

"KNOWLEDGE TO HELP, EMPATHY TO CARE"

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FYI: Important

Both Baltimore & Westerville offices will be closed on Friday, November 4th for an In-Service Day.
[\[More in Staff Spotlight\]](#)

November Update:

In honor of Veteran's Day – "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." – Elmer Davis.

If you or a loved one is a Veteran, you may be able to qualify for up to \$2,120 in tax-free monthly income! Call our office to set up a consultation!

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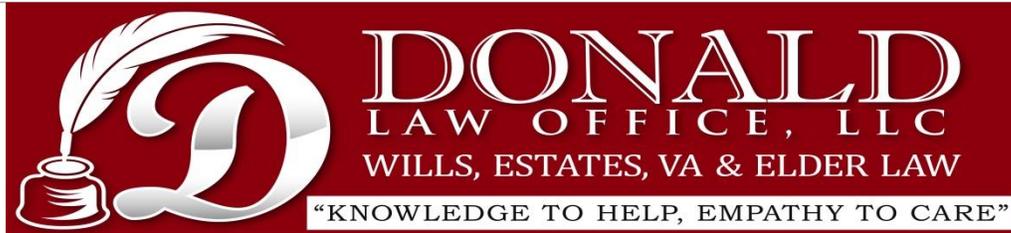
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Improved Pension Benefit for Veterans Day

Our Veterans work hard to keep our country safe. In honor of Veteran's Day, it is important to help get the word out and ensure our Veterans are aware of all of the benefits that are available to them for their hard work and commitment to our country.

The attorneys at our office are accredited by the VA to work with Veterans, and our office specifically works with Veterans to assist them in obtaining the Improved Pension benefit. This is a little known benefit that is available to a Veteran or the surviving spouse of a Veteran as long as he or she meets the qualifications established by the VA. Whether our

assistance requires involvement in advanced trust planning, or simply helping to navigate the VA application process, our office has assisted hundreds of Veterans in obtaining this benefit.

Veterans or surviving spouses may qualify for these benefits if they meet the following criteria:

1. The Veteran served for at least 90 days of active service, with at least one day during a wartime period;
2. The Veteran received a discharge other

3. than dishonorable; The claimant has limited income and assets; and
4. The claimant has a permanent and total disability.

Depending on the health of the Veteran or the surviving spouse, different levels of compensation are available. If you think you or a loved one may qualify, our office is here to assist you in determining the best course of action to ensure you are receiving the benefits you deserve.

Call our office today!

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 ****

SUNBURY AREA
Thursday, November 10th 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Holiday Inn Express
7301 E. State Route 37
Sunbury, OH 43074

DELAWARE AREA
Saturday, November 12th 10:00am – 12:00pm
The Arts Castle:
Delaware County Cultural Arts Center
190 W. Winter St.
Delaware, OH 43015

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

We like to conduct periodic reviews of our clients' estate plans to ensure they continue to be effective. We recently (in September) sent out letters to our valued clients that we haven't seen in 3-years or more offering free estate plan reviews. If there have been any personal and/or family changes, or even with the many changes in the law, an update of your estate plan may be needed to ensure that your family and assets continue to be protected.

For example, in your family

there have likely been joyful occasions, such as births, adoptions and new marriages or more sorrowful occasions, such as the loss of a loved one, a divorce or change in a relationship. With these personal changes, the goals of your original estate plan have probably changed as well and should be reviewed to ensure they take into account any new family dynamics.

In addition to any family and financial changes, many families are also facing health issues and possible

upcoming nursing home costs. With an average nursing home cost of approximately \$6,500/month in our area, we can help you plan ahead and how to pay for it with either personal funds or Medicaid pre-planning. We can help determine what is best for you and your family. The sooner you start to plan, the more you can preserve with the right planning in place!

Call us today to schedule your FREE estate plan review appointment at 740-400-4194. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Quote of the Month:

"November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life."



Staff Spotlight

This month's Staff Spotlight will be on our upcoming In-Service Day on Friday, November 4th. We have been on the go non-stop since Nicole left mid-summer! No complaints here though, as we absolutely love what we do and love helping our clients and the busier we are – the more families we are helping!

We are taking Friday morning and getting the whole team together for a nice, big breakfast to kick off the day to discuss 2017 strategies,

marketing, future DLO plans, etc. We are trying to make next year an even better year than 2016! We have a great team here and want to excel our clients' expectations even more so than we have in the past couple of years.

With business out of the way in the morning, we are then doing a team outing and going shooting at Ohio Valley Outdoors! With the exception of a Clippers game over the summer with our lovely friends at Capital Health Home Care, we haven't done

a team outing since 2Cellos back in March! With Matt and Keith both being Veterans, they will be taking the lead and showing us the ropes – it's been years since Kristy has been shooting and Jen & Bre haven't been before! Should be a fun day all around!

If you need us, please feel free to call either office and leave us a voicemail or shoot us an email and we will get back with you first thing on Monday morning! We'll also make sure to get some pictures to post on our Facebook page!

Matt's Message

Whenever I think of November, I think of family gatherings around the table to enjoy some turkey and ham and stuffing! I think of football and hunting and the making of memories.

For many of us this is one of the few times of the year that we will have all or most of our family together in one place and it is the ideal time to talk with your family about what is going to happen if one of you should become seriously ill

or die suddenly.

This is a great time of the year to dust off that binder and go through it with your family. Show them the power of attorney, the trust, and the health care directives and if you or they don't already have these documents, talk about what you need to do to get them!

They may not want to talk about things like death or illness but like it or not, it's going to happen to all of us

at some point. It is far better to be prepared and have a plan in place that is known and understood by all then to wait until it happens and try to figure things out.

Thirty minutes out of your Thanksgiving Holiday will give you years of peace of mind going forward.

From our family at Donald Law Office to you and your family, have a Happy Thanksgiving and as one of my friends always says, "Gobble 'til you wobble!"

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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