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## The Brennan & Rogers, PLLC Journal November 2020 Edition



**The office will be closed on both Thursday November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020.**

**We hope you enjoy a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!**

**Smilie G. Rogers, Esq.  
Mary Kathryn Brennan, Esq.**

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**In the ever-changing landscape in which we find ourselves due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we wanted to remind you of our current office procedures.**

We are open during the Pandemic and here to make sure you are prepared, utilizing remote services and responsible social distancing measures.

The office door 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.

We offer remote pre-signing document reviews, and by telephone or video conference. We offer outdoor signings in York, and, in Kennebunk, we offer meetings and signings with a glass door barrier.

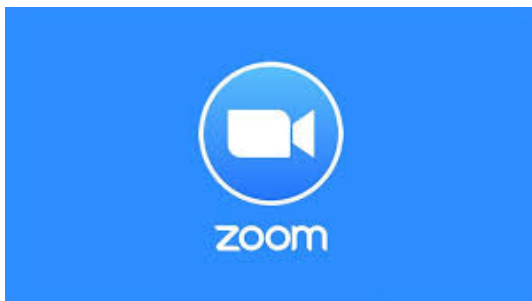
During the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are crediting your consultation fees toward document fees. We are also including one (1) Transfer on Death Deeds (TODD), which are new to Maine as part of any basic estate plan, however they are not required. You can read about TODD's on [Smilie's Blog](#).

We will do our best to accommodate client situations during this time by offering clients the ability to pay overtime, on a case by case basis.

**Please call (207) 361-4680 for a virtual appointment or to speak with us at any time.**

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

## Limited-Time Free Virtual Meet & Greet Sessions in November and December



**Reserve Your Free Virtual Meet & Greet Session with One of Our Attorneys,**

**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*



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

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

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**  
Private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
Private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm

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

**[Request your session with Mary Kathryn by completing this form in](#)**

*not constitute the formation of an attorney-client relationship. Sessions last for thirty (30) minutes.*

*its' entirety.*

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

Private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

Private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

Private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm



## Medicare Beneficiaries May Be Eligible for an Extra 100 days of Skilled Nursing Coverage Due to Pandemic

There is still confusion about which COVID-19 related circumstances qualify for the requirement waiver. Importantly, [according to the Center for Medicare Advocacy](#), CMS recently confirmed that beneficiaries do not necessarily have to have a COVID-19 diagnosis to qualify for the additional 100 days of coverage. Rather, as described by [Skilled Nursing News](#), “[t]he question is whether the emergency situation interrupted the patient’s path to 60 consecutive days of non-skilled, custodial care.”

## Calling All Snowbirds!




It is not uncommon in Maine for people to enjoy the gorgeous summers and then fly on out to avoid the snow (we don’t blame you- no one likes to shovel or snow blow!). Few people realize that the advance directive you sign in Maine may not be valid in another state.

Wherever you decide to travel, we want you to be safe, stay healthy and have the proper documents in place!



# Medicare Open Enrollment 2021

**2021 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD DATES**  
 Dates and deadlines you need to know

 <b>OCT. 15, 2020</b>	 <b>DEC. 7, 2020</b>	 <b>JAN. 1, 2021</b>
<small>ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS</small> This is the first day you can enroll for 2021 health coverage.	<small>ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD ENDS</small> This is the last day you can enroll for 2021 health coverage.	<small>FIRST DATE COVERAGE CAN START</small> Even if you enroll in December 2020, your new Medicare plan won't go into effect until Jan. 1, 2021.

**Annual Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Started on October 15, 2020 and ends December 7, 2020!**

## **New Face Covering Executive Order November 5, 2020**

Face coverings must now be worn in public settings regardless of how far apart you are from other people



## **Helpful Links**

*Do you have something helpful you have found while spending more time at home? If you find something useful, please forward them to either [Smilie](#) or [Kim](#). We will make sure they get shared with others!*

### **General Information**

[Get your affairs in order, COVID-19 won't wait](#)

### **End of Life**

[The Conversation Project is dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care.](#)

### **Documents**

[Free Advance Health Care Directive published by the Maine Hospital Association](#) - Maine requires two witnesses to witness it and having it notarized is preferable. We encourage you to print, fill it out and please forward this to anyone you think would find this information useful.

### **Religious**

[For our Catholic Clients, the Portland Archdiocese has published "The Three Beliefs: A Guide for Maine Catholics on End of Life Decisions"](#)

### **Religious Services Available Online**

[The Parish of the Ascension of the Lord](#) which collectively consists of St. Rafael's, St. Christopher's and Our Lady of the Angels live stream their Masses via Facebook and are now taking [Reservations](#) for live Masses.

[The Eliot Baptist Church](#) has also moved their services online or by Reservation for live services.

[Temple Israel in Portsmouth, NH](#) is beginning to hold outdoor services or online via Zoom.

## Organization of Personal Information

Our ["Day After Guide"](#) is available on our website for free to help you organize your everyday information.

[The American Bar Association has created a free tool kit for Health Care Advance Planning](#)

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## Health and Travel Information

[COVID-19 TSA Travel Information](#)

[Keep Maine Healthy](#)

## Shopping Hours for Senior Citizens and the At-Risk Population

*These and other stores may also be limiting the amount of people in the store at one time in order to promote proper social distancing! Be prepared! This list could be changing daily so please check with the store before you go!*

1) BJ's Wholesale Club  
(Members 60+)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 am -9:00 am

(First Responders)  
Sunday  
8:00 am- 9:00 am

2) Hannaford  
(60+ and those who are immune-compromised)  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays  
7:00 am -8:00 am

3) Market Basket  
(60 years+)  
Daily  
6:00 am -7:00 am

4) Shaw's  
(senior citizens, immune-compromised, at-risk, pregnant, etc.)  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
7:00 am - 9:00 am

5) Target  
(65+, pregnant and those with underlying health conditions)  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
First hour the store is open

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Congratulations to our  
President-Elect



# Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris!

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Saturday: By appointment  
Sunday: Closed

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