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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, again by telephone or video conference, and, as just one of our novel ways to keep clients safe during this health crisis, we can even offer window signing service. We have remote notarizations and witness options as well.

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. You can read about TODD's on [Smilie's Blog](#).

We will do our best to accommodate your situation 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 and greet session with one of our attorneys,
**Smilie G. Rogers, Esq. or
Mary Kathryn Brennan, Esq.**

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Brennan, Esq. Learn more about Advance Healthcare Directives, Powers of Attorney, Wills, and Trusts and their importance under normal circumstances, but more so now during the pandemic. Sessions last for thirty (30) minutes. During a meet and greet session, our lawyers cannot give specific legal answers or advice, and sessions shall not constitute the formation of an attorney-client relationship. Under some circumstances, we may need to decline a session.



[Private sessions still available in June with Mary Kathryn on June 18, 2020.](#)

If you know someone who would benefit from this opportunity, please forward this email to them and have them contact [Kimberly](#) as soon as possible!



Bringing Your Parent Home from a Nursing Home During the Pandemic



photo courtesy of UChicago Medicine

Are you concerned about your loved one in a nursing home during the pandemic? You are not alone. These uncertain and scary times have everyone wondering if nursing homes and assisted living facilities are a safe place for people, especially since we see just how quickly the virus seems to spread through nursing homes, which house some of the most vulnerable of the population. The decision may appear to be easy; however, there are many factors to consider.

"No matter how big a nation is, it is no stronger than its weakest people, and as long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there



to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you might otherwise."

Marian Anderson

photo courtesy of Marie Claire

Federal/State Income Tax Reminders!

Federal Income Tax Filing and Payment Deadlines!



The filing and payment deadline for Federal Income Taxes is July 15, 2020!

State of Maine Income Tax Filing and Payment Deadlines!



The filing and payment deadline for Maine State Income Taxes is July 15, 2020!

By protecting yourself, you are protecting others!

Wash your hands!

The most current information available suggests the most effective way to protect ourselves at this time is by simply washing your hands and wearing a face covering. Believe it or not, there is a correct way to wash your hands. Our December Newsletter featured National Handwashing Awareness Week and explained the proper method of washing your hands along with 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. We also invite you to forward our December newsletter to help spread awareness about the importance of proper handwashing.



Know Before You go!

DIY Face Covering Instructions!

[CDC Guidelines for making your own mask and ways to do it without a sewing machine!](#)

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.

[The Eliot Baptist Church](#) has also moved their services online.

[Temple Israel in Portsmouth, NH](#) also live streams their services.

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](#)

Current Maine Executive Orders

[Civil State of Emergency extended until July 10, 2020.](#)

[Governor Mills' "Keep Maine Healthy" Plan unveiled on June 8, 2020](#)

New Hampshire Stay at Home Order lifted on June 15, 2020.

June Tidal Chart for York

York area beaches are open again to all activities bringing some sense of normalcy back to our area. Enjoy the sun, sand and surf in a responsible manner!



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- Saturday

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

Why Hindsight's 2020



We hope all of our clients, followers, their families and friends are staying safe and healthy during this time. We are in this together!

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See what our clients
have to say about their
experiences!

Google Reviews

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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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