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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **January 19th - Lunch and Learn: Family Legal Documents 101 at the Weeks Law Firm**
Join the Weeks Law Firm for a free workshop from 11:30-12:30 pm, to learn what legal documents you need to protect your family. Call our office at 214-269-4290 to register.
- ◆ **February 20th - The ARC Live the Dream Expo - Rockwall**
Tresi Weeks will be participating in the ARC Expo in Rockwall. [Click here](#) for information.



Dear Friends, Family & Fellow Professionals,
With sincere thanks for a wonderful year, my staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As I reflect on this past year, I am reminded of the many challenges, successes and people that have made 2015 such a memorable year. We moved to a wonderful new location, were named the first Green Certified Law Firm in Plano, and now we are honored to be among the Top 3 Finalists for Best Attorney or law firm in the Plano Star Courier's 2015 Readers' Choice poll. More importantly, we have the privilege of serving our clients with excellence, meeting new people and learning more about our community each day.

We thank God for His blessings, and we thank you for your support and kindness.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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Warm Wishes,
Tresi

Counting Down 2016:

Why the Best New Year's Resolution is One You Can Keep

It's December 18th and we are officially in it – the holiday craze that began with Turkey and will end with Times Square. It won't be long before people start asking you, or you begin contemplating, this year's "New Year's Resolution". You could go with some of the tried and true: get fit, lose weight, learn a new hobby, read more, etc.

Or, you could try something new.

Here are our top reasons why your best New Year's Resolution is to complete your Will & Estate Plan.

Reason #1: There's little risk of failure once you've scheduled an appointment with your attorney...now *that* is a nice way to kick off a new year. You make the initial decision and investment, and your attorney gets it done right.

Reason #2: You've been meaning to do it for so long, and this is the perfect opportunity. You'll be that rare person who can say you accomplished your New Year's Resolution – but the long term benefits are infinitely greater, for you and for your loved ones.

Reason #3: It's not as scary as you might think. Click [here](#) to read more

Asset Protection *and* Income Tax Advantages for Your Retirement Plan Beneficiaries?

Why a Retirement Trust Account gives you the best of both worlds.

In the estate planning worlds of **asset protection for beneficiaries** on the one hand, and **income tax advantages for beneficiaries** on the other, the conventional wisdom that asks one to choose between the two when it comes to your retirement accounts, is no longer relevant. The solution has been found in the Retirement Trust Account, which offers the best of both worlds. Before we get to the solution, however, let's examine why it's needed to begin with.

The Issue

Before the Retirement Trust Account, we only had traditional trusts to work with in estate planning. And **traditional** trusts do – as conventional wisdom tell us – make bad retirement account beneficiaries, primarily for tax reasons; that's why naming an individual as a retirement beneficiary has historically been the best option for **maximizing your retirement assets and minimizing your beneficiary's income tax**. But why?

Click [here](#) to read more.

Highlights

◆ **October 28th - Focus on The Future Parent Meeting**

Tresi Weeks spoke to parents at the Focus on The Future school about Special Needs Trusts, guardianship and government benefits for your child.

◆ **November 7th - Family Legal Documents 101** Tres Weeks and Kristian Rojas provided a free workshop discussing what legal documents are needed to protect you and your family.

◆ **November 20th - My Possibilities Parent Meeting** Tres Weeks discussed Guardianship and Special Needs Trusts with parents at My Possibilities in Plano.



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