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**Dear Jacqueline D.,**

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Byrd & Byrd email newsletter! We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and find helpful information along with the latest news from Byrd & Byrd. Happy Reading!



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## Speed Camera Lawsuit

Did you see someone familiar on the news recently and say to yourself, "where have I seen that guy before?" Well, you may have seen Mr. Timothy Leahy, attorney from Byrd & Byrd, on Fox 5 News and didn't even know it. Mr. Leahy, a friendly face often spotted at the annual BowieFest, is also a very busy attorney these days. Especially with a new speed camera class action lawsuit filed against Riverdale Park.



Media coverage is picking up this story and you may even know someone who has even been affected by this case. So take a look at what's been going on and how Fox 5 broke the news (<http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/19210755/lawsuit-accuses-riverdale-park-of-speed-camera-fraud>). For more information, check out our [website](#) and read how this story has been reported by the Washington Times, the Washington Post, and WTOP.

If you or someone you know may have received a fraudulent ticket from Riverdale Park, please contact our office by [email](#) or by phone (301-464-7448)

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**Byrd & Byrd Voted Best Attorney in Bowie 2 Years in a Row!**

## August is Make-a-Will Month

Do you and the members of your family have appropriate estate planning documents? Did you know that August is Make-a-Will month? That means there is no better time than now to finally execute your Last Will and Testament.

Call Byrd & Byrd today at 301-464-7448 to schedule an appointment to draw up your Last Will and Testament. We would love to help bring peace of mind to you and your loved ones.



### YouTube

#### Video of the Month

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Check out the video by clicking the following link.

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#### Testimonials

"You've helped make Bowie a nicer place to grow old."

-T.M.  
Bowie, MD

"Preserving, protecting, and enhancing the quality of life in Prince George's County is dependent upon the interest and involvement of our residents. It is evident from your background that you recognize the importance of service to our community."

-Rushern L. Baker, III  
PG County Executive

#### Senior Moments Publications

Jackie Byrd has published two books in recent years. *Senior Moments* and *Senior Moments 2*; both comprehensive and

## Wii Bowling

### Just for Kids? Think Again



If you thought that Wii gaming system was just for kids, it's time to think again. The popular video game system by Nintendo is taking the senior community by storm. Many may be surprised to know how enthusiastically senior citizens have joined the electronic gaming world. Across America seniors are having a blast in front of the big screen.

The classic game of bowling, which can be played on the Wii by swinging a remote at the screen (mimicking the way a bowler rolls a ball), is one hot commodity. Wii Bowling offers many thrills, especially after bowling a virtual strike. From a health standpoint, Wii Bowling offers a new form of exercise, and more importantly, encourages seniors to step out of their comfort zone and try something new.

Many retirement communities and assisted living centers have transformed their common areas into an electronic-driven playground where players and spectators enthusiastically exchange tips and comments. Residents participate from the comfort of their wheelchairs or either stand or sit in a chair. Among the benefits of Wii Bowling are:

- Improving socialization skills - Encouraging conversations and cheering among players and spectators
- Stimulating brain functions - Concentrating on lining up the ball and determining speed of the ball
- Exercising coordination, balance and eye movement - Practicing eye and arm movement to coordinate the activity seen on the screen
- Building friendships and camaraderie among residents - Benefiting from the overall emotional stimulation from sport competition, spectator participation and after-game discussion
- Assisting in physical rehab - Stimulating blood circulation and breathing to rejuvenate energy after surgeries

Believe it or not, there is actually a nationwide Wii Bowling league for Seniors - the National Senior League (NSL). Incorporated in 2009, the NSL produces and manages national, state and local Wii bowling championships for senior communities. Teams Wii bowl in their communities once a week for 7 weeks in a league format against opponents from all over the U.S. followed by 3 weeks of playoffs to determine champions in 5 divisions. The NSL provides schedules and league standings, keeps team and individual statistics, provides a webpage for each team, recognizes top performances

and gives out awards.

Who ever said you have to grow up? Check out the YouTube Video of the Month for another benefit to virtual Wii Bowling.

## Jackie's Senior Moments Column

[Check out the Byrd & Byrd Blog](#)

Seems the fight over whether it's possible to legislate morality is not limited to the United States. Last year there was a proposal in China to pass an amendment to their 1996 law "Protection of the Rights and Interests of the Aged." Under the amendment, adult children would be required by law to regularly visit their elderly parents. If they do not, the parents can sue them, claiming a legal right to be physically and mentally cared for.

The New York Times quoted Ninie Wang, international director of the Gerontological Society of China: "I know the person who drafted this provision, and the first thing I told him was 'really nice move.' The whole society needs to start seeing that we need to give the elderly more care and attention."

Like here, concerns about how to care for the elderly are growing as the nation's population rapidly ages. China has 167 million citizens over age 60, half of whom live alone without children and 20 million of whom cannot take care of themselves. By 2050, demographers say that one in four Chinese will be 65 or older. Decades of China's one-child policy have left fewer workers supporting more elderly relatives.

(This is simply a preview - to read the whole article, please visit the [Byrd & Byrd blog](#).)

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We mentioned that Wii Bowling can be a beneficial means of exercise. The following video supports our assumption and shows that even the best of bowlers can sometimes have a bad day.

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clearly written books for "Seniors and those who love them". They are based on weekly "Senior Moments" columns originally written for publication in the Bowie Blade-News of Bowie, Maryland and the Crofton News-Crier of Crofton, Maryland.

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Purchase Your Copy  
Today**  
[Senior Moments 2](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Bowie Health Center Health Fair September 22, 2012 (Saturday) 11:00am - 3pm**

Attorney Brian Ritter will speak on Social Security and when is the most advantageous time to sign up for it. This event located at the Bowie Senior Center has something for everyone, young and old, those in excellent physical health and those who need assistance with their physical *and* legal health. For more information, please call 301-618-6123 or 301-809-2026.

### **"Why Do I Need an Elder Law Attorney?" October 10, 2012 (Saturday)**

#### **HeartLands Assisted Living at Severna Park**

Jackie Byrd, Jessica Estes, and Brian Ritter will speak about various issues regarding your legal health at this upcoming speaking engagement.

### **Medicaid Seminar Mid-October Prince Frederick**

More information regarding this seminar to come. Please check our website for up-to-date information.

**If you are interested in having an Attorney from Byrd & Byrd speak to your organization, or at a special event, please contact us at 301-464-7448.**

#### **About Our Firm**

The Law Firm of Byrd & Byrd, LLC provides services in Elder Law and Construction Law, a rare combination that reflects the passion and life experience of its partners. The firm is also a general practice firm that manages issues of family law, personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice.

Known for building strong long-term relationships with our clients, the firm's attorneys excel at making complicated legal issues easier to understand. Whether assisting a contractor, subcontractor, builder or property owner with contract or construction litigation, or helping an elderly client find appropriate housing, apply for Medicaid eligibility, or execute powers of attorney, the firm

offers wise and experienced counsel and guidance.

### [Our Mission Statement](#)

Byrd & Byrd, LLC is dedicated to protecting and serving senior citizens and those who love them. Our key objective is to give our clients the gift of information, so that with their knowledge, they can achieve all the benefits that the law guarantees. We will always perform our mission in strict accordance to the law and the highest possible moral and ethical standards

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