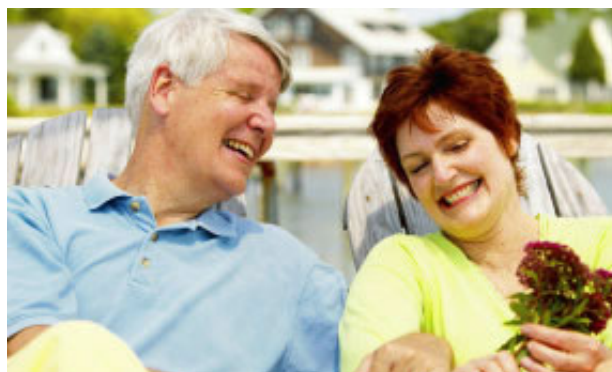


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**Dear Jacqueline D.,**

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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## **Our Meeting with Secretary Ted Dallas on Long Term Care Medicaid Issues**

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Jackie Byrd (right) and B&B elder law attorney Jessica Estes (left) met recently with Ted Dallas, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Resources (center), and two members of his staff

With the assistance of Senator Tom Middleton, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and our own Senator Douglas Peters, whose office arranged the meeting, Byrd & Byrd attorneys were able to meet with Secretary Dallas at the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis on March 7, 2013 to discuss ongoing issues regarding the timely and accurate processing of Long Term Care Medicaid applications. At issue were the caseworkers' lack of training and knowledge of the rules and regulations, as well as the lengthy timeframe for eligible individuals to obtain approval. Secretary Dallas provided helpful insight and in conjunction with the local departments, has instituted training programs for staff, as well as periodic assessments to test their knowledge. We at Byrd & Byrd are hopeful that these problems will be remedied soon.

## Workshop In Waldorf a Big Success

Even the "snowstorm" of March 6th could not dampen the success of the Free Workshop offered by Byrd & Byrd at Mimi's Cafe in Waldorf, MD. The March 6th workshop had to be rescheduled to March 14th due to snow, but there was little drawback for having to reschedule - nearly 60 attendees came out over two days to share a meal with Byrd & Byrd and learn how to preserve their family's assets.

Attorneys Jessica Estes and Brian Ritter explained the ins-and-outs of Estate Planning, Trusts, Medicaid, and Asset Preservation... and from the response received from the attendees, the presentation was very informative, helpful, and diligently put together.

If you were unable to attend the seminar but still have questions about your own estate planning or how you can preserve your hard-earned assets, please call our office today. Peace of mind is only a phone call away. (301-464-7448).

\*To learn about future workshops or seminars, please check [www.byrdandbyrd.com](http://www.byrdandbyrd.com) for a list of all upcoming events.\*

## Fun Facts About Peeps

It's Easter, and by now I'm sure you have seen your fair share of Peeps.... but I bet you didn't know all these fun facts about the delectable treat:

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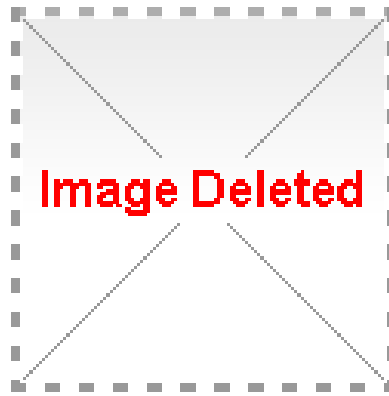
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### Testimonials

"[Byrd & Byrd] always took the time to thoroughly and clearly explain the process and procedures. I am especially grateful for [their] professional knowledge and calm, reassuring demeanor, which eased the anxiety of what would have otherwise been a very stressful process."

-T.B.  
Lanham, MD



In 1953, it took 27 hours to create one Marshmallow Peep. Today, it takes six minutes.

The first Peeps were squeezed one at a time out of a pastry tube and the eyes were painted on by hand. Now, machines create 3,500 Peeps' eyes per minute.

The Peeps factory makes more than 1 billion Peeps a year -- that's 4 million Peeps a day.

Americans will eat more than 600 million Marshmallow Peeps and Bunnies this Easter.

Until 1995, when lavender was added, Peeps only came in three colors: yellow, pink and white. Blue Peeps were hatched for Easter in 1998.

Each Peep has 32 calories (160 calories per five-chick serving) and 0 fat grams.

Yellow Peeps are the most popular, followed by pink, lavender, blue, then white.

During Easter, Peeps outsell jelly beans.

Check out our [YouTube Video of the Month](#) for more on how fascinating Peeps can be.

## **Jackie's Senior Moments Column**

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

### **[Intriguing Brain Device Similar to Heart Pacemaker](#)**

Did you see the news coverage of the latest Alzheimer's testing? Test subjects are receiving a brain device similar to a heart pacemaker and initial results appear positive.

Researchers at Ohio State University began in October 2012 to test deep-brain stimulation surgery to see if they can stave off the rapid decline of memory loss and other losses attributable to Alzheimer's Disease. The first patient, Kathy Sanford, experienced enough success that her results are the ones that ignited the news media interest.

Ms. Sanford had been diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's, and it was getting worse. She still lived independently, posting sticky notes around her house as reminders to herself. However, she could no longer perform her full-time job.

She underwent the five-hour operation necessary to implant the device, and scientists and doctors will track her for at least two years. This is an ongoing evaluation about which Doctors feel cautiously optimistic. The lengthy operation involves drilling holes into the patient's skull so tiny wires can be implanted into just the right spots.

In December, Johns Hopkins University here in Maryland became part of the study. The surgery is part of a federally funded, multicenter clinical trial marking a new direction in clinical research designed to slow or halt the ravages of the disease, which slowly robs its mostly elderly victims of a lifetime of memories and the ability to perform the simplest of daily tasks, researchers at Johns Hopkins say. Instead of focusing on drug treatments, many of which have failed in recent clinical trials, the research focuses on

"[Byrd & Byrd] showed a truly exceptional level of legal knowledge and patience with us in explaining how all these [estate planning] items work in terms we can understand."

-D. N.  
Laurel, 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.

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the use of the low-voltage electrical charges delivered directly to the brain.

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Peeps - Express Your Peepsonality

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### 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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