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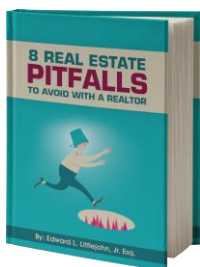
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HAPPY NEW YEARS!

It’s the start of another Year, where did 2017 go? It seems just the other day, we were planning out our 2017 calendar year and now it’s 2018. I know every year people start with tons of New Year’s Resolutions about changing this and giving that up. This Year I challenge you to develop a New Habit each month for the next 12 months. And studies have shown that all it takes is 21 days to make a new Habit, so if you’re an over-achiever, then you could make 17 new Habits this year.

Every year, around this time I take some time to do some reflecting. As you know, Kellee and I have had the privilege of bringing our daughter Kyzlee into the world. But with that comes the responsibility of teaching her the fundamentals of sound character and good judgment. This is a tremendous responsibility encapsulates the need for personal initiative. I’ve realized the, even more now, that we must strive to set a good example for her to follow. And that even when we think she’s not watching or listening she is – even at 6 months old.

So, this year, I challenge you to make a New Habit each month and to strive to set a good example for others all year long. Certainly, you will make mistakes, but if you always strive to do your best, others will remember it and treat you accordingly. **Because all you can do is all you can do and all you can do is be your best!**

Happy New Year. May 2018 bring you Joy and Happiness

“Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.” – Oprah Winfrey

Tip of the Month – Protect Your Children from the Unthinkable

As a new father, I've had to think about taking care of my wife and daughter in the event that something happens to me so that we can avoid unthinkable events. And in the event of the death of one or both parents, and without advance legal planning, unthinkable events can and do take place:

- Your children could be placed into the care of Child Protective Services and, even though it would very likely only be temporary, you never want your children in the arms of strangers. Note even for a minute. OR
- Your children could be put into the custody and care of someone you would never want, like that one family member who has good intentions, but you'd never want raising your kids.

If something happens to one or both parents...

- A judge who doesn't know you, or your family, will decide who will raise your kids, even if it's the last person you would ever want.
- Your family could get into a long, drawn out custody fight or there could be a challenge to the guardians you have designated.
- Up to 3% of the value of your assets could be lost to court costs and other unnecessary fees through the probate process, court process that can tie up your assets for years and deprive your kids of the resources they need to live comfortably, which can totally be avoided with advance legal planning.
- When your kids turn 18, they get a check for whatever assets are left. There are unscrupulous people out there who make it their business to look at the public records to find out when 18 year olds are getting that inheritance check.
- Yes, these situations scare us too! That's why we've created a Kids Protection Plans for families with minor children. *Which is different than the Living Will based Plan.* If you have a Living Will you may want to update it with one of our Kid Protections Plans.

If you have minor children, then you should contact us at 740.314.4829 about the *Common Mistakes Most Parents Make when Naming Guardians and the questions that you should be Asking when considering someone as a guardian for your loved ones.* As one of my mentors says, "you don't know, what you don't know" so contact us for a Free Telephone Consultation Today.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH – BACON WRAPPED DATES STUFFED WITH BLUE CHEESE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1-pound sliced bacon, cut in half
- 1-pound pitted dates
- 4 ounces blue cheese



DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
- Slice dates in half, and open them up. Pinch off pieces of blue cheese, and place them into the center of the dates. Close the halves of the dates, and wrap a half-slice of bacon around the outside. Secure each one with a toothpick. Arrange in a baking dish or on a baking sheet with sides to catch any grease.
- Bake for 30 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the bacon is crisp. Turn dates over after the first 20 minutes for even cooking.

WHAT'S NEW WITH ME AND MY OWN

We're practicing what we preach. One of our New Habits as an office is to not only work by, but to live by our core values. One of our core values is to "Do What we say We're going to Do." This is something that we strive to do each and every single day and we expect that the people we deal with will do the same thing.



We hope that everyone had a Great Christmas, we sure did... It was nice having a few days off and spending quality time with my family.

Edward and Kellee were busy helping Kyzlee celebrate her first Christmas. She had a ton of fun, especially trying to eat the wrapping paper and play with her new toys. It was a great first Christmas for me and my family.



Jeff hanging out with Ally at a Christmas play. Here in less than one month they'll both be saying "I Do" so they've been running around getting everything ready for their big day on January 27th 2018.



And the winner of the **Christmas Lights and Decorations** contest is Cassandra and her family. They had Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Snoopy, Santa and over 5,000 lights.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – UPCOMING LJ LAW VIP EVENTS

January 10th 2017 at 5:00 pm at Littlejohn Law – Buying a Business vs. Starting a Business Small Biz Seminar – Perfect for those who are new to business and looking to avoid pitfalls.

February 7th 2017 – “Deal or No Deal” How to evaluate a Real Estate Transaction and How to buy a foreclosure – Perfect for the real estate investor looking for an Edge.

March 14th 2017 – Trust Frequently Asked Questions & What are your duties as a Trustee.

If you see a seminar that's interesting for you or your family be sure to pre-register by calling 740.314.4829. We'll send you more information as we get closer to the meeting, but only to those who have pre-registered.

CONTACT INFO & ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#1 Our promise to you is that while we are working on your case, we don't take inbound phone calls, emails, or pop-ups **Edward and Jeff take no inbound unscheduled phone calls or appointments, unless it's an emergency.** It makes them 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.

#2 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.

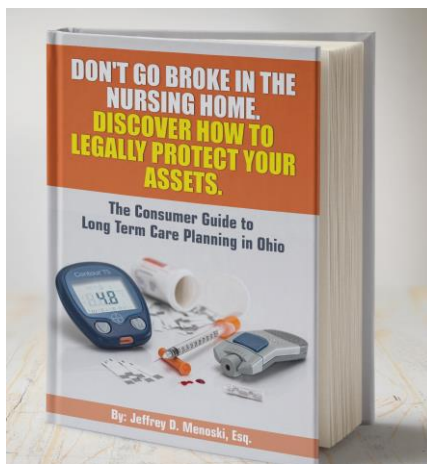
#3 This newsletter is for informational purposes only and no legal advice is intended. Be sure to consult with this law firm if you have a specific question about your situation.

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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Check us out at www.elittlejohnlaw.com. If you know anyone who may be in need of legal advice feel free to give them our telephone number or visit our website to get their legal questions answered.

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Happy Birthday to all the January Birthdays!

Enjoy your special day!

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