on our team for you or them!

Staff Spotlight

This month's Staff Spotlight will be on DLO's Founding Attorney, Matthew Donald and his daughter, Madison.

As you may have learned from our June newsletter, Madison is now a freshman at the University of Cincinnati where she is majoring in Medical Sciences with aspirations of going to UC's

Medical School once she is finished with her undergraduate degree.

Needless to say the transition was a difficult one at first. Initially there were many tears shed and some sad feelings. Now it wasn't easy on Madison either, but she did much better than Matt did! Haha!

As of this month, Madison is already two-thirds of the way through her first semester at college and doing fantastic! She scored a 90% on her first biology exam and is looking forward to all the challenges UC has to offer.

To say that Matt is a proud Bearcat papa is a huge understatement. Go Bearcats!

Matt's Message

Fall is probably my favorite time of year (I think I say this every October!). The leaves are falling, football is back, and the nights are cool enough to leave the windows open once again.

The other thing that always occurs to me about this time of the year is that the seasons are a lot like life. For me, I am entering the fall season of my life (or perhaps still at the end of the summer season as I like to think of it) and it causes me to ask the question that all of us ask at some point, what would happen if I

passed away today.

September was a particularly challenging month for our office as several of our clients have recently passed away. Getting news of the passing of our friends is never easy but the thing that has made the event less stressful is knowing we have done a good job for our friend and our friend's loved ones.

To quote one of the children of one of our clients, "We are so grateful that Mom met with you

and your staff. Losing Mom has been terribly difficult and could have been made much worse if we had to figure all of this out right now as well."

By contrast we had the daughter of a man who recently passed come to our office for help on settling his estate. Her quote was "I have no idea what to do. I have no idea what Dad owned or how he owned it."

Each of us has a chance to leave or own legacy, what will yours be?

Quote of the Month:

"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

– Nathaniel Hawthorne



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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