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Dear Friends,

Please read the NEW message below regarding our office and the coronavirus!

As always, if you, your friends or family have any questions, we would be happy to hear from you; we sincerely appreciate your business and your referrals.

Regards,
John F. Robbert

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Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Seminar - CANCELED

Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Federal Taxes DUE

Friday, May 15, 2020
State Taxes DUE

*Date may change depending on your location

Anytime

Need to update your documents? Have a question? Please call us anytime to schedule an appointment!



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March 25, 2020

THE NEW NORMAL: The governors of both Maryland and Delaware have ordered the closure of certain businesses but in both states legal services are exempt. Consequently, *Chesapeake Legal Counsel* remains open for business -- but with caution.

Obviously we want to practice social distancing and we encourage all meetings to be conducted by remote means whether that be by phone or electronically (for example, Zoom, Skype, or Join Me). If you are not sure how to connect by internet means, please call the office and someone on our dedicated staff will walk you through it.

If documents need to be signed, that too can be accomplished by computer. However, for now, this will only be available for documents that do not require witnesses or a notary. At this time neither Maryland nor Delaware allow a document to be notarized remotely. (There is a chance that this could change in Delaware in the very near future; stay tuned.)

Because of the need for a notary and witnesses and because the execution of planning documents should not be delayed, face-to-face meetings are necessary and we will still conduct them. Unfortunately we cannot offer this option to anyone who has been out of the country for the past 21 days, exhibits any of the symptoms of the Coronavirus, or who has been in recent contact with anyone who falls into either of those categories.

When we do meet with clients in the office we practice recommended procedures: we keep a safe distance, surfaces are scrubbed before and after the meeting, and any pens used by clients leave with them.

One casualty of the virus was our seminar that was originally scheduled for yesterday about the new SECURE Act and its impact on the contributions to, and distributions from, IRAs and other qualified plans. The seminar had to be cancelled, at least as an in-person event, but we are working on the logistics of presenting it as a webinar. Watch this space for coming attractions.

All of us at *Chesapeake Legal Counsel* are committed to your welfare and that includes not only your health but also your having all appropriate planning in place. Calamity does not take a holiday.

Stay safe and let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,
John F. Robbert