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From The Desk of Victoria L. Collier, CELA

WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2018

Hello 2018!

Where does the time go? My children are in second grade and will be eight in March! This year has been one of growth for The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC, and we expect to expand *even more* in 2018.

Two More Offices

The Firm has established itself

as the preeminent Elder Care Firm, located in Decatur. So many of our clients drive from far distances to meet with us. To better accommodate our referral sources and clients, **we have opened satellite offices in Lawrenceville and Roswell**. Now we can better serve you in all three of the main counties of Atlanta – DeKalb, Gwinnett and North Fulton.

Concierge Attorney Services

We have been blessed to be invited to serve as the Concierge Attorney at two different independent living facilities. The Renaissance, located at 3755 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30319 and The Parc of Duluth located at 3315 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Duluth, GA 30096. In this issue

Did You Know?

1-on-1 Consultations Are Available To You

Our Team of Estate & Asset Protection Experts are here to help you or a loved one navigate the ever-changing and complex legal challenges that are forced on us as we get older.

Get your questions answered and gain the confidence you deserve. **Call us at 404-370-0696!**

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we will highlight The Renaissance and in the next newsletter we will highlight The Parc of Duluth. We understand that it is not convenient for many seniors to drive a distance to meet with a lawyer. Nonetheless, planning is so important to living independently. Thus, we are committed to being available in the community each month, at each facility, to meet with residents who want to be proactive in their planning so they can maintain a higher quality of life.

New Name

You may notice that we are changing our name to The Estate & Asset Protection Law Firm. We will continue to provide the same outstanding service to our clients, but are making our name more consistent with the planning we provide, which includes: Wealth Protection and Tax Planning for high net worth families; Asset Protection for business owners; Asset Protection for Government Assistance Programs (VA and Medicaid); and Protection from Probate.

In addition to the law firm changing its name, my other business, co-owned with Dr. Sabrina Scott, Collier Scott Financial Solutions, is changing its name to Red Feather Financial. A cardinal is often symbolic for the presence of the spirit of a loved one that has passed. At Red Feather Financial we want to hold the essence of why we assist people in both asset preservation and asset leveraging – to care for themselves while also leaving a legacy – a monetary presence of the spirit of a loved one.

New Team Members

As we grow to better accommodate our community, we have and will continue to add well qualified team members to the law firm. ***Currently the team members available to assist you are:***

- **Victoria L. Collier**, Certified Elder Law Attorney, CEO
- **Kimberly Partain**, licensed in Alabama, Client Services Coordinator
- **Shenique Raines**, Director of First Impressions
- **Jaina Reed**, Client Intake Specialist
- **Melanie Richardson**, licensed masters in social work, Client and Community Outreach
- **Dr. Sabrina Scott**, Interim Chief Operating Officer and Supervising Government Assistance Paralegal
- **Daphne Reiley**, Estate Planning Paralegal
- **Sherry Postell**, Medicaid Paralegal
- **Chris Ashcraft**, VA Benefits Paralegal

In 2018 we anticipate adding a Professional Legal Administrator, Associate Attorney, a second Client Services Coordinator, and a Sales and Marketing Director. If you know of anyone who would be a great fit to work with us to compassionately serve the needs of our clients, please encourage them to contact us.

Awards

The Friends of Gwinnett Seniors gathered on November 2, 2017 to present the Delivered with Heart Awards in eight categories for outstanding service to seniors in Gwinnett County. I am humbly honored to have received the award in the Financial/Legal Security category. It

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Concierge Estate Planning At the Renaissance on Peachtree

February 13th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

And On The 2nd Tuesday Every Other
Month from 9:00am - 3:00pm

Renaissance on Peachtree is one of Atlanta's longest serving luxurious senior living community offering high quality Independent and Assisted living amenity-rich environment.

The Renaissance on Peachtree has introduced a concierge estate planning service with Elder Law Attorney Victoria Collier. Victoria devotes an entire day every other month to meet with Renaissance residents, families, and friends to assist with the following services:

- Review of Estate Plans and Documents



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- Provide updates regarding current laws
- Discuss Asset Protection Plans
- Discuss Tax Free Long Term Care Plans
- Provide Second Opinions

Call Our Office At **404-370-0696** To Attend Our Upcoming Events!

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Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Concierge Estate Planning at the Parc Duluth, 3315 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Duluth, GA 30096

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Wednesday @ 2:00 to 4:00 – The Estate & Asset Protection Law Firm is hosting our 2018 Client Meeting and Social at our office, 315 W Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030. Join us and find out what's new at the law firm, hear about important legal updates including information about new Tax Laws, and get the latest on Hot Topics like Asset Protection of Digital Assets like Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. Stay for the Client Social and learn how you may have the opportunity to win a week-long vacation on Victoria!

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The Estate & Asset Protection Law Firm will be participating in the Aging Well for Seniors Conference Series at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth.

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means a lot when the community recognizes the heart and effort our team puts into the work we do.

Family

We work with families every day. Many of them going through struggles related to decline in health and increased need for care. I hear and see regret in so many voices and faces. People catching up on relationships they didn't have time for before. It makes me reflect on my relationships. Am I truly there for my children, my mother? So, in 2018, I am taking my mother on a trip to remember – to Italy! I can't share all the details here (because my mother reads this and there will be an element of surprise for her), but I am really looking forward to it and will share more at the end of this year. How can you make closer connections with the ones you love in 2018?

Protect Your Bitcoin!

My what? No doubt that by now you have heard of the Bitcoin and other cryptocurrency's craze. But what is it and what does it mean to you?

Bitcoin, Ethereum, and a host of other cryptocurrencies are being developed as an alternative currency to cash. The craze was born out of the lack of confidence in government regulated fiat currencies and the desire for ultimate privacy. While some cryptocurrencies are solely used for money transactions, others have "smart contract" functionality, which takes the middlemen

(like lawyers) out of the process, saving money while preserving privacy.

Mainstream media is warning everyone that the digital currency craze, especially Bitcoin, is a bubble that is going to burst. After all, Bitcoin went from a value of about \$1,000 at the beginning of 2017 to currently hovering between \$16,000 - \$17,000 (for one Bitcoin) in value in December 2017. My Delta bus driver was reading a book about it. My 93 year old client has invested (speculated) in it. At a dinner party recently, the attendees (mostly in their late 50's, early 60's) were invested or interested in it.

I'm not here to give an opinion on whether I think you should or should not put your money into cryptocurrencies. What I do want to make you aware of is that if and when you do, these assets are probate assets. If you have done planning to avoid probate, your cryptocurrency holdings will undo your plan unless you do additional specific planning to further avoid probate. If that is you, please contact us so that we can get you back on the right legal track while protecting your Bitcoin.

To Your Health And Happiness,



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