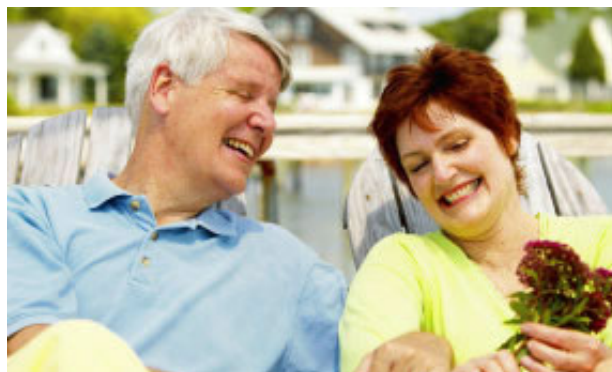




Byrd & Byrd, LLC

August 2014



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!

Time to Vote for Bowie's Best



It's that time of year again - time to vote for Bowie's Best. Byrd & Byrd is honored to have received the award for Bowie's Best Attorneys the last 4 years and we hope that we can make it 5! Join with us in our "drive for five" years in a row. If you would like to vote for us as the Best Attorneys in Bowie, please do so by following this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BowieBladeRC> or submitting your vote in response to the printed newspaper. (For online voting, the Best Attorney section is No. 3 in the Shopping & Services category.)

The Bowie Blade News Reader's Choice voting began on Thursday, August 28 and continues until September 21. The ballot will be in the Bowie Blade News and the Crofton-West County Gazette four times on Thursday, August 28; September 4, 11, and 18. Make sure you get your vote in!

Important Factors in Making a Last Will and Testament by Joshua Winger

Have you ever told yourself: "I need a Will", meaning a "Last Will and Testament"?

According to Gallup, only about half of Americans actually have a Will. If you pass away without a Will, the State has its own rules, which you may not like, to fill the holes.

There are many factors to consider for your Will. For example, there are two typical What do you think

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Byrd & Byrd Voted Best Attorney in Bowie 4 Years in a Row!



Tell Us What You Think

ways to give property by a Will: (1) specific bequests, meaning specific dollar amounts or belongings, such as jewelry or coin collections, to specific people; and (2) residuary estate, meaning distribution of your remaining probate estate by percentage to people or organizations you designate, after expenses, taxes and debts.

In your Will, you have much freedom to provide for loved ones, such as allowing one child to live in your home for the child's life before the home is sold. You also can create trusts for disabled beneficiaries, underage beneficiaries and beneficiaries with addiction problems.

You may nominate a guardian for minor children, provide for pet care, communicate detailed organ donation and funeral instructions and give your personal family mementos by a Will.

Bear in mind a Will generally only applies to property for which you are the last living owner and for which there is no directly-designated payable-on-death or transfer-on-death beneficiary.

Officially Open For Business in Calvert County

The law firm of Byrd & Byrd, LLC officially has an office in Calvert County. On August 7, 2014, the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and several business owners from around the county welcomed the attorneys of Byrd & Byrd to Southern Maryland by hosting a casual morning mingle and conducting the ceremonial ribbon cutting. The Byrd & Byrd office located at 30 Industry Lane in Prince Frederick is now open for business.



On Friday, September 26, 2014 in the afternoon, Byrd & Byrd will host an open house at the office located in Prince Frederick. We would love for you to stop by and meet our attorneys.

Nature and Nurture

Our "Byrds" (attorneys) flocked together down to the beautiful Billingsley House in Upper Marlboro once again this August for a chance to discuss business and see what the future holds. On their day long retreat, our attorneys embarked on a nature cruise of the Patuxent to enjoy the beautiful summer weather we have been having this year (see photo below). But don't worry, it wasn't all about nature - there was also some time for nurturing and strengthening the Byrd & Byrd cohesion that makes this law firm run so effectively.

Our attorneys say they are stronger than ever and ready to assist our clients in every way we can. So if you have been on the fence about calling your attorney with those nagging legal questions, now is the time. We are only a phone call away

would be a great new name for the Senior Moments column that is published weekly in the Bowie Blade-News?

Send in your suggestions or opinions to [this email](#) or telephone legal assistant, Bryce Blackford, at 301-464-7448 Ext. 111.

In two weeks, we will count the names and put the two with the highest votes up for a final decision by readers. If you don't want the name changed, feel free to tell us that, too. Thanks a lot!

YouTube Video of the Month

Here at Byrd & Byrd, we want to make the monthly newsletter enjoyable to read, attractive to view, and interactive for our readers. What better way to accomplish that than to post our favorite YouTube video each month.

Check out the video by clicking the following link.

[YouTube Video of the Month](#)

Testimonials

"From the very beginning, you were so kind in guiding me with regard to my [situation]. I could not have done it without your help"

-L.S.

Glen Burnie, MD

"We were nervous to talk about our estate planning matters, but [Byrd & Byrd] lessened the stress of a very

- 301-464-7448



Jackie's Senior Moments Column

To read Jackie's Senior Moments Column, please check out the [Byrd & Byrd blog](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Medicaid Monday
September 8th, 2014
Byrd & Byrd Office in Bowie, MD
5:30pm - 7pm

Attorney Jessica Estes will be hosting an informal seminar to discuss Medicaid on the second Monday of every month. We are calling these events "Medicaid Mondays". The next Medicaid Monday will be held on Monday, September 8th from 5:30 - 7pm at the Byrd & Byrd office in Bowie. Jessica will discuss the basics of Medicaid and answer any questions you may have. Light refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP](#) as space is limited to 10 per session.

Takeaway Thursdays
September 18th, 2014
Byrd & Byrd Office in Prince Frederick, MD
5:30pm - 7pm

On the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-7pm at our Prince Frederick office located at 30 Industry Lane, Attorney Brian Ritter conducts a casual and informative workshop on the basics of estate planning. These workshops are FREE and can help explain the in-and-outs of Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Estate Planning, and Probate. We are calling these workshops "Takeaway Thursdays" because we hope you takeaway valuable information on estate planning. Light refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP](#) as space is limited.

Byrd & Byrd Open House
September 26th, 2014

overwhelming situation. [Byrd and Byrd] are great attorneys and treated us like dear friends."

-L.J.
 Bowie, MD

Senior Moments Publications

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

Click Below to Purchase Your Copy Today
[Senior Moments 2](#)

Byrd & Byrd Office in Prince Frederick, MD 3pm - 5pm

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This month's YouTube Video goes hand-in-hand with the excerpt from Joshua Winger about making a Last Will and Testament. The YouTube video below is our very own! Taken from a radio interview on WNAV 1430, Joshua Winger explains, in more depth, the process for creating a Last Will and Testament. Hope you enjoy and learn something new.



Creating a Last Will and
Testament by Joshua Winger -
1430 WNAV Tips Segment

And if you have not already done so - subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) for more up-to-date information/media content.

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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