

Byrd & Byrd, LLC

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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!

The Results are in...

And Byrd & Byrd has been crowned "BEST ATTORNEYS" in Bowie by you, the readers! This marks the 5th year in a row that we have been awarded this great honor. We appreciate your votes - it really does mean a lot to us. We strive to provide the service and dedication that your legal needs deserve - and we will continue to do so for years to come.



If you or someone you know would like to speak with the Best Attorneys in Bowie, please call (301) 464-7448.

Once again, thank you for your votes and we look forward to continuing our service to our wonderful community.

Mental Incapacity and Estate Planning to Avoid Litigation by Tim Leahy

We do our Wills, Powers of Attorneys, and other Estate Documents partially to provide instructions and information to our loved ones after our deaths. However, if you become mentally incapacitated you won't be legally competent to do that advanced planning. The result can be family fighting over control of you and your financial assets. That fighting can result in court litigation.

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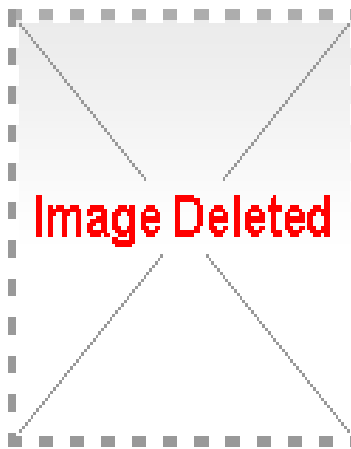
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YouTube Video of the Month

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People make the mistake of putting off their planning until it's too late. Too often, the demand for such planning occurs after the document-maker has diminished capacity. That doesn't mean completely incapable, it means not as capable as you once were. This can be a result of trauma or disease such as dementia.

When a person with diminished capacity creates legal documents those documents may be challenged and result in the family fighting and litigation you were trying to avoid.

The solution is easy. Plan now while you are inarguably competent. If you have diminished capacity, ask your Doctor to examine you and

write a report indicating that you are capable enough to execute legal documents. Your attorney can record an interview with you as competency evidence. You can never prevent all litigation but you can take common sense steps to minimize the chances of difficult litigation and, in the process, save your family from strife.

to post our favorite YouTube video each month.

Check out the video by clicking the following link.

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Testimonials

"After my husband died, [Byrd & Byrd] was there for me with compassion and understanding. I am extremely grateful for your assistance and guidance through the probate process"

-D.S.
Waldorf, MD



"Thank you so much for taking care of my [Medicaid] affairs, especially on a last minute basis. I cannot say thank you enough."

-P.M.
Owings, MD

Don't forget about our two FREE workshops we are offering during the Month of October.

Medicaid Monday - October 13th at 5:30pm at our Bowie Office

Takeaway Thursday - October 16th at 5:30pm at our Prince Frederick Office

If interested in attending or if you know someone who might be, please RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited.

For more information, please see the [upcoming events](#) listed below.

Jackie's Senior Moments Column

To read Jackie's Senior Moments Column, please check out the [Byrd & Byrd blog](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Medicaid Monday
October 13th, 2014

Byrd & Byrd Office in Bowie, MD
5:30pm - 7pm

Attorney Jessica Estes will be hosting an informal seminar to discuss Medicaid on the second Monday of every month. We are calling these events "Medicaid Mondays". The next Medicaid Monday will be held on Monday, October 13th from 5:30 - 7pm at the Byrd & Byrd office in Bowie. Jessica will discuss the basics of Medicaid and answer any questions you may have. Light refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP](#) as space is limited to 10 per session.

Takeaway Thursdays
October 16th, 2014
Byrd & Byrd Office in Prince Frederick, MD
5:30pm - 7pm

On the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-7pm at our Prince Frederick office located at 30 Industry Lane, Attorney Brian Ritter conducts a casual and informative workshop on the basics of estate planning. These workshops are FREE and can help explain the in-and-outs of Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Estate Planning, and Probate. We are calling these workshops "Takeaway Thursdays" because we hope you takeaway valuable information on estate planning. Light refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP](#) as space is limited.

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This month's YouTube Video is another special from Meddling Maude. She is giving advice on what foods to eat in order to maximize brain function and live a healthier life. Her advice becomes even more important as we age. Take a look...



Eat your way to better brain health

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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