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Personal Note

Hi Everyone!

This is **Estate Planning & Asset Protection Attorney, Leslie V. Marengo** to bring you our newsletter and to *THANK YOU for all your REFERRALS!*

The vast majority of us – even we estate planning attorneys who spend our working lives helping people plan and prepare for death – **live like we're invincible.** ☐ We get distracted by all the little details, and it is hard to stay focused on the things that really matter.



That's why, every once in a while, it's good to have a reminder of what's really important. This week, my reminder came when a friend e-mailed me a link to an article that profiles a book written by Bronnie Ware, a former palliative care nurse.

In her book, *Top Five Regrets of the Dying*, Ware talks about the observations

she made as she worked with people in the final weeks of their lives. She says that when her patients talked about their regrets, a number of common themes surfaced again and again:

- **I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, *not the life others expected of me.***
- **I wish I hadn't worked so hard.**
- **I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.**
- **I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.**
- **I wish that I had let myself be happier.**

The entire article is well worth reading for the additional insights it gives into each of these common regrets. One of my favorite quotes in the book is:

“Health brings a freedom very few realize until they no longer have it.”

If you were on your deathbed right now, what would your regrets be? What changes can you make today to ensure that when the time comes, you're not left wishing for a second chance to do all the truly important things you neglected?

As always, to get started and book a Family Wealth Planning Session **and make sure your family is taken care of no matter what**, you can call or email our Client Services Guru, **Juliana** at Hello@trustcounsel.com / **305.707.7126**. Don't forget to mention this newsletter to get your Valentine's Day Surprise!

To your family's continued Health, Wealth, & Happiness!

-Leslie

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Featured Article

#FreeBritney
is the Pandemic Project
We All Need

This week's pandemic guilty-pleasure television takes a more serious look at the butt of our collective joke: Britney Spears, her 2007 breakdown, and the decade-plus



control her father has exercised over her life and finances thanks to a conservatorship proceeding.

For those who avoided tabloids in 2007, that was the year that she had custody issues with Kevin Federline, shaved her head, and took an umbrella to a Paparazzo's car after she had enough of being harassed. It was also the year that the court in California appointed her father, Jamie Spears, her conservator.

Presumably, Britney did not execute documents nominating her preferred guardian or conservator prior to the series of events in 2007 that led the court to believe she was susceptible to undue influence and incapable of managing her own affairs. So, even though she reportedly told her attorney that she wanted anyone other than her father to be her conservator, she ended up with her father.



Leslie's Lesson:

Planning for your potential incapacity is often overlooked but is just as (if not MORE) important, as planning for your eventual death.

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Thank You!

We would like to give a BIG
"*Thank You*" this week to:

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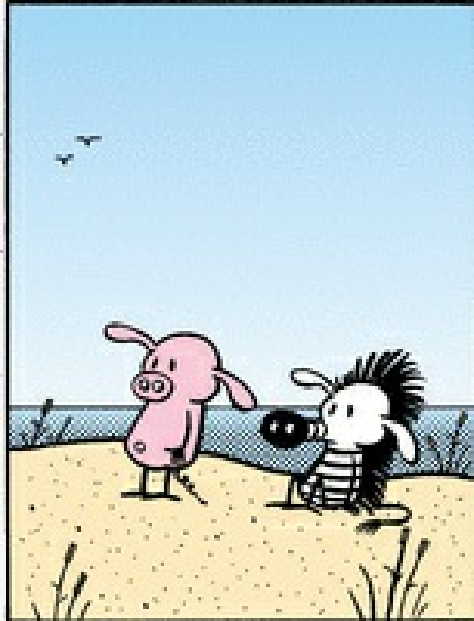
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