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*Our Goal is to Help Everyone Make Great Decisions about their Legal Issues.*

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## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Unfortunately, my team isn’t playing the Super Bowl this year. We had a tough loss against the Patriots in the conference championship. The Super Bowl should be a good game with two exceptional teams. Even though the Patriots beat my team, I’ll be rooting for them to Win and Brady to retire so that we can win next year! It’s not the end of the world.

Neither is the fact that Donald J. Trump is now the president of the United States of America and there has been a shifting of the guards. So what does this mean for American? Well if he does what he says he’ll do, which most politicians don’t do, then there will be a lot of changes from the Affordable Care Act to the Water Rights of America and everything in between.

Here’s how I look at if... for those who voted for him, then things can only get better from where they are now because America hasn’t been Great at anything for a while. And for those who didn’t vote for him if you believe America has been Great and if he does what he says he’ll do then America will be even better than before. So in my opinion, it’s a win-win.



Help me **“Make Lawyers Great Again!”** If you know of someone who might need an attorney or who has a legal question, then hand them this newsletter. Let them know that there is a law firm that wants to guide them to great decision. We’re just a call or a click away. 740.346.2899.

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*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” – Martin Luther King Jr.*

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**INSTEAD OF FIGHTING OVER WHO’S RIGHT AND WRONG,  
LET’S FOCUS ON LOVING EACH OTHER AND MAKING THIS  
WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL OF US.**

## **Common Issues for Startup Business – Tip of the Month**

Starting a business is exciting, but also demanding. Here is some information on how to start a business and address some of the most common startup steps to ensure that your new company is ready for success.

### **Prepare a business plan and materials**

An important first step is preparing a business plan to define your business, products, and services, outline your goals, and set your operating procedures. If your company needs funding through a traditional loan or from venture capitalists, they will need to see the business plan to ensure that loaning you money makes sense on their end. Also, make sure your plan involves a marketing approach. Marketing and sales is the most important area of a business, especially in the age of the Internet. There are many resources online to help you set up a website, connect with customers, get positive reviews, and grow your business.

### **Meet legal requirements**

The next step is to decide whether you want your business to exist as a corporation or as an LLC. It is important to select one or the other to protect your personal assets from business debts, lawsuits, and other liabilities. Forming a corporation or LLC can give you better credibility with customers, vendors, and potential partners as well as certain tax advantages. It would be wise to consult with a lawyer to discuss the pros and cons of each.

In Ohio, the paperwork must be filed with the Secretary of State and the necessary forms can be found on their website. You will have to decide on a name for your new business that is not already in use. It is not recommended that you include your name in the business name. This is because you want the business to be a separate entity from yourself and limit your liability.

If your business is going to have employees, you will need a federal tax identification number (EIN). This is like a Social Security Number for businesses. In Ohio, you will also need a workers’ compensation policy to insure coverage against workplace injuries. Also, most businesses in Ohio must pay Unemployment Compensation taxes

and report wages paid to employees on a quarterly basis. Your business may also need a permit from the Ohio Department of Commerce. Some helpful links are included below:

- Ohio Secretary of State – [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us)
- Ohio Bureau of Worker' Compensation – [www.bwc.ohio.gov](http://www.bwc.ohio.gov)
- Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services – [www.jfs.ohio.gov](http://www.jfs.ohio.gov)
- Ohio Department of Taxation – [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov)

Perhaps the most important part of the process is selecting the right accountant and the right lawyer to guide you through this setup. Littlejohn Law offers free 30-minute telephone consultations to discuss your business's needs and to help you find the best course of action.

## Happy Valentine's Day!

Be sure to do something special for your loved ones... I need your help!

**LOVE MY WIFE!**

**GIVEAWAY**

I need your help! Valentine's Day is coming up, and you know what that means: a mad search for the perfect gift. Since this is my "first married" Valentine's Day, my wife deserves something extra special, so I'm turning to you. Send me your perfect gift recommendations (up to \$50.00) and I'll buy two of the winning suggestions: one for my wife, and one for you!

