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**Don't wait! The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is
Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm!**

[Live outside of Maine? Check your state here!](#)

Current Office Procedures

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 over time 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



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*

Availability with Smilie

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

1. First private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm
2. Second private session: 5:35 pm - 6:05 pm

Availability with Mary Kathryn

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

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

1. First private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm
2. Second private session 5:35 pm - 6:05 pm

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

1. First private session 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm
2. Second private session 5:35 pm - 6:05 pm

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.

Highlights in Estate Planning and COVID-19 Selections from our legal blog: [Planning for Life's Transitions](#)

Study Shows a Modest Raise for Nursing Home Workers Could Save 15,000 Lives a Year



Image courtesy of Huntington NOW

Raising the minimum wage reduced turnover and increased tenure among nursing assistants. This greater continuity of care translated into improved health and safety conditions for the patients. At the same time, nursing home profits held steady because the extra costs were passed on in higher fees.

Schooling Yourself: The A, B, C's of Estate Planning Terminology



image courtesy of Estate Battles

The children are heading back to school in some form- whether it be traditional brick-and-mortar, remote learning, or homeschooling. If they are going back to gain some knowledge, shouldn't you? We have discussed the basics of Estate Planning in our Virtual Meet & Greet Zoom Sessions since the pandemic started to familiarize the public with essential documents that everyone should have before an unforeseen health event occurs.

Do you know what the basic terminology of estate planning is?

Brennan & Rogers is now on Pinterest!



Back to School!

Many school districts will be back for the traditional in-person session in the upcoming weeks for the first time since March.

Be on the lookout for children on the bus and walking to school.

Let's keep them safe!



Apple Aficionado or Pumpkin Spice Partisan?

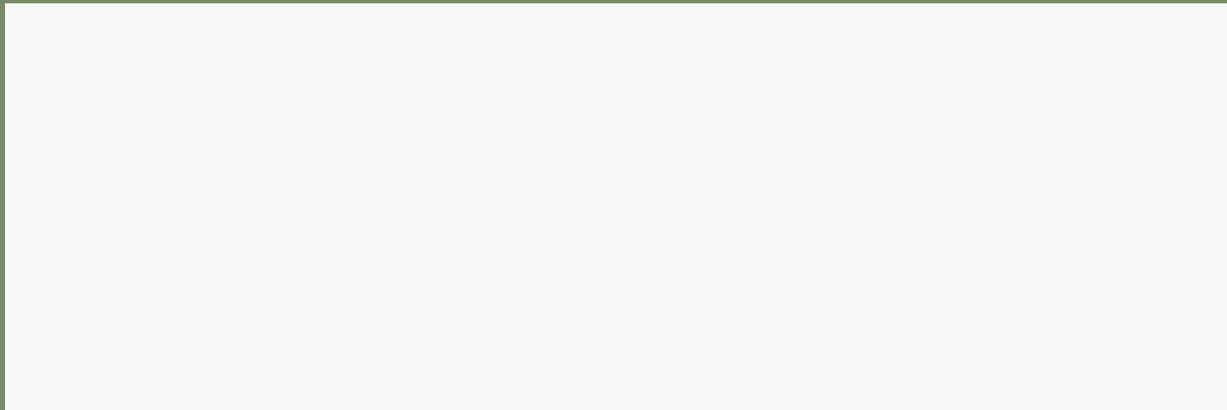


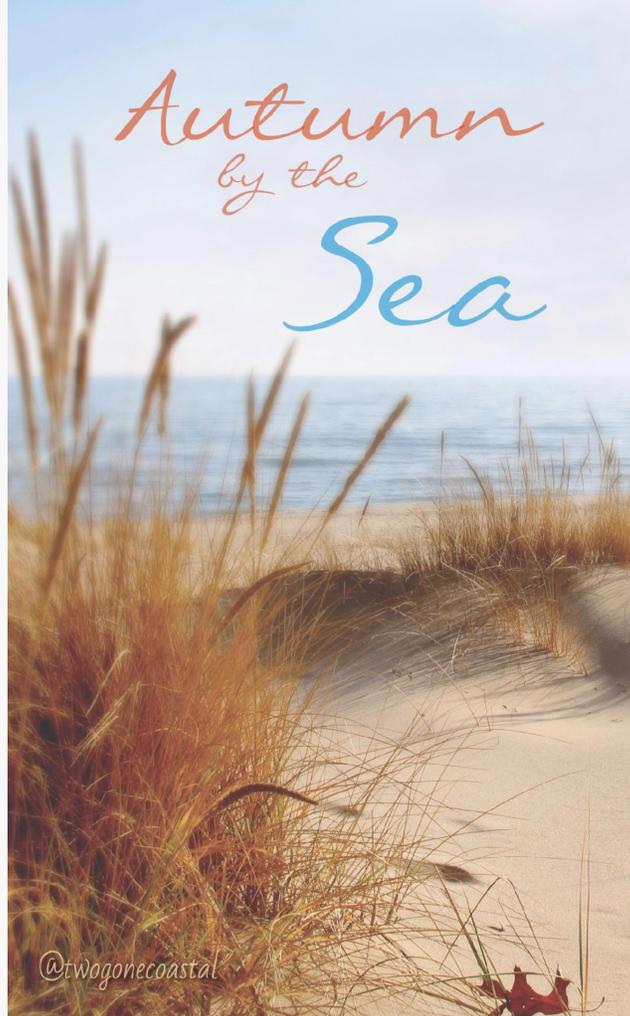
Are apples the forgotten fruit of the Fall? Do you countdown the hours to Pumpkin Spice? Vote!

Dear Pumpkin Spice Fans, you have it all wrong!

Keep Calm and Pumpkin Spice Everything!

September Tidal Chart for York





Helpful Links

Some of these we have received from our clients! If you find something you think may be 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](#)

Stores Offering special hours for the Senior Citizen and 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

(seniors 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

Wash your hand and wear a face mask to protect yourself and others!

Our December Newsletter featured National Handwashing Awareness Week and explained the proper method of washing your hands and other vital information. We didn't know at the time just how relevant this information would be. Read our December issue below and [view our archives](#) on our website. Please forward our December newsletter to help spread awareness about the importance of proper handwashing.



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have to say about their
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Explore our Legal Blog: Planning for
Life's Transitions on WordPress

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Saturday: By appointment
Sunday: Closed

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