

Quarterly PLAN-IT

Fall 2024 Client Newsletter



Beware of Brushing Scams!

- Brushing is when sellers send unsolicited packages to create fake customer reviews, hoping to boost their ratings on e-commerce platforms -OR- when scammers send inexpensive items and affix a QR code on the package with no other identifiers (*example in picture above*), with the intent to steal your personal information, once you scan the code.

To Report Brushing Scams Contact:

- Retailer (if identifiable)
- Amazon [CLICK HERE](#)
- Better Business Bureau [CLICK HERE](#)

If you receive an unsolicited package, DO NOT scan any QR Codes or barcodes on the package. However, you may legally keep the merchandise. Ed 's daughter recently experienced this, so we thought it was important to share.

Important Dates:

Empowered Estate Planning Orientation: 3rd Thursdays
Nuts N Bolts I Trustee Training: 11/23 (10am-12pm)
Law Firm Retreat (Office Closed): 12/5-12/6
Annual Family Legacy Renewals for 2025: 12/15

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Featured Blog

*How Gun Trusts Protect Firearm
Inheritance and Legal Rights*

In Maryland, inheriting firearms comes with a set of legal requirements and considerations that can be complex to access. Whether you're an avid collector who wants to pass on firearms to someone as inheritance or have weapons that have been passed down to you, understanding the implications of acquiring these assets is important. A gun trust simplifies the transfer of firearms while complying with legal standards.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the blog.

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact us.



Funding Update

*Common Costs to Filing Deeds &
Importance of Communicat*

Filing a deed in Maryland involves several costs which can vary, depending on the specifics of the deed and the county. Example costs:

- Filing/Recording Fee
- E-file Fee
- County Charges
- Lien Certificates

Each state has its own requirements for recording deeds. Keep in mind that any property transaction may have tax and/or estate planning considerations. It is important to contact us before buying property, and before changing or adding names to deeds.

