

October 2015 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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Best Attorneys in Bowie

In October 2015, Byrd & Byrd LLC was voted the "Best Attorneys" in Bowie by the Bowie Blade-News Reader's Choice Awards. Readers from Bowie voted for their favorite businesses and services from around the area and Byrd & Byrd came out on top for the Best Attorneys. This marks the SIXTH year in a row that Byrd & Byrd has been crowned with this honor.



Thank you to all who voted for us and we will strive to serve our community even better in the years to come! Call us today at 301.464.7448 for a visit with the Best Attorneys in Bowie.

SENIOR MOMENTS IS BACK!

For almost fifteen years, Jackie wrote a column called "Senior Moments" for the Bowie Blade-News. In 2014, the Bowie Blade-News was purchased by Baltimore Sun Newspapers and, unfortunately, the Senior Moments column was discontinued.

Since that time, many clients, friends and readers have asked the newspaper and also Byrd & Byrd if the column would be written again and, if so, where it would appear. Today's news is that Jackie will be actively writing the column now called SENIOR MOMENTS REDUX and it will appear in the Byrd & Byrd monthly newsletter, and occasionally in other materials sent out from this office.

Please share the newsletter with other readers and let them know that Jackie's column is returning. Forward this to a friend who may want to subscribe to our newsletter. Thanks!



Senior Moments Redux Medicare Part B Premium Increase for 2016

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. - James Bovard, American author and lecturer, Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty, Palgrave Macmillan. 1995.

Got some extra money laying around that you need to spend to lighten your wallet? How about this suggestion?

Unless there is quick Congressional action, more than seven million people (nearly a third of all Medicare Part B beneficiaries) will pay a 52 percent increase in Part "B" premiums during 2016. Premiums will jump from 2015's \$104.90 to \$159.30 for individuals and to \$318.60 for married couples. For individuals whose incomes exceed certain thresholds, premiums could rise to anywhere from \$223.00 per month up to \$509.80 (or \$446 to \$1,019.60 for married couples) depending on their incomes.

To read the remainder of Jackie's article, please <u>click here</u>.

Announcement and Discount for Newsletter Readers

We look forward to working with you in the future, and providing our clients and the community with only the best legal services. Over the years, our attorneys have kept up with changes in the laws and have passed their valuable knowledge and expertise on to you through comprehensive documents and ever-evolving asset protection techniques.

With recent changes in the law and the increased time and effort devoted to each client and their specific requirements, beginning November 1, 2015, our fees will increase. Please know that we do not take changes like this lightly and we understand the impact this has on your planning; this is the first fee increase we have made since 2011. Because we value you as a client, we will honor our current fees through December 31, 2015 for anyone who mentions this newsletter announcement.

Byrd & Byrd, LLC Hosts the Bowie Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Byrd & Byrd had the honor of hosting the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce mixer on October 14, 2015. It was tons of fun... evidenced by the picture to the right. There you see President, Cathy Martin, and Executive Director, David Emanuel, chatting it up with a plethora of goodies to munch on.

GBCC mixers are held monthly at various venues around Bowie. It is rumored that attenders earned their frequent flyer wings at a recent mixer at the Freeway Airport in Bowie.



Community Feature: Comfort Inn Lunch Buffet

Our friends from the Comfort Inn in Bowie (4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716) host a wonderful lunch buffet at a reasonable price from 11:00am - 2:00pm (Monday thru Friday). The lunch buffet is within the hotel at their full service restaurant, Chessie's Chesapeake Grille. If you are looking to try something new for lunch, check out the Chessie's Chesapeake Grille in the Comfort Inn.

Jessica's Article in "Outlook by the Bay"

"Why Do You Need Long-Term Care Insurance?" - check out what Jessica has to say in her article that was published in the <u>Fall 2015 edition of Outlook by the Bay</u>. Her article is found on page 8 of the magazine.



Medicaid Monday on November 9

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 November 9th from 5:30pm - 7pm. RSVP by clicking here or by calling (301) 464-7448.

YouTube Video of the Month

Check out attorney Timothy Leahy of Byrd & Byrd talking about how he can help you and your

loved ones with their legal needs?



Testimonial of the Month

"The professionalism that [Byrd & Byrd] showed in handling a profound family tragedy was outstanding. [They] were kind enough to take me on and help me realize what had to be done. Thanks to Byrd & Byrd, I was able to pay estate taxes, distribute the estate to the appropriate heirs, and get the will through probate. I greatly appreciate the kindness I was shown by the staff of Byrd & Byrd. I would not hesitate to recommend your office to others in Bowie or the surrounding area in need of elder care services.

- L.B. of Bowie

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