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personal note from Sharon...

Summer Is Here!

I love summer! Lots of sunshine. Lots of flowers in the garden. Lots of outdoor activities. And much less rush-hour traffic once the kids are out of school. I really enjoy that part of summer.

My dog, MacArthur, really loves summer, too. He is a 15 1/2-year-old West Highland Terrier. His sight is not so great anymore. And his hearing is pretty bad-- unless I go to the kitchen - he always seems to hear that and comes to me hoping for a treat. He really doesn't want to spend a lot of time outside in the summer because it is too hot for him. So why does he love summer so much? Flowers. In particular, hibiscus.



I love hibiscus because to me they are "happy flowers." So, every spring I buy many hibiscus plants and put them all over my deck. When hibiscus bloom, the flowers last a few days and then drop off. The plant rests for a few days and then blooms again. Many years ago MacArthur discovered that the fallen hibiscus blooms are a real treat, at least to him. He loves to eat the fallen blooms. At first I was concerned and talked to my veterinarian about it. He told me that there was nothing in the blooms that would hurt MacArthur. So I let him munch on them to his heart's content.

As I watch MacArthur happily devouring his "treats" I am reminded that I learn some of life's greatest lessons from my dog. Here are a few: It is the simple joys of life that bring you the most happiness. You don't always have to talk; sometimes just being near someone you love is enough. Always greet a loved one with a smile - or wagging tail. And, of course, never bite the hand that feeds you!!



Thanks for the Referrals

It is true that the greatest compliment any lawyer can receive is for her clients and colleagues to refer new clients. And I want to thank you for those referrals. Thank you to everyone who referred clients in March & April, 2010:

Neil Fick, Esq.
Ellen Francis
Calvin Hamburger, Esq.
Lupus Mid-Atlantic
William McElroy
Jay Miller, Esq.

Harvey Kirk, Esq.
Mark Snyder, Esq.
Michael Sullivan, Esq.
Darrell Tingler
Weinstock, Friedman & Friedman

Independence Day



July 4, 2010



1st Day of Summer
June 21, 2010



In Our Office - Sandy Jones



Sandy Jones is employed as a medical malpractice/ personal injury paralegal. She has nearly 20 years experience working as a paralegal and while she has explored many areas of law, she believes medical malpractice to be the most interesting and rewarding area of law.

Sandy grew up in Harford County, Maryland and obtained her A.A. degree from Villa Julie College in 1992. Following her college graduation in 1992, she began working as a legal assistant and decided to continue her education in paralegal studies. Over the next several years, Sandy earned her bachelor's degree while working full time in the legal field.

In 1997, while employed as a paralegal in Ocean City, Maryland, she met her husband of 10 years. Over the next several years, Sandy and her husband enjoyed traveling to Aruba, Seattle, New Orleans, San Diego & Los Angeles, Chicago, Las Vegas, Charleston & Savannah, Bahamas, Mexico and The Florida Keys. Their fondest and most exciting excursion however came in January and March 2007 when they traveled to Moscow, Russia to bring home their son, Nicholas, who recently turned 5 years old.

Being a mom has been the most rewarding experience for Sandy. In fact, she has written two books about her experiences with Russian adoption entitled *Sasha's Little Red Box* (2008) and *Anya's Gift* (2009). Sandy also enjoys planning activities for her family, reading, cooking, gardening, scrapbooking, history, hiking and camping.

In Our Office - Stephanie Hill



My name is Stephanie and I'll be assisting in the office for a few months while on my summer break from St.

John's University in Queens, NY. I'm looking forward to gaining experience in an office setting- even though my major, *Hospitality Management*, has little to do with legal studies.

At school I enjoy nearly all classes I'm required to take, but especially those necessary for my

minor in visual art. Therefore, I spend a lot of time painting late into the night. My minor, I feel, will assist in keeping my creative mind active after college when I hope to start a career as an events planner.

When home, I visit friends, but also love time I spend with family. When things get a little hectic, I rely on activities like running, painting and listening to good music to keep me sane. I also benefit from really "getting away" by travelling to see family or friends in different states and countries.

Each experience I have, whether at school in New York City on my own, learning a new style of painting, or working with my mother, Donna Hill, as an office assistant, will allow me to learn things that I will use in my own office in the future.

The Lighter Side

The Eagle & The Rabbit

An eagle was sitting on a tree, resting and doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked, "Can I also sit like you & do nothing?" The eagle said, "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. Suddenly, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit & ate it.

Moral: *To be sitting & doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.*

Marriage Seminar

Tom & his wife listened to the seminar instructor say that it's essential for husbands and wives to know each other's likes & dislikes. "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?" Tom touched his wife's arm proudly & whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?"



