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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.

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July celebration! 🇺🇸 This 4th looked a lot different than last year's when we were all celebrating quarantine style. I was definitely thankful we have the freedom to safely spend time with our family and friends again!



📰 While we're not exactly dedicated followers of pop culture while celebrities are alive, it was hard to miss the sensational headlines last week following Britney Spears' impassioned statement to the Guardianship Judge. She got her day in court and with that a chance to reclaim her life and her \$60 Million fortune! Interestingly, both her lawyer and manager have resigned amid conservatorship criticism and money-management firm Bessemer Trust has also asked to step-down as co-conservator of Britney's finances. There you have it, folks... it looks like the rats are deserting the ship! 🐭 Stay tuned...

We are fully settled into our new office space and the Firm continues to grow and help more people - which has truly been an exciting and humbling experience. With that, we are halfway through the year! 🗓️ Back in January you probably set some goals, but how are you doing? We sometimes have good intentions for what we want to do - learn a language, lose weight, sort out the clutter... But we don't always get things done (I mean I'll come clean right now, NO WEIGHT has been lost this year! 🙄 lol). As we navigate this time of so much transition, it's especially important to take a step back at this point to reflect on the previous six months and plan for the next six. For us, it is a great time to rethink our business strategy in light of the changing job market and economic climate and ask ourselves how we're doing, and how things are going... not just in our business but in our personal lives as well. As the world reopens, we all need to consider how we'll spend our time and energy over the rest of this year, so we don't get swept away in the busyness of returning to "normal". While last year has shown us how much is ultimately out of our control, let's remember that WE can always control how we choose to spend our time, energy, and talents.

Lastly, our heart goes out to all those affected by the collapse of the building in Surfside. Our community is still grieving the unnecessary loss of so many due to this tragedy. It is yet another reminder to me to not take our time here for granted.

We are here if you need us so don't hesitate to reach out, and as always: Estate Planning is often about taxes and assets, but always about who you love, who you trust, and who is counting on you!

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

Leslie

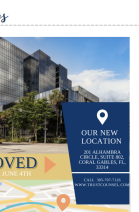
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Featured Article

3 Years Later, Aretha Franklin's Poor Estate Planning Continues To Haunt Her Family Part 2

Nearly three years have passed since Aretha Franklin, known as the "Queen of Soul," died from pancreatic cancer at age 76. When she first passed away in August 2018, her family thought that Aretha died without any estate plan at all.



But since then, four different wills attributed to the late singer have been discovered. And ever since those documents came to light, her four adult sons—Clarence, Edward, Ted White Jr., and Kecalf—have been in court fighting one another over her assets, as well as who among them should be designated as the estate's representative.

While a trial is set for August 2021 to establish whether any of the four documents, some of which are handwritten and barely legible, can formally stand as her will, Aretha's story demonstrates just how destructive shoddy estate planning can be for the loved ones we leave behind.

Indeed, in part one of this series, we discussed how the ongoing court battle between Aretha's four sons has created an ugly rift between the siblings and exposed dark family secrets... [Keep Reading...](#)

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