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**November Update:**  
It's November! Veterans Day is November 11, 2015, which celebrates the service of all U.S. Armed Forces, also known as Veterans. This month, we celebrate all of our valued Veterans clients and Matt's 23 years of dedicated service.

**November Announcement:**  
Come see us before our estate planning fees go up on November 16<sup>th</sup>! Call us to schedule a FREE consultation before the fee increase! We look forward to seeing you again and helping you design a custom plan for you and your family.

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## VA Improved Pension Benefit for Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses

**The VA Pension benefit is a tax-free benefit available to Veterans and surviving spouses of Veterans.**

### Four Basic Criteria:

- 1.) Disability (met if age 65+)
- 2.) Limited Income
- 3.) Limited Assets
- 4.) At least 90 days of active service with at least one of those days being during a wartime period.

### Eligible Wartime Periods:

- 1.) WWII
- 2.) Korea
- 3.) Vietnam
- 4.) Persian Gulf

### Three different levels of the VA benefit:

- \$ Low Income Pension
- \$\$ Housebound
- \$\$\$ Aid & Attendance

The income and assets requirement varies depending upon each person's medical situation.

For more information about this benefit and for a FREE analysis to see if you or a loved one would qualify, make an appointment to meet with an attorney at Donald Law Office. This appointment is absolutely FREE!

## Upcoming Workshop

### VA Pension Benefits

Planning to Secure Veteran's and Medicaid Benefits for Assisted Living and Long Term Care Costs

**November 11, 2015**

2:00pm-4:00pm

**VFW Post 3761**

2155 Reynoldsburg-Baltimore Rd. NW  
Baltimore, Ohio 43105

Qualifying for Veterans' Benefits and Medicaid is tougher than ever under anticipated rule changes. Learn how the laws may affect you, and the planning options.

### Discussion Topics:

- \* Risks of waiting too long to plan and from do-it-yourself planning
- \* Little known, tax-free money to help pay for care for Veterans or surviving spouses
- \* Types of trusts that work in VA and Medicaid planning
- \* How to conserve money for your needs – even

while getting Medicaid or VA benefits  
\* Common myths and misconceptions & real life examples

**Call or email to register today!**



## Office Happenings

As the year comes to a close, we find ourselves here at Donald Law Office on the brink of some new and exciting beginnings!

We can't elaborate on exactly what is going to happen just yet, but we have **four** major projects in the works right now with another three on the back burner. All seven are going to be super exciting and all seven relate to significant change and growth for our

office and staff!

The first of the projects will take place during the first week of November and the second project will begin in mid-November so be sure to check our website and social media sites for some exciting updates.

The third and fourth projects are probably about 3 months away from being started but, WOW, are they some big projects!

You certainly won't want to miss the announcement of those projects.

We wish we could take credit for coming up with all these great ideas but the truth is that many of the ideas have come from you, our friends, families and clients.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and be sure to **"Gobble 'til you wobble!"**

## Staff Spotlight

This month's Staff Spotlight will be focused on our Marketing & Operations Manager, Kristy Pinion, who joined the DLO team this past August.

Kristy grew up in Carroll, OH and currently resides in Lancaster with her husband, Matthew, and their two rescue dogs, Beau & Gracie.

Matt & Kristy just celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary this past June. She enjoys spending time with her husband, family & friends.

Kristy is a graduate of Ohio University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree and dual-majored in Marketing and Finance. Kristy believes her previous work

experience in management, advertising, & marketing administration has helped prepare her for her new role here at Donald Law.

She is so excited to be part of such a wonderful team and enjoys helping clients protect their assets through proper estate planning.

## Matt's Message

So as the anniversary of our third year comes to a close and I reflect on these past three years, I can't believe how incredibly blessed and fortunate I have been.

Our office has grown from me being a sole practitioner to five of us (including another attorney). We have grown from one office space to two suites. Finally and most importantly, we have literally helped hundreds of

clients over the last three years, many of them pro bono.

Growth can certainly cause some people to become anxious (both clients and staff) but what I can assure you is that as we experience more growth, and grow we will, we will continue to provide the personal service that each of you have come to know and appreciate. This personal touch is a

cornerstone of our practice and always will be.

Part of my vision for this company is to develop new and innovative ways to provide the services that you ask us for on a daily basis.

My goal has been, and will continue to be, to help improve the lives of the people we touch in every possible meaningful way. Thank you for your trust.

### Quote of the Month:

"There are only two ways to deal with change. You either master change, or change masters you."

—Matthew W. Donald



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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