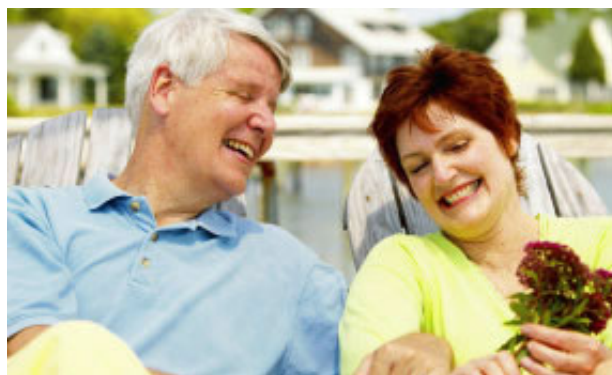


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**Dear Jacqueline D.,**

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!

## Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare's annual Open Enrollment period started October 15th. It ends December 7th.

The "open season" is the time period during which everyone with Medicare can change their health and prescription drug plans for 2014, if desired. You can switch coverage from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan, or vice versa. You also can switch your part D plan, which pays for medications. Any changes you make will take effect January 1, 2014.

Don't forget to check out the web site [www.benefitscheckup.com](http://www.benefitscheckup.com) to learn about changes to Medicare Part D and whether you may qualify for benefits that can help you pay for prescriptions, health care, household costs, and more.

More Medicare information will appear soon in Jackie's weekly column "Senior Moments" in the Bowie Blade-News.

## Bowie's Best Attorneys - 4 years in a Row!

We would like to thank all who voted for the Bowie Blade-News Readers Choice Awards. For the fourth consecutive year in a row, Byrd & Byrd has been named the Best Attorneys in Bowie. We are extremely grateful and honored to receive this award. We could not have done it without you!

Check out the newest 2013 winner logo to the right... and keep an eye out for the next Bowie-Blade which will have a special insert listing all winners for all categories.

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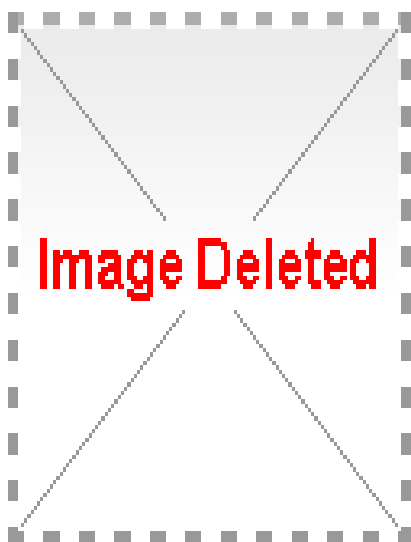
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## Byrds of a Feather



In front of the Billingsley House  
L to R: (Back Row) Brian Ritter, Tim Leahy, Joshua Winger & Toby Byrd. (Front Row) Jessica Estes and Jackie Byrd

Our "Byrds" flocked together down to the beautiful Billingsley House in Upper Marlboro for a chance to do some team building, set goals and discuss the future. It is easy to do those things in such a beautiful setting - the gorgeous brick Tidewater Colonial plantation house sits on 430 acres overlooking the Patuxent River. Who couldn't do their best work there?

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 - 301-464-7448.

## Crab Feast

Before summer officially came to a close, the Byrd & Byrd firm and their families took advantage of some beautiful weather and we had ourselves a good ole fashion crab feast. On a Saturday in September, we all traveled down to Southern Maryland to sit by the waters of the Potomac and enjoy each others company. We had a wonderful time. Here are some picture highlights from our crab feast.



Attorney Tim Leahy and son, James, canoeing on the Potomac

## YouTube Video of the Month

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Check out the video by clicking the following link.

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## Testimonials

"Your firm has been so great. You have helped turn a difficult decision into a comfortable decision I can make with confidence. Thank you."

-M.D.

Bowie, MD

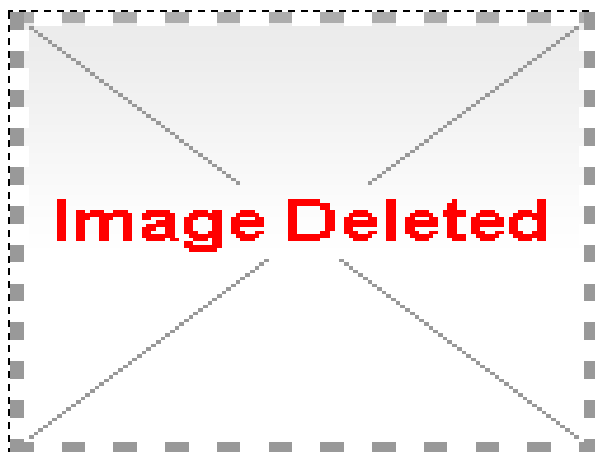
"I cannot fully express my thanks in a letter for all the services you have provided to my [family] over the years. Thank you for your kindness and support."

