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If you provide care for a loved one, own a business, or simply manage the financial health of a family member then you truly understand and appreciate the value of a good CPA.

Our office relies on outstanding CPAs that we work with at The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC - Alicyn McLeod, Susan Barnes,

Gary Fortier, Neil Galanti, Joel Shapiro.

We are so grateful for these very thoughtful, and knowledgeable CPA's who dedicate their financial excellence to our clients to ensure the best financial future for everyone who comes into our office.

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the financial possibilities and to learn how you can receive tax-free benefits for your family and income for life.

To Your Health And Happiness,

Victoria L. Collier

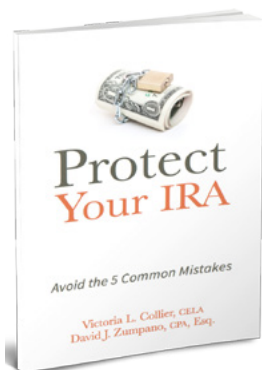
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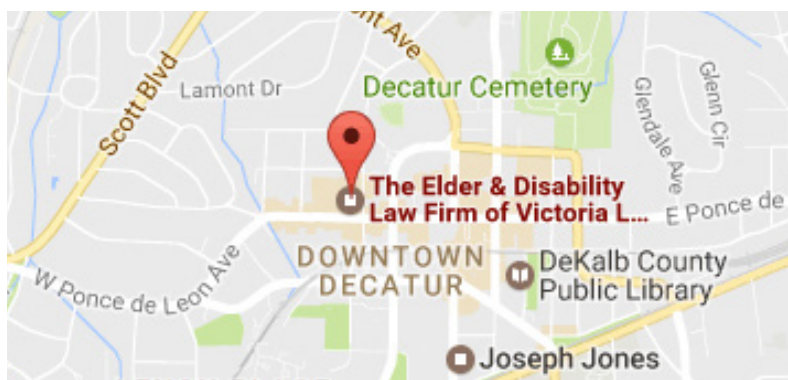
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New Secretary of VA To Lead Department Recovery

The aging VA system is in major need of improvement, and the Trump administration is hopeful that David Shulkin is the right person to get Veterans the assistance that they need. The Senate confirmed Shulkin as the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs.

Shulkin will look to bring the wait times down to see a doctor, an issue that rightfully received major scrutiny in 2014 after Veterans Affairs internal investigations concluded that 35 people died waiting to receive medical attention.

Secretary Shulkin described the problems of the VA during past administrations in an interview.

"The problems in the VA are not necessarily about money. When I look back at the problems of the VA over the past decade, this is fundamentally a system that hasn't kept up with modernization in the way that the rest of healthcare in the private sector has." Shulkin said.

Shulkin's department is currently deciding the most effective way to address the conflict of bringing the medical records of millions of Veterans in a streamlined way.

The VA department is turning to commercial providers for its hospital records system if the agency decides it needs one.

Despite the current hiring freeze for government jobs, Secretary Shulkin is working to establish



exemptions to fill 45,000 job vacancies within the department.

A major point of concern for Shulkin is to keep the Veteran's Choice program, so veterans have the access to available specialists who are close by, and can avoid long wait times.

Veteran's Choice will expire in August, and Shulkin is working with Congress to renew the act that allows Veterans to continue to seek care outside of the system.

The Elder Law & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC provides guidance to Veterans and widows of veterans. Victoria L. Collier, CELA wrote a book that's available on Amazon.com called *47 Secret Veterans' Benefits for Seniors...Benefits You Have Earned but Don't Know About*.

Visit **ElderLawGeorgia.com** or give us a call at 404-370-0696 to learn the best solution for long term care that best suits your family.

New Special Needs Opportunities

People with disabilities can now create their own trusts! Now the majority of people with disabilities can actualize a more complete financial freedom with their ability to acquire a trust.

The Special Needs Trust Fairness Act nulls a law that was put in place in error, which discriminated against people with special needs when it came to acquiring a trust, and therefore allows a person in this circumstance to take more control over their own lives.

If you or a family member has special needs, it can be difficult to make financial plans. Before the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act a person with disabilities who did not have a living parent or grandparent was forced to spend time and money to go to court and have a judge approve their trust.

Aside from the time and expense, it was degrading for an otherwise capable person to depend on others for this task.

Now, beneficiaries of special needs trusts who have disabilities can protect the access of the funds that they inherit, or are granted in the courtroom, without having to sacrifice their essential needs-based government disability benefit. The Special Needs Trust Fairness Act allows people with disabilities to take their financial power and freedom back, without their accounts shrinking from taxation and funds



Celebrating renewed legal rights for loved ones with disabilities

for public benefits. As a firm that focuses on maximizing a person's independence, we want to ensure that there isn't anything holding you or your loved ones back from fully experiencing the liberty and freedom that you deserve.

At the Elder & Disability Law Firm we're committed to ensuring that nobody is discriminated against because of their ability, and our staff is incredibly qualified to assist you with Special Needs Trust Planning. Our Senior Associate Kimberly Partain (licensed in Alabama) specializes in making sure that your family is legally and financially protected.

We're here to help provide you with the necessary guidance you need in order to service any of your needs when it comes to trusts.

Visit **ElderLawGeorgia.com** to learn more about the freedom that you're entitled to.

ATTEND OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

404-370-0696 Call Our Office To Register
Or Ask About Our Events

5/18

@ 10:30 am – Our office will host CPA Alicyn McLeod at our office to present Trusts and Taxes – a workshop that explores how your legal trust plan impacts your taxes.

5/18

NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO DECIDE!

@ 1pm-4pm Please call to RSVP.

A medical crisis can happen at any time, at any age. If a medical crisis occurs, what aspects of your healthcare are important to you?

Consider:

- Who will make medical decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself?
- Do you want life support?
- Do you want to donate your organs or not?

Discuss these things with people who are important to you.

FIRST

Download and fill out the Georgia Advance Directive for Health Care form here:

<http://bit.ly/2oQ9hzZ>

THEN

Bring your Advance Directive form to our office on May 18th from 1:00-4:00 to have it signed and witnessed. Law firm staff will be available to assist you and answer questions. Forms will also be available on this date, but we recommend that you download and review them ahead of time.

8/16

@ 10:30 am – Keith Nabb of Affordable Medicare Solutions will come to our office to host a Medicare seminar. He will teach you how to easily narrow down the thousands of Medicare plan combinations that you'll be able to analyze properly after the seminar. You'll learn which plans are best for not only your finances, but your health, and your lifestyle. Updates to Medicare in 2017 will be discussed, as well as how to prepare for the open enrollment season that begins in October.

Call 404-370-0696 Today to RSVP