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APRIL 2017

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Upcoming Events:

April 6, 2017: Tresi will be attending the **Ability To Give Luncheon** hosted by [Connecting Point](#) of Park Cities at the Dallas Country Club. Michael Young and his wife Cristina Barbosa will be the honored guests. All proceeds from the luncheon will directly benefit the Connecting Point of Park Cities program which not only provides an

education, nurturing, and social daily program, but also encourages people of all ability levels to give back to their community.

April 11, 2017: Special Needs Planning and Trust Workshop: Please join The Weeks Law Firm for a free workshop to learn what legal documents you will need to protect your special needs child. [Click here to register.](#)

April 13, 2017: Please don't miss this opportunity to hear [Dr. Temple Grandin](#) as she discusses her journey and offers her thoughts on the mysteries of Autism Spectrum Disorder. This exclusive Dallas engagement is designed for parents, practitioners, educators and anyone who has a loved one on the spectrum.

April 20, 2017: Tresi will speak with the Collaborative Law Study Group about issues involved with child support for children with disabilities, and the potential effect on government benefits.

April 21-22, 2017: Tresi will be in Lubbock for the quarterly **Disability Rights Texas** Board meeting. She is pleased to serve as Vice Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for Disability Rights Texas.

April 24, 2017: [Camp Summit's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament](#) will be held at Bear Creek Golf Club in Dallas, and they need your help! **Camp Summit** provides barrier-free outdoor experiences for children and adults with disabilities throughout the community. Please consider helping out this incredible organization while enjoying a day of golf!

April 29, 2017: [The 4th Annual My Possibilities Community Ball](#), presented by Alliance Data. "The Big Reveal", is guaranteed to be a night filled with endless possibilities for adults with special needs! The Weeks Law Firm is proud to be a Gold Sponsor for this amazing community event. **My Possibilities** passionately pursues the ideal that everyone deserves the opportunity to grow by providing education, events and enterprising opportunities to their HIPsters (Hugely Important People).

Past Events:

February 25, 2017: Tresi spoke about special needs trusts and guardianship at the [Rays of Light](#) 3rd Annual Resource Fair on February 25th. Families in the University Park area had the opportunity to come meet resource providers in the DFW area. Rays of Light is a nonprofit that offers respite nights for families every other Friday night.

March 2, 2017: Highland Park High School hosted the [Highland Park Transition Fair](#) where Tresi had the opportunity to speak about "Guardianships and Alternatives" with the families, caregivers and educators that attended.

March 4, 2017: Lena represented The Weeks Law Firm with an information booth at the [Dallas ISD Information and Resource Fair](#) at the Special Education Pegasus Building, 912 South Ervay Street Dallas, Texas 75201.

March 7, 2017: Tresi was honored by an invitation to speak at the [National Association of Autism-North Texas](#) monthly Parent Education event, held at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Plano. Tresi talked with parents about court requirements for Guardianship and the new supported decision making document that allows for an alternative to guardianship.

March 20, 2017: [The Coventry Reserve](#), a Community of Discovery, held their annual Board meeting in St Paul, TX, just north of downtown Wylie. Tresi is proud to have served on this board for the last 2 years. The **Coventry Reserve** is a truly wonderful place, where adults with special needs are respected, challenged and supported through creative therapeutic programs in a Christ-centered environment.

March 23, 2017: The Weeks Law Firm hosted a free Special Needs Workshop to families to explain the legal documents they need to protect their family. The workshop filled up quickly, so additional dates have been added to meet the demand for this important workshop. Please visit our website to register for upcoming dates.

[Click here to register.](#)

March 23, 2017: The **Weeks Law Firm** participated in a Wine Tasting and tour at Grayson Hill Winery in Whitewright, Texas. The group of professional women from Collin County enjoyed good spirits and great company.

March 25, 2017: The **Weeks Law Firm** participated in the Resource Fair put on by PISD's Williams High School PTA. Tresi presented on Special Needs Trusts and sat on a panel with a variety of experts in the Special Needs Community.

March 29, 2017: Tresi spoke to parents and educators at the Rise School on Special Needs Planning. The [Rise School of Dallas](#) is a non-profit organization that continues to provide one of the best early childhood education programs for children with and without developmental disabilities.

March 30, 2017: Family Documents 101 was hosted by The Weeks Law Firm. Some of this free workshop's featured topics included: Powers of Attorney and Healthcare Directives, Updating Beneficiary Designations, and Probate Process in Texas.

[Click here to register.](#)

March 30, 2017: Tresi attended the My Possibilities VIP Reception and Wine Tasting at Corner Wines in Plano. Thank you, **Corner Wines**, for sponsoring.

Preparing for the Future

Free Special Needs Planning and Trust Workshop

Please join the Weeks Law Firm for a free workshop to learn what legal documents you need to protect your family.

FEATURED TOPICS:

- Special Needs Trusts
- Government benefits and how an inheritance affects them
- Other advantages of a special needs trust
- Practical case studies on possible scenarios
- Creating a Letter of Intent
- Choosing the Trustee
- Trust administration
- Funding the SNT with life insurance and other assets
- Funding the SNT with retirement accounts
- Brief overview on Guardianships and Alternatives (Guardianship presentation done separate)
- What is the Able Act ?

Q & A after presentation. Light refreshments will be served.



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Date:

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location:

**5600 Tennyson Parkway
3rd Floor Conference Room
Plano, TX 75024**

RSVP:

<http://weekslawfirm.com/register-special-needs-planning-trusts>

[Click here to register](#)

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A Lecture and Discussion with Dr. Temple Grandin

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April 13th, 9-10:30am @ Temple Emanu-El Dallas [8500 Hillcrest Avenue, Dallas, TX](https://www.8500HillcrestAvenue.com)
For registration and information, visit coe.unt.edu/Grandin

Legislative Update

The Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act: ACure for Our Digital Dilemma?

Historically, estate planning has revolved around planning for your tangible assets and just a few, specific intangible assets – such as investments and securities. Enter Dropbox, Facebook, iTunes, and email to name but a few of the digital treasures at stake, and the status quo rapidly changed. New legislation sweeping the nation plans to provide a solution to the legal limbo that has plagued this important area of estate planning. [Read more](#)



Estate Planning Solution Series

Life Insurance & the ILIT: Creative Funding Tools for the SNT

Where there are otherwise limited financial sources to designate for the future care of a special needs child – or where perhaps more is desired because parents want to make sure to also leave assets to other children, for example – life insurance provides a wonderful solution. What you may not be able to achieve by ordinary means, a monthly investment of a relatively small amount can yield a priceless sum of security and peace of mind. [Read more](#)

Thank you!

I am not only very pleased with the experience I had working with you to gather together the information for my estate planning, but I am telling anyone I know with special needs children and those considering making a will to get in touch with you.



My daughter, Joy, will be calling you in the future for help for a Special Needs Trust for her son and will no doubt also plan a Revocable Living Trust for herself and her husband, just not right now.

I will be filling out the form you sent giving you the highest ratings because you have gone far and above whatever the categories might be.

Thank you for all your excellent work.

Dr. Carol, W

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