WE ARE HERE TO HELP! BY BEN KINIRY, ESQ.

I hope your family is safe and well.

The New Normal: Like most businesses, due to safety concerns over COVID-19, we have transitioned most of our team to working remotely and are now conducting our client meetings either telephonically or via various online video meeting applications such as FaceTime and Zoom.



Here to Help: All of us at Laboe & Tasker are keenly aware that the current COVID-19 environment has people concerned about becoming

ill, or a loved one contracting the virus and maybe even succumbing to it. This reality has many of us thinking about the need to create an estate plan or to update an existing plan. I want you to know that we are making ourselves available to move quickly to accomplish these services on behalf of our clients (and new clients as well).

Other Ways We Can Assist: Though most of the articles I write focus on the many reasons for establishing an appropriate Estate Plan, you will want to be aware that Laboe & Tasker also assists clients in the following types of matters and practice areas:

- Elder Law/Elder Abuse and Neglect
- Probate Law/Probate and Trust Administration
- Beneficiary's Rights under Wills and Trusts
- Special Needs Trust/Disability Planning
- Conservatorships/Guardianships
- Asset Protection/Medicaid Planning and Applications
- Real Estate Matters
- Establishing Business Entities/Ongoing Concerns
- Retirement Account "Stretch" Trust
- Litigation Involving any of our Practice Areas



Contact Us: Please feel free call us and to share the firms contact information with anyone you believe may need our specialized services. If you are not sure we are the correct firm to assist you, err on the side of caution and call to find out. As a rule, initial inquiry calls are at no cost to you. Even if we are unable to assist you, we can often direct people to someone with the necessary skills to do so.

Education: Just ask any of my clients and I am fairly certain they would tell you I have the heart of a teacher. I know this as clients often comment on how enthusiastically I teach them about the topic of estate planning. Given my desire to educate, I'm offering my time to any group or organization that would like to hold a Zoom meeting to discuss the topic of Estate Planning (or other topics). If you are interested, then please contact me at **bkiniry@laboelaw.com.**

Important Update: The CARES Act (the "Act") waives the required minimum distribution rules for certain defined contribution plans and IRAs for calendar year 2020. This provision provides relief to individuals otherwise required to withdraw funds from such retirement accounts.

Additional Updates: If you would like to receive similar updates on information that is important to most of our clients (not just on COVID-19), please send a request to me at **bkiniry@laboelaw.com**.

Stay safe and healthy!

ON AGING - WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT? By Donna Deos

I know right now the world has gone in a very scary and different direction. By now, you all know that I tend to be a "Pollyanna" or a "Glass half full" type of person. So, this should come as no surprise to you that I want to take us in a positive direction. Yes, even with everything else out there being doom and gloom, I know I can still do this. You can too.

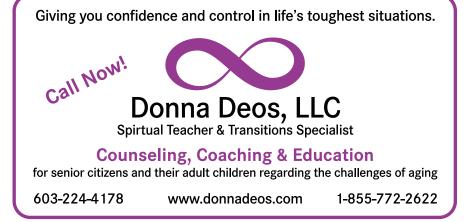


You see, right now we are all be-

ing given the opportunity to see what is really most important in life. It's not actually being alive, but rather what you do with the life you have while you have it. I know being stuck at home doesn't necessarily look like a positive, but it is. We can now turn off all of the noise. We can stop rushing and going and doing. We can leave the distractions behind. We can take time to truly look at ourselves and each other. What do you see? Do you see all of the people in your life that you cherish? Have you been reaching out to them? Have you been checking on them to make sure they are okay? Of course you have.

The big lesson we are all learning right now is that love is what is most important. At the end of the day it is the best thing we have. All of the stuff, all of the things to do and places we think we have to go don't really matter. What matters is the people in our lives that love us and that we love back. It's that simple.

So, please, stop dwelling on what you cannot do right now and where you cannot go and who you want to blame for that. Instead, try



focusing on what makes you happy and who makes you happy. Devote your time and energy to them. That's where the real payoff is.

Right now families are getting the change to be together! You can play games! You can actually talk to one another. You have the chance at true quality time where no one can rush off to this or that or put someone or something else first. This is a gift. When today's kids grow up they will look back on this time and say "remember that time we all got to be together for a whole month? That was great. When can we do that again?" This is the time to grow the love and the memories because that is what is really important.

Wishing you all good health and happy memories.

Blessings, Donna

