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Monthly Newsletter

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Hello, Summer!

With summer in front of us, and many people are taking vacations, having barbecues, and spending days by the water, there's no better time to make sure you have a Will and Trust in place or are up to date. If you haven't had your Estate Plan looked at in a while (3 years or major life changes), or you don't have a plan at all, give us a call for a trust review or to schedule a Life and Legacy Planning Session.

Want more info? We have two events this month, **Grills & Wills in Madison** and **Pizza and Planning in Huntsville.** Want more info? Check out www.legaljourneys.com/events.

We always have fun, informative content on our Social Media page! Are you following us? If not, check us out across all the platforms: Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok! We have educational pieces, our latest blog posts, as well as fun stories and giveaways! Don't miss your chance to win or learn something new.

We were blown away by the responses we got from last month's newsletter! Thanks to everyone who let us know your thoughts! Didn't get a chance to respond? **We'd love to hear from you!**

- 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?

Reply to the email and let us know.

In the meantime, **Happy Father's Day** to all the Dads out there, and Happy Summer!

Legal Journeys Team - XO

In this newsletter you can expect:

Your Child's 19 Now, But Are You Still in the Loop?

Cool things to check out this month around town

Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.

Upcoming Events

Joke of the Month + TLDR

Not Kids Anymore...Navigating Adult Kids

When your child turns 19, they're legally considered an adult even though they have a lot more growing to do (though they may not think so!). Just like any other adult, their health and financial information is protected by privacy laws. But unlike any other adult, that's still your child and you want to be there to support them in a crisis. Unless you've planned ahead you won't be able to step in and support your child.

As an estate planning attorney, I often see families caught off guard when I tell them this. Like those families, you may also assume that as a parent, you'll always have a say in your child's medical and financial matters. But you don't. Under the law, you have just as much access to their medical and financial information as you do for Joe down the street (which is none).

The good news is that with proper planning, you can help your newly-minted adult child navigate this transition and ensure you're able to step in if something happens. Here I'll share 3 strategies to help you and your child make the transition to their adulthood as easy as possible.

- **Strategy 1: Education.** I start every client meeting with education because I believe education equals empowerment. Just like others, young adults also need to be empowered through education. The more you can teach your child about their new financial and legal responsibilities, the more empowered they'll be to make the right decisions.
- **Strategy 2: Encourage Communication.** Adulthood often involves having difficult conversations (as if I'm telling you anything you don't know!). Two of those conversations to have with your child have to do with their healthcare and financial decisions in the event of an emergency.
- **Strategy 3: Legal Planning.** Once you and your child have had these difficult conversations, emphasize the need to get a legal plan in place so their wishes are documented and honored. At the least, your adult child's legal plan should include the following documents:
  - Health Care Proxy & Advance Directive
  - HIPAA Authorization
  - Living Will
  - Power of Attorney

What's your next step? Making an appointment with us to talk and plan for your child's future and legal plan.

Want more info? Check out our blog post by scanning or long-pressing on the QR code below or visit our website! Have adult children but don't have a Kids Protection Plan? Contact us today to get the documents in place 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.

Farmer's Markets. You won't have to look far to find local farmer's markets 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

Burritt on the Mountain. This local historic museum and grounds doesn't only offer stunning views. From concerts to Cocktails at the View, this one place has tons of things to do for all ages.
Address: 3101 Burritt Drive, HSV
For more info or to buy tickets:
https://burrittonthemountain.com/

Rocket City Picklefest. Dive in to all things pickle at this fun event at the Orion Amphitheater on June 29 from 11-5!
For more info or to buy tickets:
theorionhuntsville.com/event/rocket-city-pickle-fest/

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:

- May 10 - The Great Waldo Pepper
- June 14 - Double Victory
- 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!

10 - Wills & Trusts 101 Event - MAD Grills & Wills @ Spenryn

15 - Happy Fathers Day 💪🏻

17 **- Wills & Trusts 101 Event - HSV Pizza & Planning @Pappo's Pizza**

19 - Juneteenth - Office Closed

20 - First Day of Summer

- **Wills & Trusts 101 In-Person Events**
  This month, our events are themed **Grills & Wills and Pizza & Planning!** Free Estate Planning Events. Free dinner and estate planning info. 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...

We have seen a **rise in Deed scams**, specifically after signings. This usually looks like a letter that comes from California saying to pay them anywhere from $100-300 in order for them to send you a copy of your deed.

Your deed is public record and can be pulled by anyone for only a few dollars. **You do not need to pay this money.** We will give you a copy of your deed at binder delivery.

Homestead Exemption

After your deed for your homestead property (the home you live in) is transferred into the name of your trust and filed, you will need to refile for your homestead exemption. You can do this by taking a copy of your deed and your certification of trust to the Tax Assessor's Office (Madison County Service Center just off the Parkway or behind Publix in Madison, at the same building as the DMV) to let them know you need to refile for your homestead exemption after putting your home into a trust.

Staff Spotlight

This month, we'd love to tell you more about our Client Services Specialist, Macie Beavers. When you call the office, you'll likely be greeted by Macie's sweet voice and cheerful demeanor. She is currently enrolled at Calhoun Community College and serves as Worship Leader and Team Leader at Church of the Highlands. In her spare time, she loves to go to the movies and spend time with her family and 5 siblings.

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

A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt.

Archaeologists believe it may be Pharoah Roche.

What is the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well dressed man on a bicycle?

Attire.

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

TLDR

- Our **new Huntsville address is 809 Shoney Drive, Suite 201, Huntsville, AL 35802,** but our Headquarters is still at **4192 Sullivan Street in Madison.**
- 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!
- Adult children need **planning so your parental rights don't disappear.** Check out the 3 strategies to help!
- You don't need to pay an outside company for a copy of your deed.
- Make sure you reinstate your **Homestead Exemption** after your trust is formed.
- We are still looking for **5-star Google reviews.** TIA!