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THANKS TO WAYFM AND CHICK-FIL-A AT TOM THRASHER LANE FOR THE FREE LUNCH LAST MONTH!

The Most Traveled Month

Did you know that July is historically the **most traveled month** in the U.S.? Whether you prefer the sand and sea, lakeside, or maybe the mountains are more your speed; people are packing their bags and hitting the road to travel from coast-to-coast, and research shows that people are traveling **more in July than any other month.**

In this month's issue, we talk about the importance of having your Estate Plan up-to-date **before your travels** so you can relax and enjoy the ride.

For our events, we are going back to the basics with our **Wills and Trusts 101 Course,** happening twice: once in Madison and once in Huntsville. Read more about it on **Page 3.** Half of our team will be traveling to **Denver, Colorado** to the **Personal Family Lawyer Convention,** where we will meet with **PFLs** from all over the country to learn more about Estate Planning and how to better serve you, our clients.

We have loved connecting with clients, and loved hearing what you want to learn about. Please let us know if there's a topic you'd like to see in a future newsletter! Thanks to everyone who has let us know your thoughts! Haven't responded yet? **We'd love to hear from you! Really! Just reply to this email and let us know:**

- What do you want to know more about?
- Do you have unanswered questions?
- Do you have a funny story you'd like to share?
- Do you have a joke you'd like to add to the newsletter?
- Other ideas that you've thought of and we haven't?

Safe travels, and **Happy Fourth of July!**

Legal Journeys Team - XO

In this newsletter you can expect:

You've Planned for Vacay, but did you Plan your Estate?

Cool things to check out this month around town

Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.

Selling Your Home From a Trust + Upcoming Events

Joke of the Month + TLDR

Don't Vacation Without a Solid Plan....

Most people don't just hop in the car and drive to the beach or other vacation destination. They spend countless hours planning, saving, and pouring over where to go, then where to stay, the best places to eat, and what cool attractions to check out when they get there. They get food, snacks, clothes, maybe even a new bathing suit or special gear for the trip.

What many people **don't** plan for, and the thing that you don't really want to think about while planning for an exciting vacation, is **what happens if *something* happens?** You need an Estate Plan before traveling. Why, you may ask?

- An estate plan ensures any medical decisions needed while away from home will be handled according to your wishes, with as much ease as possible, no matter what the rules are where something happens. If you get sick or get hurt and can't make medical decisions for yourself, your estate plan will ensure that decisions will be made by the person you choose. Someone who knows your wishes and desires for your medical care.
- If something happens without an estate plan in place, your family or friends could have a heavy lift to get you back home, locate your assets, keep your bills paid, and even ensure your children get taken care of by the right people in the right way.
- Lastly, an estate plan ensures that any debts or liabilities are taken care of properly in case something happens while on vacation. This can help prevent creditors from trying to collect from surviving family members after the fact — something no one wants to deal with during such a difficult time.

What's your next step? Make an appointment with us to talk and plan for your family's future and legal plan ***before*** you go on vacation.

Want more info? Check out our website below or give us a call to set up a complimentary 15-minute consultation. Or if you'd rather, **reply to this email** to get started today!

-Levi

Call or Click for your appointment today!

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Local Spotlight: LJ's Favorites

Check out our list of cool things to do in and around Huntsville and Madison in the month of June.

Fireworks! You won't have to go far to find these around town. A few places to see fireworks in Huntsville and beyond:
MidCity: 5901 University Dr, HSV
Red, White & Boom: Athens SportsPlex
Fireworks Over Lake Guntersville: Civitan Park

Farmer's Markets. Farmer's Markets are abundant this time of year in MAD and HSV. Here are a few of our faves:
Artisans & Farmers Market: Village of Providence, Tuesdays and Saturdays, May-Nov.
Madison City Farmers Market: 1088 Hughes Road, MAD
Open Air Market: Lowe Mill, Saturdays 11-4 through October.
S&J Produce: 8126 HWY 72, MAD
Tuesday Farmers Market: 175 Monroe Road, Meridianville

Summer Movie Night. The Trash Pandas are at it again on Thursday, 7/24 at 6 p.m. with **free** movie nights at Toyota Stadium featuring a classic, "The Sandlot"!
Address: 500 Trash Panda Way, MAD
For more info or to buy tickets:
www.cognitoforms.com/RocketCityTrashPandas1/SummerMovieNightRSVP