Cost of 2010 Census

The cost of this decade's Census will come to some \$14.5 billion.

That includes about \$2.5 million spent on Super Bowl advertising, but the Census Bureau thinks it was worth the price to reach many of the 134 million households that received the

10 question form. Other costs: **\$2.74 billion** for follow up of those who didn't return their forms. **\$2.05 billion** for IT systems. **\$1.5 billion** for staff. **\$4.3 billion** for headquarters, planning, research & misc. expenses. **\$275.2 million** for postage.

Comical Word Search

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| ANDY CAPP | GET FUZZY | RIP HAYWIRE |
| BEN | HERMAN | RUBES |
| BETTY | JANES WORLD | SPOT THE FROG |
| BIG NATE | LOLA | THE BARN |
| BREVITY | LUANN | THE KNIGHT |
| DILBERT | MOMMA | LIFE |
| DRABBLE | MONTY | WATCH YOUR HEAD |
| F MINUS | NANCY | |
| FARCUS | PEANUTS | |



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 Sessions Each Month!
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BALTIMORE EVENTS

Juneteenth
 June 19, All Day
 Fort McHenry National Park
 2400 East Fort Ave., Baltimore, MD
 Celebrate the oldest celebration of freedom & the ending of slavery in the U.S.

Independence Weekend
 July 3, 12—4:30pm
 Maryland Institute College of Art,
 Meyerhoff Gallery
 1303 Mount Royal Ave., Fox Bldg, Baltimore, MD
 \$15/person
 Concerts at 1 & 3:30pm. See original Declaration of Independence. Complete a Revolutionary War-themed scavenger hunt.
www.ndhs.org

Little Italy Open Air Festival
 July 9—Aug. 27, All Day
 Little Italy, Stiles & High St, Baltimore, MD
 Free event each Friday evening!
www.littleitalymd.com

Take Up Golfing!

Older beginners find fun, relaxation on a golf course.

At the Pinehurst Golf Academy in North Carolina, they are seeing more new golfers who are in their 50s, 60s, and older. Here's some advice for late starters:
 * **Buy clubs that are the right size and weight for you.** Get advice from a sporting goods store or a club pro. A fitting can cost \$50 or more but will usually be deducted from the price of the clubs.
 * **Good news:** Changes in equipment make it easier for a beginner to get started. Head designs and changes in club weight and flexibility can help. Choose graphite shafts.
 * **Take instructions.** Most club pros give lessons. Get recommendations from other golfers. Instructors at private clubs are usually happy to take on students from

the outside.
 * **Get advice** on when to play the course. The course professional will say which hours are not crowded with good golfers so you won't hold anyone up.
 * **Know that there are advantages to starting at a later age.** You are more likely to play a steady game rather than trying to hit 300 yards off the tee, for example.
 * **Use the senior tees or ladies' tees** when you start. More people should use them all the time, and no one should be embarrassed about doing it.
 * **Forget the stroke rules** at first. If you are taking too many shots, pick up your ball and go to the next 100-yard mark, to the green or the next hole. No one wants to take a lot of shots on one hole.
 * **Golf is great cardiovascular exercise!**

I Am Responsible

I am responsible.
 I may not be able to prevent the worst from happening, but I am responsible for my attitude toward the inevitable misfortunes that darken my life.
 Bad things do happen.
 How I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life.
 I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have...life itself.
 ~ Walter Anderson, folklorist

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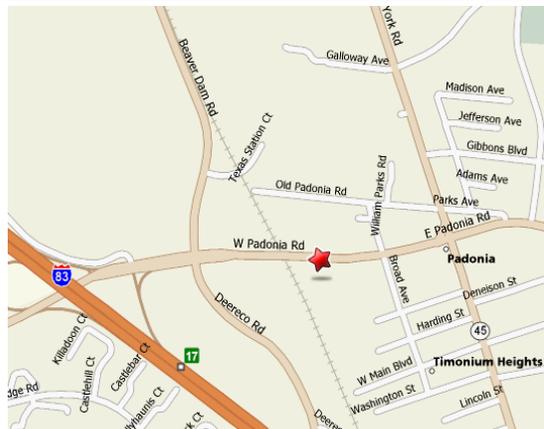
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The firm's mission is to fight for the underdog and level the playing field, whether the opponent is the government or an insurance company.

The firm's founder, Sharon A. Christie, is a nurse as well as an attorney.

Sharon's clients receive the benefit of having their cases handled by a firm that knows the medicine AND the law.

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