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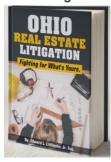
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FALL IS OFFICIALLY HERE

We're three weeks into the Professional Football Season and four weeks into college football. One thing I love about football is the fact that on each team they have "play makers." Someone, who everyone else looks to and they make it happen. Play makers "see the opportunity" every play every down. And that reminds me of a chapter in the book the "Richest Man in Babylon" about the goddess of good fortune.

In the book, many people gather around to hear stories. In this particular story, everyone was concerned with their ability to have good luck at the gaming tables and the race tracks, but what about the other opportunities that were presented in their daily lives. One day a traveler met a goat farmer. And the goat farmer was given the opportunity to purchase quality goats at a less than market value price, but because he was too tired, from a long day of work, he decided to "sleep" on it. The next morning the traveler went into town and sold the goats for 4 times its value, while the goat farmer was asleep.

These are the opportunities that we should be taking advantage of. The ones that are present in our daily lives. What opportunities are you missing?

Make it Happen!

"That is one of the tricks of opportunity. It has a sly habit of slipping in by the back door, and often comes disguised in the form of misfortune, or temporary defeat. Perhaps this is why so many fail to recognize opportunity." – Napoleon Hill

Tip of the Month – Two celebrity deaths - McCain and Franklin. Two different Estate Planning Outcomes - total chaos and flawless execution.

In August, singer Aretha Franklin died at the age of 76 years old, without a Will. Which means her 4 sons will inherit her property, but only after a long public Probate Process. And since she was married twice and since then divorce it may result in fighting among families, lawyers, and others especially when it comes to royalties from music rights. And based on Court Documents filed with the Probate Court, Ms. Franklin's niece was appointed to be the personal representative of the estate, so she'll be entitled to some part of the estate as well.

So, what could Aretha Franklin have done? The simplest and probably the easiest would have been to have a Will designating who she wanted to handle her estate and how she wanted it to be handled. Now, this would eliminate the mess of trying to figure out who the heirs are and who should receive a piece of the Estate, but what it doesn't do is keep the matter private.

In order to keep her finances private and avoid the Probate process altogether, she needed a Trust either a revocable trust or an irrevocable trust. A Trust would have kept all of her finances private and distributed to her beneficiaries as she wished.

This is very different than John McCain's death. John McCain, a US Senator, died at the age of 81, his funeral was public and from the TV we learned that he planned out all the details. But what we don't know about is his finances and how is assets are being distributed. It's almost as if he didn't have anything to leave to his loved ones... but we know that's just not the case. If I had to guess, John McCain had an Estate Plan – one that included a Will, Advanced Healthcare Directives (think Healthcare Power of Attorney), a Durable POA, and a Trust.

If Littlejohn Law was her law firm, we would have set her up with a Revocable Living Trust, which would allow her to have control over her assets and at the same time make sure that the matter truly remains private. We would have planned everything out so that it seemed like she didn't have any assets to provide to her loved ones – all while knowing that her assets were promptly in the hands of her loved ones.

Who do you want your Estate to be like McCain's or Franklin's?

What do you want to leave behind for your loved ones a mess or a flawlessly executed plan?

Call 740.314.4829 to get your Free Estate Plan Review including your detailed written analysis.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH – ADRIENNE'S SKILLET CHICKEN FAJITAS

INGREDIENTS:

For the Chicken Fajitas

- 1 pound Chicken Breasts, sliced thinly
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro or parsley
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

• Juice of half a lime

For the Peppers and Onions

- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 of a yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon salt

Directions:

- 1. In a large bowl combine all of the chicken fajita ingredients minus the lime juice and the pepper and onion ingredients.
- 2. Toss the chicken in the marinade until coated, cover and refrigerate for 15-30 minutes. I like to marinate mine overnight the night before.
- 3. Preheat your skilled over medium high heat with the 2 teaspoons of the oil.
- 4. When the skillet is hot add peppers, onion, chili powder, and ½ teaspoon of salt. Sauté the peppers and onion for about 4 minutes until they have softened. Remove the peppers and onions from the skillet and set aside.
- 5. Add in the chicken fajita mixture and sauté until it is cooked through. Add the peppers and onions back into the skillet and add the juice of half a lime. Cook everything for another minute or two then serve.
- 6. Serve on tortilla with whatever toppings that you like.

