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## January 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the Byrd & Byrd email newsletter. We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and find helpful information along the way. Happy Reading. If you want more information about Byrd & Byrd, please visit our website by clicking the link below:

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### For 2016, Byrd & Byrd is rolling out our "5 @ 55" Red Carpet Campaign! Get on the Bandwagon



Contact us for more details, or read Jackie's Senior Moments Redux (below) for more information.

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### Senior Moments Redux by Jackie Byrd

How many readers just love going to the Doctor and getting a shot? Not many, I'll bet. However, we understand how horrible it is to come down with a case of the flu, so most of us agree that voluntarily getting a flu shot is the right step to take. We march right up there to take our place in line - an action by which we say "Give me a Shot."

Did you ever imagine, especially as a child, that you would ever utter those words?

Likewise, pre-planning and completing estate planning documents can function as a vaccine, so to speak, protecting you and your family against future legal problems.

Just as a doctor's office sees a steady stream of sick people all day long, our office is often filled with people who are tangled up in legal issues and challenges. It frustrates attorneys to no end that many of these issues could have been absolutely prevented if proper legal work had been done beforehand.

Is Jackie setting you up for a SHOT? To read the conclusion of *Senior Moments Redux*, [click here](#).

## SENIOR MOMENTS IS BACK!

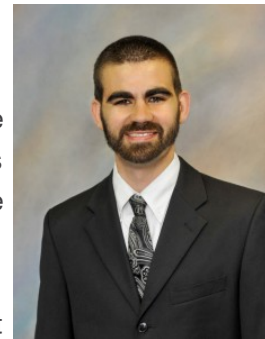
Please tell your friends and neighbors that the "Senior Moments" column, published for more than 15 years in the Bowie Blade-News is now being published in the B&B newsletter monthly. Forward this to a friend who may want to subscribe to our newsletter. Thanks!



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## Congratulations to Josh!!!

Joshua Winger, Byrd & Byrd Associate Attorney, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Anne Arundel Senior Provider Group. In this capacity, Josh will have even more opportunities to assist seniors in the quest to grow older safely, happily and inspired by possibilities!



To learn more about the Anne Arundel Senior Provider Group, check out their website at [www.seniorprovidergroup.org](http://www.seniorprovidergroup.org).

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## Tips for Landlords

by Joshua Winger

Do you have a rental property in Maryland? If so, there are important points to keep in mind to help reduce the chance a problem will arise with a tenant or, help you protect your interest if a problem has already started.

Above all else, make sure you have a signed, written lease with your tenant. Without a written lease, disputes between the landlord and tenant often arise simply because each side has a different understanding of what was agreed. With a written lease, when a problem later arises, the problem often ends quickly because each side often can look at the lease to determine the solution without having to go to Court. Also, certain provisions are required to be in some written leases in Maryland, so it is important that your written lease be well-prepared and an experienced attorney can help you do just that.

To read the rest of the tips that Josh has to offer, [read the full blog here](#).

## Jessica's New Article in "Outlook by the Bay"

"Estate Planning Maintenance" - check out what Jessica has to say in her latest article that was published in the [Winter 2016 edition of Outlook by the Bay](#). Her article is found on page 8 of the magazine.

## Helpful Retirement Resource Available

CFBP (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) has a wonderful retirement planning tool with regard to when it's best for you to sign up for your Social Security. Check it out at [www.consumerfinance.gov/retirement](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/retirement).

Read their five recommendations before you sign on the dotted line. This tool is also available in Spanish and is optimized for mobile devices.



### Medicaid Monday on February 8

On the second Monday of every month, Jessica Estes hosts a "Medicaid Monday" where she presents information to help you better understand the basic guidelines, requirements and process of Medicaid. This is a FREE informal seminar where you will be able to ask any questions you may have regarding Medicaid. Light refreshments will be provided at each event so we ask that you please RSVP as space is

limited. The next Medicaid Monday is February 8th from 5:30pm - 7pm. [RSVP by clicking here](#) or by calling (301) 464-7448.

## YouTube Video of the Month

Winter is upon us. As temperatures plummet and the chance of dangerous precipitation looms, our YouTube Video of the Month offers some advice for how to stay safe this winter season. Good advice... take a look.



## Testimonial of the Month

"Thank you for taking time to respond to all our family's questions. You have made [Medicaid Planning] and all the related issues so easy to understand. We feel like we are in very safe hands with Byrd & Byrd. Thanks again for all your help."

- C.K.

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