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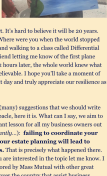


Personal Note

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**.

With the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks in New York City coming up this Saturday, I wanted to take a moment to remember the bravery of all the first responders who risked their lives to help others and the people whose lives were senselessly cut short. It's hard to believe it will be 20 years. As well put by singer Alan Jackson: Where were you when the world stopped turning on Sept. 11? I was in college and walking to a class called Differential Equations when I got a text from a friend letting me know of the first plane crash... by the time that class ended 2 hours later, the whole world knew what was really going on. It was quite unbelievable. I hope you'll take a moment of your time this week to remember that day and truly appreciate our resilience as a country after such a tragedy...



On another note, after getting many (many) suggestions that we should write an article about Bob Ross' Estate Debacle, here it is. What can I say, we aim to please. 🌟 It reinforces a very important lesson for all my business owners out there (and something I'm on constantly...): **failing to coordinate your business succession plan with your estate planning will lead to chaos, mayhem, and foolishness.** That is precisely what happened there. Check out the article below and if you are interested in the topic let me know. I will be a panelist on a webinar sponsored by Mass Mutual with other great attorneys and professionals from all over the country that assist business owners with exit planning on Oct 5th. Details on that to come.

To go along with the painting theme, last week a "LEGENDARY" networking group I belong to had an event where we all gathered up some wine bottles and met up at Painting with a Twist. We really had a great time! Check out my painting! Not bad huh? Ok ok, I will let you in on a little secret, that actually wasn't the one I painted... mine sucked so I borrowed that one for the picture. 🙄🙄 We are here if you need us so don't hesitate to reach out (you can just hit **REPLY** to this email!).

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

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Featured Article

Bob Ross' Estate: Happy Little Accident or a Big, Ugly Mess?

For all of us over the age of 35, Bob Ross' name instantly conjures an image in our minds: the familiar mellow voice, the big afro, and the scenic paintings. For years, Bob Ross taught us about *The Joy of Painting*, as he calmly declared that there "were no mistakes in life... just happy little accidents." Ross has risen to the level of a pop culture icon – most popularly as bottleheads and Chia pets. *The Daily Beast* even wrote that lately Ross is "a smash hit on social media, where he feels more like a Gen-Z influencer than a once semi-obscure PBS celebrity who rose to fame in the 1980s..."



There's a reason why we see so much more of the painter than ever before - a recently concluded legal battle for ownership of Ross's name and image. Furthermore, with the release of a new Netflix documentary new details have surfaced of a nasty legal war that had erupted between his business partners and family.

As we have noted in many prior blog posts: *failing to coordinate your business succession plan with your estate planning can lead to chaos and unintended consequences.* That is precisely what happened here.

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Office Ongoings

Happy Birthday to Business Attorney, Moises!

You don't look a day over 30! 🥳

Thank You!

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

Rogelio R.
Lucca M.
Elisabeth R.
Kasta R.
Danielle V.
Hazel S.
Jeff P.



We truly appreciate your ongoing **REFERRALS** and **TRUST** in us!

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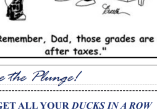
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