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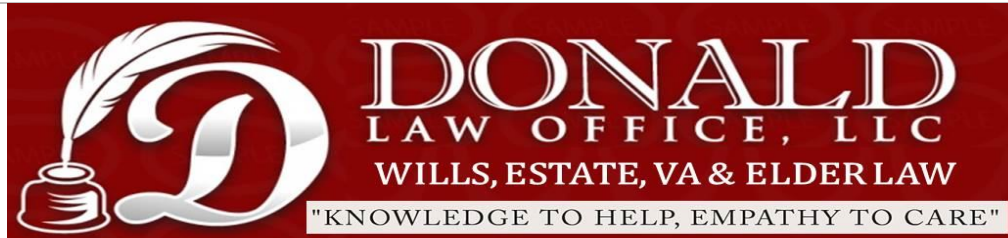
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**February Update:**

"Love is a promise, love is a souvenir, once given, never forgotten, never let it disappear." – John Lennon. We can help you plan for your future and show your loved ones how much you care! Call or email us today to set up a **FREE** consultation!

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## Healthcare Powers of Attorney & Living Wills

Healthcare Powers of Attorney and Living Wills are two very important legal documents that tend to cause confusion. Often, people think if they already have a Property Power of Attorney and a Last Will and Testament, they do not need these additional documents. However, Healthcare Powers of Attorney and Living Wills are completely different documents and address completely different issues.

While a Property Power of Attorney dictates who can make legal and financial decisions on your behalf, a Healthcare Power of Attorney allows you to name the people that you would want to make healthcare

decisions on your behalf if you were unable to do so yourself. This document tells your family what you would want to happen in several different situations so there is no confusion or fighting amongst family members if any of those scenarios happen to arise.

A Last Will and Testament explains how you would like your assets to be distributed upon your death whereas, a Living Will communicates your medical wishes if you were in a terminal condition or a permanently unconscious state. The Living Will gives you the ability to explain to your family what you would want to happen in an end of life situation and

thus removes the burden and stress of decision making from their shoulders if such circumstances should apply.

At first glance Living Wills and Healthcare Power of Attorneys may seem very similar, but they are very different. For instance, the contacts named in your Living Will cannot make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable to do so, only the agents in your Health Care Power of Attorney could. Because each document has its own intricacies and covers different situations, it is very important to have both documents in order to make sure your wishes are known when such an event occurs.

## Upcoming Workshops

### 1.) Seven Threats to Your Family Security – Estate Planning Workshop

Thursday, February 4, 2016  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  
**Ohio Glass Museum**  
124 W. Main Street,  
Lancaster, OH 43130

Avoid Losing Your Assets! Stay Home with Medicaid & VA Benefits and Keep it Simple!

Learn about how to:

- \* maintain control of your assets
- \* plan for the high costs of long-term care
- \* protect and preserve YOUR life savings
- \* structure legal ownership and how it effects estate planning

### 2.) Estate Planning Essentials & VA Benefits Workshop:

*On Behalf of Arlingworth Home Care and Brookdale*

Tuesday, February 16, 2016  
6:00pm-7:00pm  
**Brookdale Lancaster**  
241 Whittier Drive S  
Lancaster, OH 43130

Learn about Estate Planning basics and if you or a loved one might be eligible for FREE VA benefits!

Learn about advanced directives, what probate is & how to avoid it, what a trust is, how to plan for costs of long-term care and how to protect & preserve your savings.

**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.**

We are so excited about these workshops and educating 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

Who knew opening a new office could be SO much work? I suppose we all take things for granted at times. Sometimes we forget that someone actually had to put that desk together or connect the computers to the internet! When you are a small law firm like ours there isn't a maintenance department, there's a Matt and Jen department that you call on to build the desks and connect the technology!

In the end though, Jen and I were up for the challenge and have the office up and running and ready to meet new families and soon to be friends. If you are out and about in the Westerville area, please stop by and say hello to Jen and me. We'll have a fresh cup of coffee waiting on you!

In the meantime, the rest of our team is hard at work in our Baltimore office taking

care of our current and future clients. Nicole, Kristy, and Bre are always there ready to assist you with your estate planning needs.

Lastly, keep an eye out for our upcoming workshops. Remember, our workshops are always free (and we have great snacks!) so if you know of someone that might benefit from learning more about estate planning, do them a favor and let them know about our upcoming workshops.

## Staff Spotlight

This month's Staff Spotlight will be focused on our new Attorney, Jennifer M. Dick.

Jen grew up in a small town of New Bremen, Ohio and now lives in Columbus. She attended Wittenberg, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Communication. Upon graduation, she attended

Capital University Law School where she received her Juris Doctorate.

Jen is so happy that she found the field of elder law where she can use her legal knowledge to help people plan for their futures and leave behind a legacy for their families.

In her spare time, Jen enjoys biking, reading and spending time with her friends and family. Jen is current planning & preparing for her upcoming wedding in March.

She is excited to be a part of the Donald Law Office team and is ready to help serve the greater Columbus area.

## Matt's Message

This month I would like to take a minute to refocus on the basics of why we do what we do in our office. As one of our friends and family, you know that estate planning and elder law are all we do in our office. Many of my fellow attorneys have said to me that we should expand our lines of business to include things such as bankruptcy, divorce or even personal injury. We have always resisted such suggestions

because our passion lies with estate planning and elder law. That passion was reinforced recently in an email we received from one of our clients. This client was about to undergo a serious brain surgery and sent us the following email which is reprinted below with his permission.

"...a constant comfort is knowing that should the worst happen, we have my affairs in order and my family taken care of. I

thank you for that.

I have no expectation of needing the documents we prepared, but knowing we are prepared in that area, for anything that happens, gives me peace of mind....Unexpected things can happen any time and I am glad we took the opportunity to prepare when we did. Much better than Kim having to work with you afterwards."

And this, my friends, is why we do what we do.

### Quote of the Month:

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."  
– Melody Beattie



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



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