



THE WEEKS' UPDATE

January 2017



Dear Friends, Family & Fellow Professionals,

Happy New Year! I look forward to the year ahead and look back at 2016 with sincere thanks for a wonderful year. My staff and I would like to extend to you our appreciation – we value you and the relationships we've formed.

I also want you to know that your continued business allows The Weeks Law Firm to support organizations that we desire to champion and see grow. It truly is more blessed to give than to receive, and I am so excited that in doing what we love, we can support causes that we love! To name a few: nonPareil Institute, My Possibilities, Coventry Reserve, Hunter's Autism Specials, Association for Independent Living, Disability Rights Texas and Camp Summit.



We hold the work of these fine organizations in such esteem, and even more so, the exceptional individuals that they invest in each day.

As we begin a new year, may we all be inspired to give more of the gifts we've been given.

Warm Wishes,
Tresi

Upcoming Events:

January 21, 2017: Connecting the Dots Expo North - Region 10 ESC-Abrams Building, 904 Abrams Rd., Richardson, TX 75081 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tresi will be presenting on Guardianships and Alternatives Event is being sponsored by Allen ISD, Dallas ISD, Garland ISD, Mesquite ISD, Plano ISD, Richardson ISD, Wylie ISD.

February 4, 2017: Connecting the Dots Expo East Utley Middle School 1201 T L Townsend Dr. Rockwell, Texas 75087 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tresi will be presenting on Guardianships and Alternatives Event is being sponsored by Forney ISD, Rockwall ISD, Royce City ISD and Sunnyvale ISD.

February 4, 2017: The Weeks Law Firm will have a booth at Plano ISD Sage Expo from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. Location will be Plano Senior High at Independence and Park.

February 13-14, 2017: Tresi will be presenting at the Inclusion Works Conference in Houston, Texas Presented by the ACR of Texas. [Click here for more details.](#)

February 16, 2016: Lunch and Learn : Special Needs Planning and Trust. 12:30 to 1:30pm Featured Topics: Special Needs Trusts, Government benefits and how an inheritance affects them, Choosing a trustee and more. [Click here for more dates.](#)

February 19,2016: Lunch and Learn : Family Documents 101 . Featured Topics: Powers of Attorney and Healthcare Directives; Updating Beneficiary Designation; Probate Process in Texas [Click here to register.](#)

February 25, 2017: Connecting the Dots Expo Texoma at the Hilton Garden Inn 201 S US -75 Denison, Texas 75020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tresi will presenting with Matt Adamczyk on Planning for the future. Event is being sponsored by Bonham ISD, Denison ISD, Grayson Co. SSA, Sherman ISD, TCOG, United Healthcare and Cigna.

Past Events:

November 3, 2016: IDD Conference, Richardson, Texas. Tresi spoke to Service Providers and Educators on Guardianship and the Able Act. The conference was put on by Metrocare Services Dallas.

November 12, 2016: Notre Dame School Transition Fair. Tresi spoke on Guardianship and Supported Decision Making for families getting ready for transition from Notre Dame School Dallas.

December 2nd and 3rd, 2016: Coventry Reserve Christmas Sale. Tresi serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Coventry Reserve . She was grateful to her staff that volunteered or baked goods for the sale. It was a huge success as they raised more than \$30,000 from the sale.

December 6, 2016: Presentation on Special Needs Planning. Tresi spoke to families and staff at the Oak Hill Academy in Dallas. Oak Hill is a private school for children with learning differences ages from EC to 12.

Post-Election Legal Update: Tax Reform Snapshot

As the dust appears to be finally settling on the 2016 Presidential Election, the legal world is steadying itself for the likely changes headed our way as Republican President-Elect Donald Trump prepares to take office in January with a Republican controlled House and Senate. High on the list of legislative initiatives will be tax reform. While President-elect Trump and Congressional Republicans might not see eye-to-eye on every detail of tax reform, they certainly share many common goals. By comparing Trump's pre-election proposals and the Republicans' Tax Reform Task Force Blueprint, we can get an idea of some likely modifications to come:



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Legislative Update: Special Needs Trust Fairness Act



On December 7, 2016, by an overwhelmingly affirmative vote of 94 to 5, the Senate approved H.R. 34 a.k.a. the 21st Century Cares Act, a \$6.3 billion package of health-related initiatives. The Act was signed by President Obama on December 13, 2016. **This new law includes the Special Needs Fairness Act – the focus of our update.**

[Read more](#)

**Join us on January 21st,
February 4th and 25th**



IF YOUR PRODUCT OR SERVICE BENEFITS PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, you should consider *connecting the dots* with us! Our expo would be the perfect opportunity to showcase your resources and services as well as connect with people who would most benefit from them.

2016 - 2017 Expo Dates and Locations

All events will be held 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

West		East																
Oct. 22 2016	Ranchview High School 8401 Valley Ranch Pkwy E Irving, TX 75063 Sponsoring LEAs: Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Irving ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, Dallas ISD	Feb. 4 2017	Utley Middle School 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr Rockwall, TX 75087 Sponsoring LEAs: Forney ISD, Rockwall ISD, Royse City ISD, Sunnyvale ISD															
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For more information call **Linda** at 972-348-1578, **Amy** at 972-348-1684 or **Sandy** at 972-348-1754

Connect the Dots Today! For details or to register, go to:

(NSEW) <http://goo.gl/SqESJ5> or **(Texoma)** <http://ctd2017.eventbrite.com/>

We appreciate you!

I truly appreciated the fact that Sherrie kept in close communication with me during this process, as I needed the motivation to complete it. She gave just the right amount of attention...never smothering, but always caring with genuine understanding about the reasons I



had to delay the process.

Maddy K., Lewisville

