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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.

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Byrd & Byrd, LLC in The 2010-2011 Guidebook



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The 2010-2011 Anne Arundel County Guidebook was recently published by Capital-Gazette Communications. The Guidebook is a publication that provides information for living and working in Anne Arundel County. Included in this publication was an advertisement from Byrd & Byrd, LLC, which is located on page 14. If you live in or visit Anne Arundel County frequently, make sure to pick up your copy of the Guidebook and promote Byrd & Byrd to your friends and family in Anne Arundel County.

Byrd & Byrd, LLC is also available in the online directory of the Hometown Annapolis website. Be sure to check it out by clicking the logo above or the link [here](#).

Hooray for Gramps and Granny! Social Media Skyrockets Among Baby Boomers

Did you know that the fastest growing demographic making use of social

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Attorney Profile



Jessica L. Estes

Jessica L. Estes joined Byrd & Byrd as an

media websites, like facebook and twitter, are those ages 50 and older?



A study published in August, 2010 reported that between April of 2009 and May of 2010, social networking among those ages 65 and older doubled from 13% to 26%. **That is a 100% increase in one year!** For those ages 50-64, their social networking use grew 88%. This study also found that 1 in 5 (20%) of adults ages 50-64 use social networking on a daily basis. Although young adults still make up the majority of those using social networking, those over 50 are the fastest growing demographic using social networking.

So Congratulations to those ages 50 and beyond! You are conquering new age technology and changing the face of social media!

Renewing Your Driver's License

Some states no longer notify their residents of when their driver's licenses expire. Although Maryland is not one of those states, it is always good to be reminded of various to-do's that can sneak up rather quickly.

Marylanders renew their driver's licenses every five years and must have a valid Maryland driver's license at all times if you are a resident of Maryland and are driving a vehicle. Thankfully, a renewal notice will be mailed to your address 60 days prior to the expiration date on your driver's license (which should be your birthday). If you have moved since the last time you were issued a license, please notify the MVA so that your renewal notice will be mailed to your current residence.

When it comes time to renew your license, there are two methods to complete the task. You can either renew by mail or visit the MVA and complete the process in person. If you are over the age of 40 or not renewing your license by mail, you may have to visit the MVA and complete a vision test or provide an eye doctor's written approval of adequate vision. Also, be mindful of the \$30.00 fee required to renew your license.

For more information on renewing your license or any other MVA questions, click [here](#).

Opportunities to Attend Conferences on Dementia and Caregiving

If you are interested in learning more about senior caregiving, dementia, or general information for dealing with the future, then the following conferences may be just what you need. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, each of these educational events gives families, caregivers, and individuals dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementia information, networking opportunities and hope through knowledge. Conferences and

associate in 2004 after working for the firm as a law clerk. Jessica received her J.D. from the University Of Baltimore School Of Law in May, 2003 after earning a B.A. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland. Jessica is a member of the American, Maryland, and Prince George's County Bar Associations and is an invaluable asset in the firm's complex family law, personal injury and business litigation matters.

Jessica grew up in Bowie and graduated from Bowie High School. Her understanding and fondness for Bowie's unique appeal and history adds to the firm's reputation as a home town provider of outstanding legal services.

To contact Jessica, email jestes@byrdandbyrd.com

Testimonials

"Thank you for all of your advice and services. The creation of our wills and powers of attorney was an emotionally powerful and educational experience. We are glad we chose you to help us with this difficult task".

-Mr. & Mrs. Z
Odenton, MD

"Thanks for coming to our rescue! It has been such a comfort- a real answer to so many prayers. We want you to know how very much we appreciate you and all you've been doing on our behalf.

symposia may be either full-day or half-day events and are hosted at convenient locations throughout the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area and surrounding communities. For specifics on the following conferences, please visit the [Alzheimer's Association website](#).

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Senior Moments Publications

Third Annual Senior Care Symposium: Pathways to Your Future

Saturday, September 11, 2010
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Collington Episcopal Life Care Community
10450 Lottsford Road
Mitchellville, MD 20721

Registration: Free

This event is sponsored by The Prince Georges Senior Provider Network. For more information, to register and to request respite care, contact Emma Alford at 240.696.1549 or Vikki Kalitsi at 301.583.8820.

Southern Maryland Dementia Care Conference

Wednesday, November 3, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Greater Waldorf Jaycee Center
3900 Crain Highway
Waldorf, MD 20601

Registration: \$25

Respite care will be available during the conference for \$10 per person. For more information, contact Linda Gottfried at 301.934.5856 or Linda.Gottfried@alz.org

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
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[Senior Moments](#)
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Things We Have Learned Over the Last 500 Columns A Sneak Peek at Jackie's Most Current *Senior Moments* Column

At or about Senior Moments column number 500, let's review some important points previously discussed:

If you can afford it and you can pass the underwriting qualifications, consider buying long-term care insurance.

Make sure you have a good durable general power of attorney (ask questions about the new Maryland statutory document to be effective October first.) Make sure you have a health care power of attorney and a living will.

You may find a document titled Five Wishes very helpful in writing your health care power of attorney, or you may choose to actually use it as your final document. Check out the Five Wishes document at www.agingwithdignity.org.

Make sure you have a thoughtful way to distribute your assets after your death - either a will or a trust (or several trusts) depending on your situation.

Finally, there are some tips for personal scam protection. To view these tips and read the column in its entirety, click [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS



[A Celebration of Life](#)

What: Free Cocktail reception with a panel of experts to discuss Elder Law, Medicaid and Medicare, Long Term Care Insurance, and Veteran Benefits. Jackie Byrd will be on this panel.

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Time: 5:30-7pm

Location: Kris Leigh Assisted Living
831 Ritchie Highway
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

Reserve your place today by calling (410) 975-9919.

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 personal injury, 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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