Enjoy!

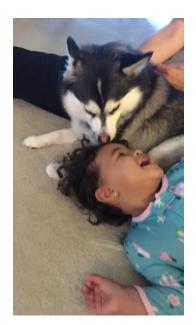
WHAT'S NEW WITH ME AND MY OWN



Kellee and Kyzlee are celebrating Courage's 3rd Birthday. On September 7, Courage turned 3 years old. I think his favorite thing to do is run from Kyzlee. Although Courage looks like a wolf, he's part husky and part pomeranian.

Happy Birthday Buddy!

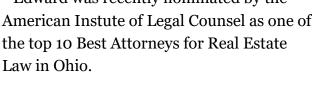
Now if I could just get Kyzlee to stop pulling his tail and laughing everthing would be great!





Jeff's been busy enjoying football with his in-laws and getting ready for hunting season. Oh and did I mention that Jeff and Ally have a new kitten around the house?

Edward was recently nominated by the American Instute of Legal Counsel as one of the top 10 Best Attorneys for Real Estate



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Re: Real Estate Law "10 Best Attorney" Selection for Ohio

Dear Mr. Littlejohn Jr.,

Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that you have been selected for Membership as one of the "10 Best Attorneys" for Ohio.

The American Institute of Legal Counsel (AIOLC) is an impartial third-party Attorney rating and invitation only legal organization recognizing excellence of practitioner in the field. You have made the exclusive list of the "10 Best Attorneys" for Ohio for Client Satisfaction in the practice area Real Estate law. This is a significant achievement as each Attorney must:

- Be formally nominated by the Institute, clients, and/or a fellow Attorney;
- Have attained the highest degree of professional achievement in his or her field of law; and
- Have an impeccable Client Satisfaction rating.

American Institute was created in 2014 with an innovative idea that our organization could save time, energy and effort for those who are looking for the most qualified attorneys in their area and at NO COST to the consumer. Our rating system helps clients throughout the United States make educated decisions when it comes to choosing their Attorney. Membership is exclusive and extended only to those select few who have reached the top of their profession while doing so with the client's satisfaction being of the most paramount importance. Some States depending on size and population density may be broken up into City or Region to be more applicable to potential new clients. We are happy to notify you that you have been selected as Ohio's 10 Best Attorneys!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – UPCOMING LJ LAW VIP EVENTS

Remember that these <u>seminars</u> and <u>conference</u> <u>calls</u> <u>are</u> **Free**. That's right there is no charge, we just ask that you pre-register so that we make sure there's enough seating or room on the calls. We want to make sure that people make good decisions with their legal situations.

October 10th 2018 – Teleconference Call – Joint Property ... Is sharing ownership with your children a good idea? And How does it work?

November 14th **2018 – Teleconference Call** – *Advanced Real Estate Investing Tactics*. Perfect for Flippers and Investors to learn about funding strategies with Real Estate IRAs.

November 18th 2018 – Presenting a Greater Akron Business Summit –Real Estate Investing Strategies for New Investors.

December 12th **2018** – Meeting – Client Appreciation Dinner – The Probate Process and Medicaid Asset Protection Strategies.

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. Also, if you have a Topic that you would like to learn more about, be sure to attend one of our seminars or teleconferences. Send your Email requests to Office@elittlejohnlaw.com.

CONTACT INFO & ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#1 More Changes coming to Littlejohn Law Soon. Be on the look out for the Exclusive Client Portal, which gives you 24/7 access to any new developments in your case.

#2 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 740.314.4829 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.

#3Referrals 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.

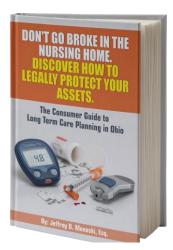
I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Yours Truly,

Edward L. Littlejohn, Gr.

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Check us out at **www.littlejohnlawllc.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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Enjoy your special day!

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