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Monthly Newsletter

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Christmas Parade + VIP Area Fun

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

And just like that, we have come to the 12th and final issue of the year. I simply cannot believe that this year has gone by so quickly! It seems like just yesterday (and a million years ago at the same time) we were being introduced to the new LJ newsletter!

This year has had its ups and downs for everyone, and I imagine it has been the same for our readers and clients. With the Christmas Season, we hope you find hope and joy in the little things. If you're struggling this Holiday Season, please reach out by calling our office or responding to this email. We are here, not just for legal work, but to be a trusted source for referrals, support, and love.

In this issue of the Legal Journeys Newsletter, you'll find out why it's so important to plan before you travel for Christmas. We also tell what's on our Christmas List this year, and we want to know what's on yours! You'll hear some mid-at-best jokes, and meet Maximus Alexander, Attorney-at-Paw.

We hope you have a safe, happy, and peaceful Christmas Season. It has been **our joy** to walk with you this year, and we look forward to meeting you again in the new year.

Legal Journeys Team - XO

In this newsletter you can expect:

Planning Before You Travel This Christmas

Christmas List Essentials

Funding Spotlight, Events, & More

Parents...Do You Have This Important Card in Your Wallet?

Joke of the Month + TLDR

Holiday Travel & Estate Planning: Why Now Matters

As Christmas approaches, many families are gearing up for holiday trips and celebrations. Amid the excitement, it's worth taking a moment to make sure your estate plan is in place. Travel—no matter how routine—comes with unpredictability, and having your documents organized is one of the simplest ways to protect the people you love.

A current, well-designed estate plan ensures your wishes are clear, your family knows what to do, and someone you trust can step in if needed. It gives you peace of mind, so you can enjoy the holiday season without lingering "what ifs."

Here are 4 reasons you should plan **now:**

1. Your loved ones avoid confusion in an emergency.
Up-to-date documents like a Will, Powers of Attorney, and Health Care Directives help your family act quickly and confidently if something unexpected happens.

2. Your medical wishes are honored.
If you're unable to communicate while away from home, your Health Care Directive ensures decisions reflect your values—not guesswork or disagreements.

3. Children are fully protected.
Naming short-term and long-term guardians makes sure the people you trust can care for your kids immediately, without delays or court involvement.

4. Financial matters can be handled without interruption.
A Durable Financial Power of Attorney allows a trusted person to manage bills, accounts, and urgent matters if you're unable to.

Give Your Family Peace of Mind This Christmas.

If you've been meaning to complete or update your estate plan, doing it before holiday travel is a gift to your family—and to yourself.
We invite you to schedule a free 15-minute phone consultation or a Life and Legacy Planning Session with one of our attorneys. We'll help you make sure everything is in order for a safe, joyful holiday season.

🎁 **Ready to put this in place?** Schedule a complimentary call today to learn more about creating your Estate Plan through our Life & Legacy Planning Session™.

- Levi, Amanda, + Kay

Call or Click for your appointment today!

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🦃 What's on Your Christmas List to Santa This Year?

As kids, we wrote letters to Santa in hopes of getting everything our hearts desired. As we grew up, the lists changed (or went away altogether). This month, we want to know... What's on your grown-up Christmas list? It can be something tangible, like a new car, clothes, tools, etc.; an idea, like a new job or a trip to somewhere special; or even world peace! Here's what's on our lists at Legal Journeys:

Levi: An invisibility cloak.

Elaine: Time with my family....and peppermint bark!

Karen: Time with my husband, mom, kids, grandkids, and my pups!

Brandy: A new lunchbox and a stocking with some fun stuff in it! And peppermint Kisses. They're my FAVE!

Max 🐾: Bones and snackies and treats and toys.

Kyle: Coal...or the newest Samsung Watch.

Macie: I want a fun pair of cozy, fuzzy socks!

Amanda: A solo vacation to Scotland.

Kay: Time with my grandbabies.

Elijah: Charcoal...No really, I want a new pair of black high top converse.

Laura: All I want for Christmas is for my family, friends, and coworkers to be happy and healthy.

What is on your Christmas list? Whatever it is, we hope you get it, and then some. Reply to this email and let us know! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Special Dates

2 - Huntsville Christmas Parade & VIP area

21 - Winter Solstice

24-26 - Christmas Holidays, office closed

31 - New Years Eve, close at 12 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- **Huntsville Christmas Parade**
  Legal Journeys is a proud sponsor of the Huntsville Christmas Parade VIP Area. We will again be sponsoring Letters to Santa. To find out more, or how to get tickets, visit mix969huntsville.com.
- **Wills & Trusts 101 In-Person Events**
  Our in-person events will resume in January! Stay tuned for more info!
- **Christmas Holidays**
  Our office will be **closed on Wednesday, December 24-26, 31-1/1** so our staff can celebrate with their families. We hope you have a safe and happy Holiday Season and we will see you in the New Year!

Kids Protection Plan Packet

Our **Kids Protection Plan (KPP)** is SO important to have for anyone with minor children. Our actual KPP consists of 3 different legal documents: 2 short term and one long term. **This document must be updated annually.**

Another thing that we have recently added is a **KPP Packet**. This gives you as the parent the opportunity to write (or type) **how you would like your child raised** if the worst were to happen to you.

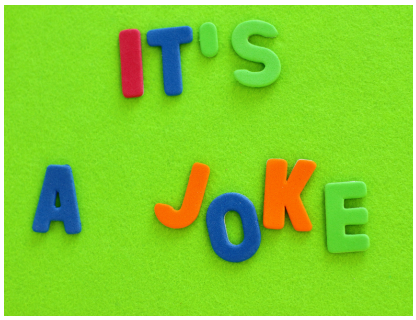
It also **includes a KPP Card**, which has the contacts of your top short-term guardians so that emergency workers can get in touch with **the people *you've* named** to pick up your kids.

If you have a KPP currently, but haven't received a KPP packet or card, **please let us know** by **replying to this email**. We will be happy to make a card and packet for you to pick up at our Huntsville or Madison offices.

Client To-Dos

Do you have a **Kids Protection Plan (KPP)?** As stated above, this document needs to be signed annually to remain active. **Not sure?** Reply to this email and we can check when your KPP needs to be resigned. If there are no changes, this is completely complimentary with your plan. If you want to make changes, there is a minimal fee.

Know someone who needs a KPP? Send them to one of our events or have them give us a call! We'd love to help!



Joke of the Month

Why was the snowman looking through a bag of carrots?

He was picking his nose.

What do you call a factory that makes okay products?

A satisfactory.

Think these jokes are terrible? Submit better ones to brandy@legaljourneys.com!

Staff Spotlight

For the last month of the year, we'd like to introduce you to Sir Maximus Alexander, Attorney at Paw. He is a mastiff mix, loves snackies and treats, and is highly trained. You would love to see all the fun tricks he does! Unfortunately, Max isn't a friendly unless you go through the proper introductions....and then you're *probably* in. Most of the time, you'll see him through the door at the Madison office, checking out the scenery and making sure all is well.

TLDR

- **Respond to this email** with anything you'd like us to know. We **love** hearing from you!
- It's imperative to have a good estate plan in place, **especially before you travel**. Call us to review your plan or set up your Life and Legacy Planning Session today!
- What's on **your Christmas List** this year? **Reply and let us know!**
- A **KPP** helps with short and long-term guardian nominations, **but have you filled out your KPP packet**? If you haven't gotten one, let our team know and we will be happy to get it to you. **Know someone who needs a KPP?** Send them our way!