-M.V.

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## Senior Moments Publications

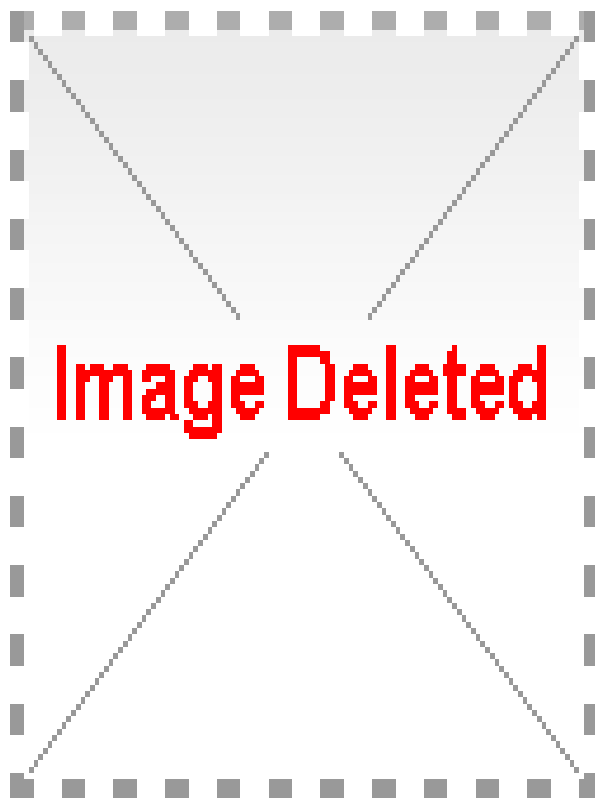
Jackie Byrd has published two books in recent years. *Senior Moments* and *Senior Moments 2*; both comprehensive and clearly written books for "Seniors and those who love them". They are based on weekly "Senior Moments" columns originally written for publication in the Bowie Blade-News of



Jackie and Toby's son, Jason, caught a stingray (skate) and the "beast" was netted by attorney, Tim Leahy. It might have weighed 20 to 30 pounds, but its weight kept increasing via fish stories until we aren't really sure! Last account had the skate weighing in at 80 pounds!! :)

Bowie, Maryland and the Crofton News-Crier of Crofton, Maryland.

**Click Below to  
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Today**  
[Senior Moments 2](#)



Firm grandbabies enjoy the tractor which was originally meant for transporting chairs and tables. Left to right: Dawson Blackford, Sammy Byrd, Luke Winger and Jason Byrd.

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

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

[\*\*A Look at the 40-70 Rule\*\*](#)

*There is something called the 40-70 rule. If you are age 40 and your parents are age 70, you should be having these conversations now...None of us can foresee the future, but we can be prepared*

The very practical and specific book by Dale C. Carter called *Transitioning your Aging Parent: A 5 step guide through crisis & Change*, is a God-send for children who are bewildered by circumstances and challenges surrounding the aging of their parents. The book will be incredibly helpful to adult children who have no idea where to turn and feel overwhelmed, unorganized and ignorant concerning what steps to take next. In his advance review quote, Steve Gurney, publisher of the *Guide to Retirement Living Sourcebook*, refers to this small book as an "invaluable life raft."

Author Carter, while successfully dealing with her own mom's transition from living independently to retirement community residency, developed the ADAPT method to guide others through the challenging process. The A in ADAPT stands for "Assess," the D for "discuss," the second A for "as a family," the P for "plan," and the final T for "transition."

To read this article in its entirety, please check out the [Byrd & Byrd blog](#).

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Remember playing dominoes as a little kid? Trying to see how many you could set up without accidentally knocking them over? Or using the stairs or a box to see if you could take your dominoes on an up-and-down adventure? Well, let's take a look at a domino artist who has mastered the skill and used his talent to remind us of some of our favorite children's movies:



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Construction Law for Public Projects Tuesday, October 29, 2013 Doubletree Hotel - 5485 Twin Knolls Road Columbia, MD

Toby N. Byrd will be speaking at a seminar in Columbia regarding Construction Law for Public Projects. Mr. Byrd will be giving a presentation on *Construction Claims and Damages* as well as *Dispute Resolution*. This is an event that you and your company do not want to miss. For more information or to register for this seminar, please visit [www.halfmoonseminars.com](http://www.halfmoonseminars.com) To get involved or for more information, please call 301-868-0937 or visit or call 715-835-5900.

**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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