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Seniors and Special Needs News - October 31, 2014

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With help, seniors and people with special needs can keep some of their assets in the family rather than lose their entire life savings to the costs of long term care. They can use these protected assets to enhance their quality of life beyond what long term care alone will provide.

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Seniors and Special Needs News

Happy Halloween! The next scary holiday is Election Day!

This week's newsletter isn't focused on seniors or people with special needs.

Election Day is next Tuesday. I urge you to seek out and consider the bar association rankings of judicial candidates when you vote.

Some bar associations meet with judicial candidates to try to predict fairness as a judge (often called "judicial temperament.") This is NOT a test on issues or ideology. It is a judgment of a willingness to listen to both sides and an ability to make tough, sometimes uncomfortable, decisions. These rankings have nothing to do with Democrat or Republican or third party or Independent affiliations.

The possible rankings are:

Highly Recommended (highest ranking)

Recommended

Acceptable, and

Not recommended (lowest ranking)

Or

Excellent (highest ranking)

Good

Acceptable, and

Not recommended (lowest ranking.)

The reviews may not express a preference between candidates. Sometimes two or more candidates for the same judgeship will have identical rankings. (Unfortunately, that occasionally means that only "not recommended" candidates are available for a particular judgeship, like in one of the Ohio Supreme Court races this year.)

For my friends in northeast Ohio (where I live,) you can find bar association rankings at:

State Supreme Court: <https://www.ohio-bar.org/NewsAndPublications/News/OSBANews/Pages/OSBA-announces-Supreme-Court-of-Ohio-candidate-ratings-for-2014-Election.aspx> (by the Ohio State Bar Association)

Cuyahoga County and State Supreme Court: <http://www.judge4yourself.com/jcrc-ratings.html> (by 4 bar associations and two newspapers)

Summit County: <http://youbethejudgesummitcounty.com/> (by the Akron Bar Association)

Portage County: <http://www.recordpub.com/local%20news/1997/10/27/judicial-candidates-ranked-by-bar> (bar rankings discussed in news story)

I was not able to find bar association ratings for other counties. Sorry.

I urge you to consider these ratings when you vote. If you live somewhere other than the counties I've listed above, I urge you to see if your local bar association has made ratings available for your judicial candidates.

No matter what, please get out, and vote.

Social Media Posts from the past week

10-30-2014 #YoungAdults with #SpecialNeeds move from #SchoolToCareer <http://ow.ly/CZFXD>

10-29-2014 The costs of being a #FamilyCaregiver <http://ow.ly/BGYGp>

10-28-2014 #LongTermCareInsurance versus #Gifting to protect against #LongTermCareCosts <http://ow.ly/CXYYS>

10-27-2014 Emotional burden of child when #AgingParent needs #LongTermCare <http://ow.ly/CZEVt>

10-26-2014 #Exercise may help slow #Alzheimers disease <http://ow.ly/CFL83>

10-25-2014 #VA benefits for deceased #Veterans <http://ow.ly/CFJ6c>

10-24-2014 #Gifts to your #Spouse as a way to Protect a #LifeSavings from future #LongTermCare costs <http://wp.me/p47F09-7u>

Older social media posts can be found in the [social media post archive](#) on the firm's website, ProtectingSeniors.com.

The Koewler Law Firm News

11-18-2014 Jim Koewler will present "Helping Medicare/Medicaid 'dual eligible' senior clients through 'My Care Ohio' enrollment" to the Summit County Senior Services Network. Continuing Education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses. (The topic is subject to change.)

11-18-2014 Jim Koewler will present "Elder and Special Needs Law" to the Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Section of the Akron Bar Association. Jim will discuss how to identify elder law and special needs law issues for clients, "first responders" actions for clients, and considerations to help clients plan ahead for long term care. Continuing Education credit is available for attorneys.

Older items of firm news can be found in the [news archive](#) on the firm's website, ProtectingSeniors.com.

Jim's available presentations

- Navigating Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care

- Act (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and Certified Case Managers)
- Preventing Senior Fraud (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses and Certified Case Managers)
 - My Care Ohio and Medicare/Medicaid “Dual Eligibles” (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and seeking approval for Certified Case Managers)
 - Government Benefits that can help Pay for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and seeking approval for Certified Case Managers)
 - Legal Issues for People with Dementia (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
 - Protect your Life Savings from the Costs of Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
 - Veterans Benefits for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
 - Advance Directives – Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, etc. (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
 - Buying Long Term Care Insurance Wisely (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
 - Planning Ahead to Protect against Long Term Care Costs (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
 - Protecting your Money when you need Long Term Care and Essential Estate Planning Considerations (with free living wills for the audience)
 - Myths about Long Term Care
 - How to help your Parents Manage their Affairs

Upcoming meetings

- 11-1-2014 The Association of Specialists in Aging Chili Cook-Off, Mentor Senior Center
- 11-4-2014 Aging Services Network of Euclid, Euclid Hospital's Waltz Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-5-2014 Stark Senior Services Network, Canton Baptist Temple, 9:00 a.m.
- 11-5-2014 Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Richfield Days Inn and Suites, 11:45 a.m.
- 11-5-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services Committee, Sully's 3:00 p.m.
- 11-12-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network, Medina Community Recreation Center, 8:00 a.m.
- 11-12-2014 Summit Senior Sales, Administrators and Marketers Association, Hickory Ridge, 2:30 p.m.
- 11-13-2014 Lorain County Senior Services Network, Busch Funeral Home, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-17-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education

Committee, Tres Potrillos in Medina, 11:30 a.m.
11-18-2014 UH Bedford Senior Network, Home Instead, Oakwood Village,
8:30 a.m.
11-19-2014 PASS, Briarcliff Manor - The Hills, 8:30 a.m.
11-20-2014 Parma Hospital Senior Resource Network, Manorcare of Parma,
8:30 a.m.
11-20-2014 Portage Senior Services Network, Coleman Adult Day Services,
8:30 a.m.
11-21-2014 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Cornerstone of Hope, 9:00 a.m.
11-25-2014 Summit County Senior Services Network, Anthony Kucko
Kertesz Funeral Home, 8:00 a.m.
11-25-2014 Professional Networking Group, Homewood of Richmond
Heights, 8:30 a.m.

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