Space and Rocket Center Movie Nights. For their "Year of Aviation," The Space and Rocket Center is showcasing movies one Satuarday a month in their National Geographic movie theater. Single movies are $8 per person, or buy a pass to see them all for $60. Check out the schedule:

- July 12 - Top Gun
- Aug. 9 - Fly Like a Girl
- Sept. 13 - Top Gun: Maverick
- Oct. 11 - Catch Me If You Can

For more info or to buy tickets:
https://www.rocketcenter.com/year-of-aviation-movies

Summer Concerts. Several free options are available for summer concerts. Check out a few of our faves:
Summer Sunset: Ditto Landing, 2nd Tuesday each month
293 Ditto Landing Road SE, HSV
Concerts in the Park: Big Springs Park, Mondays at 6:30
114 Clinton Ave. E #106 256-813-4678

Have other cool things happening around town that we should let clients know about? **Reply to this email** and tell us about it. We'd love to feature it in a future issue!

Special Dates

4 - Independence Day 🎆- Closed

15 - Happy Birthday, Kyle! 🎉

15-19 Partial team to Denver, CO

22 - Wills & Trusts 101 Event - HSV
Peace & Protection 2025
@SouthEast YMCA

31 - Wills & Trusts 101 Event - MAD
Peace & Protection 2025
@Offices at Spenryn

Upcoming Events

- **Wills & Trusts 101 In-Person Events**
  This month, we are going back to basics with **Peace & Protection 2025.** Send friends and family to learn about why having an estate plan is so important. For more info or to register, go to: www.legaljourneys.com/events
- **Lunch + Learn**
  Legal Journeys wants to bring **YOUR OFFICE** lunch and tell you about why we are so passionate about what we do, and why it's so important that you have an estate plan! Interested? Fill out our interest form at: https://legaljourneys.com/lunch-and-learn/

Funding Spotlight, To-Do, & More...

Selling Your Home

Many people have concerns that once they have put their home in a trust, they lose control of their house and will be unable to sell it. This is a myth.

As long as you are alive and have capacity, you are able to manage everything as normal as trustee(s) of the trust. It's only at your incapacity or passing that your successor trustees are able to seamlessly pick up and continue managing your assets in your place.

Once you're ready to sell your home, you would simply sell it as trustee. Then, when buying a new property, you would simply buy the property in the name of the trust.

If there will be a mortgage, the mortgage ***will not*** be in the name of the trust; however, the **deed to the home *will*** go in the name of the trust.

If you are a client and need to know how to properly walk though this process, give us a call or reply to this email and we will be happy to refer you to some trusted lenders.

Client To-Dos

Did you love our services? Do you have peace of mind now that you've gotten your planning done? Do you want to help us grow our business and tell others about us? Then **leave us a 5-star Google review.** We will be **giving away monthly prizes** to people who have left a Google review for that month. Congrats to last month's winners of our prizes! Don't delay! Press or scan the QR code below to leave a review and have a chance to win this month's prize!

Joke of the Month

What do you call a cow in an earthquake?

A *milkshake.*

What happens when you put cheese on pasta?

It tastes pretty gouda.

Have a great joke you'd like to share? Submit it to brandy@legaljourneys.com and you might see it here!

Staff Spotlight

This month, let us introduce you to Karen Thompson, our Firm Support Specialist. Affectionately known as "Mama Karen," she is, in fact, Levi's mom! She spent over 20 years working for the Defense Industry, and now is excited to protect our families to keep them out of court and conflict. An animal lover, she and her husband have two dogs and usually some frogs in their water garden. Her happy place is outside and she believes fresh air and laughter really are the best medicines.

TLDR

- **Respond to this email** with anything you'd like us to know. We **love** hearing from you!
- July is the **most traveled month** in the U.S. Make sure you're covered with a **fully-funded, up-to-date** plan.
- Did you see any events you'd like to attend in our **Cool Things to do This Summer?** What should we add to the list? Let us know!
- It's easy to sell or buy a home as the **trustee of your trust.** You don't have to worry about losing control of your estate to your trust.
- We are still *always* for **5-star Google reviews.** Don't forget that you could **win a gift card** for writing a Google review!

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