

## **Chesapeake Currents**

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Dear Friends,

While summer can often be a slow time, things have been quite active here in the office, and we're happy to share some changes with you.

First off, we regretfully say goodbye to our Annapolis based attorney, Sharon Ritter-Beall. Sharon recently accepted a position with First Maryland Disability Trust as in-house counsel. Those of you who had the opportunity to work with Sharon will probably know that the type of work FMDT does is, in her words, "my passion". We also say goodbye to Carolyn McManus from our Ocean View office. After working with us for over 10 years, Carolyn has decided to retire. We'll miss them both, and wish them the best in their new endeavors.

Next, we're excited to welcome several new faces into both the Ocean View and Annapolis offices, which are detailed below.

Finally, I also wanted to share a couple articles which we've recently posted on our blog, and a heartfelt article from the Los Angeles times.

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:**

**Sunday, October 31**  
Halloween

**Sunday, November 7**  
Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Thursday, November 25**  
Thanksgiving  
Office Closed

**Friday, November 26**  
Office Closed

**Friday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve  
Office Closed

**Saturday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

**Friday, December 31**  
New Year's Eve  
Office Closed

**Saturday, January 1**  
New Year's Day

### **Anytime**

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



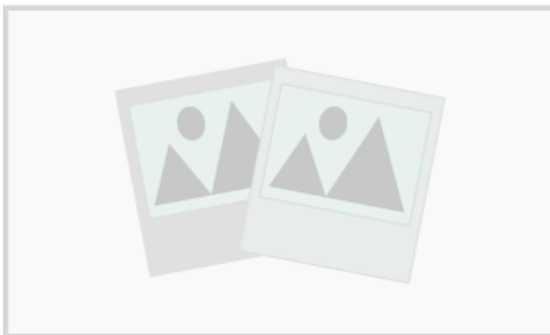
**John F. Robbert**  
Founder, Chesapeake Legal Counsel  
Licensed in Delaware, Maryland and Louisiana



**Robert Wolfgang, Jr.**  
Licensed in Maryland

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***Please join me in welcoming our three newest staff members:***



### **Colleen Connor**

Colleen is a Legal Assistant based in our Annapolis office. Colleen brings to CLC over 20 years of paralegal and legal administration experience as well as 12 years as Adjunct Faculty in the Paraprofessional Program at Northeastern University. She also has experience with Veterans benefits and is training to be a S.H.I.P. counselor (Medicaid/Medicare benefits). When not in the office Colleen can be found playing in the garden, biking or kayaking the Chesapeake Bay.

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### **Brenda Schmitt**



Brenda is a legal assistant in the Delaware office. She handles Estate Administration for both Maryland and Delaware. Prior to joining CLC, she worked in Lewes, Delaware for a personal injury firm and has over 35 years of experience as a Legal Administrative Assistant.

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### **Gary A. Stewart**

Gary has a unique record of accomplishment in the areas of strategic planning, domestic and global business development, marketing and sales, and operational management. Gary has been actively involved in all major facets of the pharmaceutical industry, leveraging his scientific and business background to promote entrepreneurship, strategic and critical thinking, innovation and creativity.

Gary received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Maryland (College Park), a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Maryland (Baltimore), and a Master of Science degree and Certificate of Residency in Pharmacy Management from the University of Wisconsin.

Recently relocating to Delaware and completing the Paralegal Certificate at Delaware Technical Community College, Gary transitioned to a new career in the legal field with a special interest in estate planning and administration. Gary remains active in a variety of sports, community activities and as an IAABO Board 129 referee officiating high school basketball in Sussex and Kent counties.

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## The Five W's of Holding a Memorial Service

Are your clients wondering what information they need to create a moving, memorable memorial service or funeral? They can use this handy checklist of questions to have answered BEFORE a loved one dies. Many of these questions are directed to...

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## What is Elder Law?

There are many areas of law an attorney can focus on litigation, bankruptcy law, criminal law, real estate law, environmental law, health care law - the list seems endless. Some areas of law are probably familiar to you, such as family law.

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## How a brother's obituary for his 'Special Sister' became ...

It was a 189-word obituary titled "A Special Sister." Its brevity belied its weight. The grief was palpable. So was the love. Karen Ann Sydow died Sept. 5 at the age of 61, and two days after her death, her brother, Erik Sydow, began sketching...

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