Submit your gift idea with your contact information to [www.Ljlawvip.com](http://www.Ljlawvip.com)

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH – JEFF'S HEARTY MEATLOAF

- 2.5 lbs of 85% lean ground beef
- 4 tbsp cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 cups parmesan cheese



Mix all ingredients and add to loaf pan. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes or until cooked through. And Enjoy.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH ME AND MY OWN

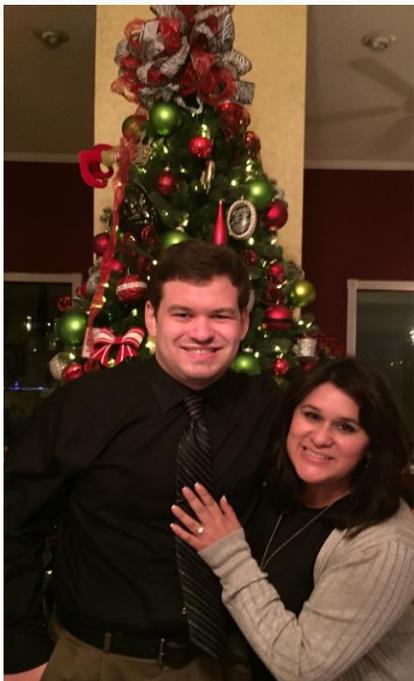
This past month I was invited to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ohio Valley Youth Leadership Summit at Eastern Gateway Community College. At the Summit teens from our local area learned about Relationships, Leadership, College, Financial Advice, and Self Esteem. It was exciting for me to be apart of this event, but it was more exciting to see so many young adults spending a Saturday morning at an event to help improve their lives.



Also, I wanted to send a big Congratulations to Attorney Jeff Menoski and his Fiance, Ally on their engagement. Jeff and Ally met while attending law school at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

### *So who is Jeff Menoski.*

Jeff is from St. Clairsville, OH. He graduated from St. Clairsville High School and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Wheeling Jesuit University. He then received his Juris Doctorate from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.



Jeff was previously a Document Review Attorney for Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe in Wheeling. While he enjoyed working at a large firm and gained valuable experience, Jeff desired to work at a firm where he could do more hands-on work and give clients even more focused attention.

Jeff works hard to be an asset to the Firm and our clients. He is thankful and excited to go to work every day and to have the opportunity to help you resolve your legal issues.

## CONTACT INFO & ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#1 If you would like to learn more about a specific topic of interest feel free submit your request to [office@elittlejohnlaw.com](mailto:office@elittlejohnlaw.com) or send your request in by mail to 352 Main Street, Wintersville, Ohio 43953.

#2 Our promise to you is that while we are working on your case, we don't take inbound phone calls or emails. **Edward takes no inbound unscheduled phone calls, unless it's an emergency.** It makes him much more productive and helps get your case resolved faster. You can always call the office at 740.346.2899 and schedule an in-person or phone appointment, usually within 24-48 hours. This is a lot better than the endless game of "phone tag" played by most businesses today. Remember, too, that email is "quick," but is checked no more than twice a day. Replies are then scheduled into the calendar. So if it's really important, don't email – call the office instead.

#3 Referrals are much appreciated and welcomed. If you know anyone who might benefit from our services, please pass along their name and we'll get our Free Resources out to them immediately. We would be grateful for the opportunity to work with some of your friends, co-workers, colleagues, and associates. And we promise to give them the special care and attention they deserve.

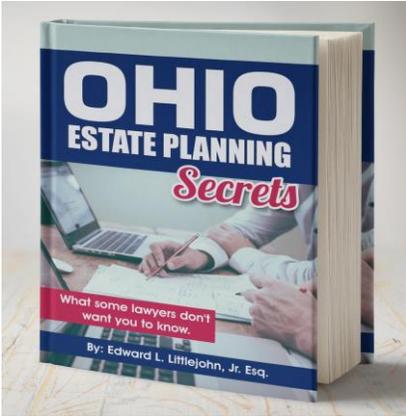
#4 This newsletter is for informational purposes only and no legal advice is intended. Be sure to consult with this law firm if you have a specific question about your situation.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Yours Truly,

*Edward L. Littlejohn, Jr.*

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*Happy Birthday to all the February Birthdays!*

*Enjoy your special day!*

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