



WEEKS' UPDATE

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Welcome to Our Newest Team Member!



Chris Krupa Downs

We are pleased to announce that we have a new member of the team: Chris Krupa Downs. Chris brings her valuable experience in Estate Planning, Probate and Guardianship to the Weeks Law Firm.

Chris has been recognized for three consecutive years as a Super Lawyers Rising Star 2016, 2017 and 2018. We are excited to have Chris on our team!

New Tax Law Makes Changes to ABLE Accounts

Families taking advantage of ABLE savings accounts will have a little more flexibility in planning for special needs as a result of the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law by President Trump on December 22, 2017. [READ MORE](#)



After Tax Reform, Is Estate Planning Still Necessary?

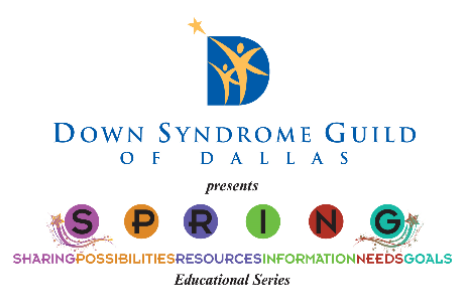


The new tax legislation raises the federal estate tax exemption to \$11.2 million for individuals and \$22.4 million for couples. The increase means that an exceedingly small number of estates will have to worry about federal estate taxes in 2018. So, you may be wondering, is estate planning even still necessary? [READ MORE](#)





Tresi will be speaking at Convergence 2018 on May 11, 2018, at the Omni Frisco Hotel at The Star. The all-day conference offers 8 hours of high-quality CPE in 25 sessions presented by nationally-recognized experts in their fields. A luncheon will feature a keynote address by Jerry Jones, Owner, President and General Manager of the Dallas Cowboys. Click [here](#) for more details.



Tresi will be presenting for the Down Syndrome Guild, Spring Educational Series on Planning for the Future, Everything You Need to Know about Special Needs Planning. Click [here](#) for more details.

"Hope for the Caregiver" CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 14 • 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. • Plano Campus



Whether you are caring for an older or disabled adult or seeing to the special needs of children, you don't want to miss this conference sponsored by Prestonwood Baptist Church and Bent Tree Bible Church. Come hear Tres and over 30 presenters speak on topics that are important to you. Registration is \$10.00 and it includes lunch. Click [here](#) for more details.



Lunch and Learns for March

March 15th Family Legal Documents 101

March 22nd Special Needs Planning and Trust

March 28th Guardianships and Alternatives

11:30 a.m.

Click here to register

Limited Seats Available

Click here to [RSVP](#)

Our Cup Runneth Over.....



Tresi Weeks and her staff took care of setting up our trust by thoroughly explaining the legal and tax implications as well as providing notebooks with which to store our documents and to add supplemental documents. This was done over two meetings. They also helped with filling out our beneficiary change forms so that everything would be in place for the trust to take effect. We very much appreciate the help and assistance provided.

B. Abbey, McKinney



The office will be closed on Good Friday

Have a Blessed Easter



Save the Date

Camp Summit's 24th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament



Monday, April 23, 2018



Bear Creek Golf Course

Sponsorships now available at CampSummitTX.org/golf or
contact Georgia White at G.White@CampSummitTX.org or
Call Georgia White at 972-528-7835

Interested in helping in other ways? Donate a gift card to the auction/raffle, join the
committee, or volunteer the day of the tournament! E-mail Georgia at
G.White@CampSummitTX.org.



THE ASHFORD RISE SCHOOL OF DALLAS
RUNWAY SHOW

5-5-18

Upcoming Events:

March 22, 2018: Tresi will host our free [Special Needs Planning and Trust Workshop](#). Participants will learn what legal documents they need to protect their special needs children. [Click here](#) to register for our next workshop.

March 28, 2018: Tresi will host our free [Guardianships and Alternatives Workshop](#). Participants will learn about the legal documents needed to protect their loved one. [Click here](#) to register.

March 30, 2018: The Weeks Law Firm will be closed for Good Friday. Have a

blessed Easter with family!

April 4, 2018: Join many great organizations in the Frisco area that serve the special needs community at the Frisco ISD Resource Fair.

April 12, 2018: Tresi will speak to families at Prosper ISD about Transition Planning. Parents and caregivers will learn about resources and processes that will help them guide their loved one through their transition into adulthood.

April 14, 2018: Tresi will present on Special Needs Planning and Trusts at the [Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas](#) as a part of their SPRING Educational Series – Everything You Need to Know About Special Needs Planning. Registration is free, but will close April 11th (or earlier if capacity is reached).

April 14, 2018: Tresi will present on Special Needs Planning and Trusts at the Prestonwood [Hope for the Caregiver Conference](#) at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano.

April 14, 2018: The [Mariposa Project](#) will be hosting a Resource Fair at Williams High School at 10 a.m. [Click here](#) for details.

Past Events:

March 1, 2018: Highland Park ISD held a Resource fair for families in and around their district. The fair brought educational information from organizations of many different fields – each dedicated to helping individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Weeks Law Firm participated as a vendor in the resource fair.

March 3, 2018: The Weeks Law Firm participated in the Wylie ISD SAGE Fair.

March 8, 2018: Mary and Lena represented the Weeks Law Firm at the Community Partners Luncheon, held at the Dallas Country Club. The group was comprised of leaders of the disability community with the purpose of building partnerships that will both improve services, and expand the reach of those services to more individuals in the DFW area. Thank you to John Poston, Daymark Living and the ARC of North Texas for leading this effort!

March 15, 2018: Tresi hosted our free Estate Planning Workshop on Family Legal Documents. Participants learned what legal documents they need to protect the ones they love. If you missed it, [click here](#) to register for our next workshop!

March 18, 2018: Tresi presented to the Kaleidoscope group at Watermark Church on Special Needs Planning. The group is made up of mothers of children with disabilities of all ages. The group provides support, resources, fellowship and prayer for one another. Tresi was honored to speak to members of her church.

