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The Brennan & Rogers, PLLC Journal April Edition

Updates in Elder Law

Biden Administration Eases Recommended Restrictions on Nursing Home Visits

Now that [millions of vaccines](#) have been administered to nursing home residents and staff, CMS has revised its guidance on nursing home visitation. The new non-binding guidance notes that outdoor visitation is preferred, even when both the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated. However, the guidance goes on to advise that indoor visitation should be allowed regardless of the visitor's or resident's vaccination status in most situations.

Finding the Right Hospital Bed Rental: Making a Comfortable Choice for Your Loved One



The benefit of a hospital bed is that it adjusts to allow people with limited mobility to more easily get in and out of the bed. The adjustable features include raising and lowering the head and foot of the bed as well as



changing the bed's height. The beds usually have the option to add side rails to keep patients from falling out of bed.

Limited-Time Free Virtual Meet & Greet Sessions Continue in May and June

**Reserve Your Free
Virtual Meet & Greet Session
with
Smilie G. Rogers, Esq.,
or
Mary Kathryn Brennan, Esq.**

Allow us to introduce you to ourselves and the basic concepts surrounding estate planning. Learn more about Revocable Trusts (“Living Trusts”), Transfer on Death Deeds (*aka TODD, which you can also read about in Smilie’s Blog*), Advance Healthcare Directives, Powers of Attorney, Wills, and their importance under normal circumstances, but more so now during the pandemic.

**During a Virtual Meet & Greet, our lawyers cannot give specific legal answers or advice, and sessions shall not constitute the formation of an attorney-client relationship. Sessions last for thirty (30) minutes.*



Learn more about our firm and Estate Planning while enjoying the warmer



**Private Session Availability with
Smilie G. Rogers, Esq.**

[Request your session with Smilie by completing this form in its' entirety.](#)

**Thursday, May 6, 2021
5:00 pm- 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021
5:00 pm- 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021
5:00 pm- 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021
5:00 pm- 5:30 pm**

**Private Session Availability with
Mary Kathryn Brennan, Esq.**

[Request your session with Mary Kathryn by completing this form in its' entirety.](#)

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021
5:00 pm- 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021
5:00 pm- 5:30 pm**

weather!

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

5:00 pm- 5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

5:00 pm- 5:30 pm

Maine Income Tax Deadline Looming



Governor Janet Mills announced Thursday, March 18, 2021, that the **State of Maine will move the deadline for Maine individual income tax payments from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021.**

The change aligns with the Federal government's recent extension of the Federal tax filing and payment deadline. Aligning Maine's tax filing and payment deadlines with the Federal government will maintain consistency for Maine people and provide them with added time to handle their taxes.

[Looking for your Refund Status?](#)

Governor Mills Ends Outdoor Mask Mandate

Governor Janet Mills announced today that Maine is updating its public health guidance to remove the requirement that people wear face coverings in outdoor settings.

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) recommends that people wear face coverings in outdoor settings where it is difficult to maintain physical distancing. Face coverings are still required for indoor public settings, and there are no changes to Maine's physical distancing requirements at this time. The change follows updated guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including the use of face coverings in outdoor settings.

May Tide Chart



Office Operations During the Pandemic

In the ever-changing landscape in which we find ourselves due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we wanted to remind you that we are open during the Pandemic and here to make sure you are prepared; however, we have limited how, when, and where we work with clients to protect our clients and staff utilizing remote services and responsible social distancing measures.

1. Call us if you need assistance at 207-361-4680. Please don't come by unannounced as the door to the office will be locked. If you have documents you would like us to review in advance of a meeting, please send them via e-mail, US Mail, fax, or drop them in the locked box outside our main office door to the left.
2. We continue to conduct most meetings and document reviews by phone and Zoom. In-person document signings are brief and to the point.
3. We offer remote pre-signing document reviews and by telephone or video conference.
4. Upon entering our offices, we will require that you wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please stay safe and be well. We look forward to talking with you and seeing you soon.

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Sunday: Closed

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