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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 to learn what legal documents you need to protect your family.
- ♦ **February 20th - The ARC Live the Dream Expo - Rockwall**  
Tresi Weeks will be participating in the ARC Expo in Rockwall. [Click here](#) for information.



## Thanksgiving: Seize the Moment

For some of us, Thanksgiving might be one of the few (or only) times a year when we can get the whole family together – it can simply be a logistical challenge when everyone is spread out over different cities, states and even continents. So, hopefully you can hear me out on this one...I am an estate planning attorney, so try not to hold it against me.

Though I just acknowledged that these family get-togethers can be rare – and therefore quite precious – I'm going to suggest you do something that you might think qualifies as a downer. Sorry about that. But I do think you should consider a family meeting. If you'd like, think of it as an information exchange. Why would you want to do this? By taking a proactive approach now, you can avoid unwanted surprises later for your family. It's primarily a gift to them, but it will also serve to ensure your wishes are understood and honored.

Here are some quick tips to get you started:

**BE EFFICIENT** Schedule the meeting, have an agenda, maintain control of the meeting, and do your best to stick to an allotted amount of time.

**WHAT TO DO WHEN** Tell family members what they will need to do if you become incapacitated or die.

**REVIEW THE PLAN** Explain the basics of what you've planned and the reasons behind your decisions.

**WHEN LESS IS MORE** Make it effective, but still keep it fairly general; it's not necessary to cover specific financial information.

**MANAGE EXPECTATIONS** Set expectations appropriately; beneficiaries may have some incorrect ideas that need to be addressed – especially before they are relied upon.

**DO** explain why a trust(s) has been established if that is part of your estate plan. i.e. to protect a beneficiary's inheritance from creditors, divorce, immaturity, etc.

## A Note from Tresi: Thanks to You

In this season of thankfulness, I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge your support with great appreciation. Whether you are a client, former client, fellow professional, among my family and friends, or any combination thereof – you have impacted my life. This year has seen a lot of positive changes, and it couldn't have happened without you. I also want to thank my amazing staff: Sherrie Frank (a.k.a. my right hand), Laurie Ottinger, and Cathy Callahan. They saw us through the big move to our new office location, but they also see us through each day with their hard work and dedication. I am so grateful to them!

Perhaps what I am most grateful for, is that your support has affirmed my vision for The Weeks Law Firm: My vision from the start was to be a different kind of law firm. I wanted a place that values excellence, without sacrificing compassion and care. I wanted clients to walk in, and know that we are doing more than shuffling papers – we are serving people. We value people, and we see our vocation as a way to help families like yours. We consider it a great privilege when you entrust your needs to us, and we do not take that trust lightly.

Thank you!

May you and yours enjoy safe travels, all the football and turkey you can handle, and most of all – family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Tresi



**Plano Star Courier's fiveonthree**

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### Highlights

- ♦ **October 18th - Discipleship University** - Special Needs Planning  
Tresi Weeks held a workshop discussing Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives at First Baptist Church of Dallas.
- ♦ **October 20th - Allen ISD - SNT 101** Tres Weeks discussed with parents from Allen special needs trusts and how to best provide for your child with special needs in the future.
- ♦ **October 29th - Lunch & Learn: Family Legal Documents 101** at the Weeks Law Firm  
The Weeks Law firm held a free workshop to discuss what legal documents you need to protect your family.



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