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Monthly Newsletter

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LEGAL JOURNEYS TEAM

May Has Officially Arrived!

We are **officially in our new building,** and we couldn't be happier about it! Many of you have asked, "What's happening with the back building and Fire Station?" Well, we are currently working with Madison City to get the Fire Station zoned as commercial property, and we will be working on the back building soon! We are already **busting at the seams** on the front building, so we need the space that the back building will provide!

In this episode of the Legal Journeys Newsletter, we will cover the most common mistakes that people make when naming guardians; LJ Staff's Favorite Locally Owned Places; Upcoming Events; and some really great jokes! We really think we are going to knock your socks off this month!

We have had so much positive feedback from the newsletter. **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 Mother's Day** to all the Mamas out there, and **May the Fourth be with you!**

Legal Journeys Team - XO

In this newsletter you can expect:

The Most Common Mistakes When Naming Guardians

LJ Staff's Favorite Locally Owned Places

Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.

Upcoming Events

Joke of the Month + TLDR

Common Mistakes When Naming a Guardian

(and how you can avoid it!)

With **Mother's Day** just around the corner, I'm sure that many of you are thinking about how best to honor the amazing moms in your life. What I know about moms is that **they are constantly thinking of their kids.** A mother's heart is for her children, how to take care of them, how to help them grow, how to nurture them.

But what happens if (God forbid) something happens and you are incapacitated, or worse, death? **What would happen to your minor children?** Who would take them? How would they be raised?

Many people believe that family would step forward, they would automatically be cared for, they would immediately go to the people closest to them; and **unfortunately, that's just not always the case.** Let's take a few moments to look at **some of the most common mistakes when naming a guardian** (and how you can avoid them).

- **Thinking a will is enough.** Although a will is essential, it only covers you *after* you're gone. It doesn't cover sudden illness or incapacity. You need separate guardianship documents specifically designed to address these "what if" scenarios while you're still living.
- **Planning only for the long-term.** If something happened to you today, who would take care of your kids ***right now?*** You need to designate **short-term** as well as **long-term** guardians to prevent your kids from being placed in the care of strangers.
- **Not naming a guardian at all.** This might seem unthinkable, but it happens. If you don't formally name a guardian, you're leaving one of the most important decisions of your life up to the courts. This could mean your children end up with someone you wouldn't have chosen.

Want more info? Check out our blog post by scanning or long-pressing on the QR code below! Have minor 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

This month, as we approach summer, we thought we might mix it up a bit. We are offering up some of our staff's **favorite locally-owned restaurants, shops, and events.**

Levi: Sam & Greg's. The **pizza here is incredible,** and with locations in **both Madison and downtown Huntsville**, it's convenient no matter where you live!
Madison: 364 Hughes Road 256-772-9888
Huntsville: 116 Southside Square 256-469-6932

Elaine: Heritage Florist. Whether you need a corsage, a just-because-it's-Tuesday bouquet, or a full wedding party of flowers, **Heritage Florist** has you covered! Locally owned since 1988, they provide **fresh and silk flowers, along with a variety of gifts** for special occasions.
Madison: 1871 Slaughter Rd 256-837-7022

Brandy: Zion's Popcorn. Y'all. If you haven't tried their incredible flavors of **homemade, kettle-cooked popcorn,** you're missing out. They also offer fudge and a variety of other sweet treats! Located in **downtown Madison**, they're a must on the list!
Madison: 104 Main St. 256-631-5982

Kyle: Goodland Pourhouse. The brussels sprouts and pizza (his favorite is the LT. Dan) here are enough to make anyone want to make a second (and third...fourth...fifth) trip! They recently moved from Madison to Huntsville, so check out their new location!
Huntsville: 933 Bob Wallace Ave SW 256-617-9742

Macie: Honest Coffee. The acai bowls and coffee are incredible, and the people are super friendly. She frequents this spot to do her Bible study and reflect in the mornings before heading to work.
Madison: 92 Shorter St. 256-870-3424
Huntsville: 114 Clinton Ave. E #106 256-813-4678

Amanda: Lyon Family Farms. This fun family tradition in the fall is sure to be just what your family needs! Mark your calendars for September 19th, opening day, for all the fun family adventure that Lyon Family Farms offers!
TN: 130 Belleview Rd., Taft, TN 38488 931-438-9938

Did we name **your favorite locally owned place?** Let us know! **Reply to this email** and tell us **your favorite locally owned restaurant, experience, or shop.** We'd love to feature it in a future issue!

Special Dates

1 - MayDay 💐

8 - Wills & Trusts 101 Event
Tacos & Trusts @ Spenryn

11 - Happy Mothers Day 💗

20 - Wills & Trusts 101 Event
Tacos & Trusts @Building 600
in South Huntsville

26 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

Upcoming Events

- **Wills & Trusts 101 In-Person Events**
  This month, our events are themed **Tacos and Trusts!** 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...

RECORDED DEED NOTICE

SCAM ALERT!

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.

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** starting this month to people who have left a Google review for that month. So, don't delay! Press or scan the QR code below to leave a review and have a chance to win this month's prize!

Debt

As a reminder, **only assets go into your trust, not debt.** You should not try to contact your mortgage company to put that into your trust, as your deed will transfer your house into your trust. That is a complimentary service we provide to all of our trust clients, you only pay the fees associated with the taxes required by the county in which you live.

Joke of the Month

What's made of leather and sounds like a sneeze?

A shoe.

The only thing that flat-earthers have to fear...

Is sphere itself.

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

Staff Spotlight

For May, we would love to tell you more about Kyle Killion, our IT and Operations Manager. This brilliant man brings not only high-level expertise of systems operations to our firm, but also logic, kindness, and a sense of humor second to none. In his spare time, he loves spending time with his kids (of which he has 6!), his girlfriend, and binge watching his favorite shows. He attends Church of the Highlands on the weekends and was highly involved with Freedom small groups in Birmingham before moving to Huntsville.

TLDR

- Our **back building** will be undergoing a facelift soon, and we are more than elated to be in our new building!
- Our **new Huntsville address is 809 Shoney Drive, Suite 201, Huntsville, AL 35802.**
- Did you catch LJ Staff's **favorite locally owned places?** What are yours? Let us know!
- We can help you avoid or fix mistakes when naming guardians for your children!
- You don't need to pay an outside company for a copy of your deed.
- Only assets, not debt, go into your trust.
- We are still looking for **5-star Google reviews.** TIA!

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