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KENDAL**

The Law Firm of JEFFREY BURR is pleased to announce the addition of two attorneys to the firm. Derek N. Hatch and Kendal L. Weisenmiller, both experienced attorneys in estate planning, trust administration and probate, joined the firm in the October.

“When looking for talented attorneys to join our firm, we’re always on the lookout for those who can satisfy and best serve our wonderful clients,” said Jeffrey L. Burr, Founder of the Law Firm of JEFFREY BURR. “Derek and Kendal come with a skillset that will be an immense asset to our clients, protecting them and their estates with our full range of services. I’m glad to have Derek and Kendal on staff.”

Kendal has nearly ten years of experience in trust and probate litigation, having represented executors, administrators, beneficiaries, heirs, creditors, and private and professional fiduciaries in trusts and estates of all sizes. While attending the University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law, Kendal served as a staff member of the Nevada Law Journal and Managing Editor of the Nevada Gaming Journal. She was a recipient of the CALI Award in Lawyering Process for legal writing. Kendal has been recognized locally and nationally for her work in trust and estate administration and litigation, and guardianships.



Please join us in welcoming Derek and Kendal!

And remember, it’s never too late to create or modify your estate plan or other trust and estate documents to accurately reflect your life’s goals and desires, so schedule your appointment with any of our experienced attorneys today! The Law Firm of JEFFREY BURR has been protecting families and their assets for more than 35 years. Let us evaluate your unique circumstances with our dedicated team, and create the estate plan right for your situation. **JB**

Derek is an experienced attorney in tax law and estate planning law, including tax controversy. He is a 2008 graduate of Chapman University School of Law, where he received a Tax Law Certificate, acknowledging his focus and proficiency in the practice area. During law school, Derek worked at the City of Henderson Attorney’s Office and the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Nevada. He also worked in the Chapman School of Tax Law Clinic, where he represented low-income taxpayers before the IRS and the United States Tax Court. Derek also holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in Taxation.

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A recent survey by senior-living focused website Caring.com, quoted in USA Today, revealed that 78 percent of Americans under the age of 36 don't have a will or trust in place. But even with youth on their side, the millennial generation needs to be planning for the unforeseen. If most would consider the following three issues, they'd be off to a good start:

1. Incapacitation provisions: No one expects to be incapacitated, but there are at least two documents needed in the event that occurs. The first is a durable power of attorney that identifies who will make financial decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The second is a health care advance directive (including a living will) that outlines preferences for medical care if you are unable to state these for yourself.

2. Death documents: These include a last will and testament and possibly the establishment of a trust, either revocable or testamentary.

3. Life insurance: Millennials who are the primary wage earner should consider purchasing at least a term life insurance policy for the protection of their family in the event the unthinkable should occur. This life insurance policy could help a surviving family stay in their home, pay for living expenses, and alleviate financial concerns while they adjust to their new circumstances.

What if you don't have the proper estate-planning documents in place? What are the risks? Typically, default rules may apply.

For issues that are covered by durable powers of attorney and health care advance directives, the default for a minor is that a parent (or parents) makes decisions on their behalf. But past the age of 18, it will be necessary for parents to get a court order appointing them as guardians if such documents aren't in place prior to the onset of incapacitation.

In many states, if unmarried individuals with no children die without a will, regardless of their age, the estate reverts to parents. If you are an unmarried individual without a spouse or children and want to select siblings or a significant other rather than your parents, you should specify that choice in the appropriate documents. **B**



Learn From Celebrities' Estate Planning BLUNDERS

There are many lessons to be learned about estate planning from the bad experiences of some of the world's most famous people. The AARP recently gathered their stories, and here are the highlights:

Florence Griffith Joyner: Before her death in 1998, Olympic gold medalist Florence Griffith Joyner never told anyone the location of her will. Without the original document, it took four years to close her probate estate due to a long battle among her relatives.

Lesson learned: Don't keep the location of your will a secret.

Prince: When Prince died in 2016, he left no will. Now a Minnesota judge will oversee the distribution of the singer's estimated \$300 million estate among six siblings. However, other potential heirs have surfaced, including a federal inmate claiming to be Prince's son. If there is proof he is in fact Prince's son, then he may inherit the estate under the intestacy statute.

Lesson learned: Have a will.

Whitney Houston: Songstress Whitney Houston had a will when she drowned in 2012, but it was drawn up a month before the 1993 birth of her only child and never revised. Per the terms of the outdated will, Houston's daughter Bobbi Kristina (who was 18 when her mother died) was to receive 10 percent of the estate — \$2 million — when she turned 21 and the rest later. But Houston failed to consider whether her

daughter was mature enough to handle millions of dollars. Ultimately Bobbi Kristina got the \$2 million, but not the rest of her inheritance. She died in 2015, also as a result of drowning and drug intoxication.

Lesson learned: Review and update your will regularly.

James Gandolfini: 'Sopranos' actor James Gandolfini was reportedly worth \$70 million when he died in 2013 of a heart attack in Rome. His will provided for his widow, daughter and two sisters, but did not factor in proper tax planning as it was drawn up hastily before a vacation. As a result, the estate ended up paying federal and state estate taxes at a hefty rate of 40 percent.

Lesson learned: Be sure to consider the impact of estate taxes on your plans.

Marlon Brando: Actor Marlon Brando had a written estate plan for his \$100 million fortune when he died in 2004, but it did not include promises he allegedly made orally to his long-term housekeeper, Angela Borlaza. She claimed Brando gave her his house as a gift, but the actor never completed the paperwork to transfer the deed to give her legal ownership. In court, she sought \$627,000 — the market value of the house — plus \$2 million in punitive damages. The case settled for \$125,000.

*Lesson learned: Avoid oral promises. **B***



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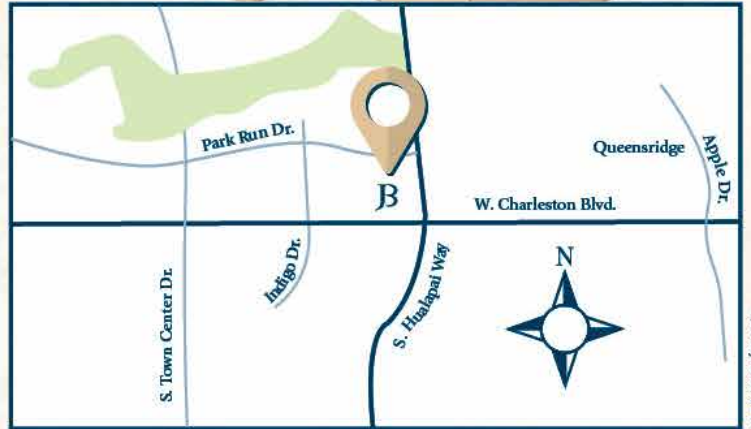
WE'VE moved



Our West office has moved to 10000 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89135. Business continues as usual at our East office. Our priority is to maintain a high level of service to our clients. With the new, bigger offices, JEFFREY BURR, LTD., will be able to protect families and their assets for many more years to come. **B**

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