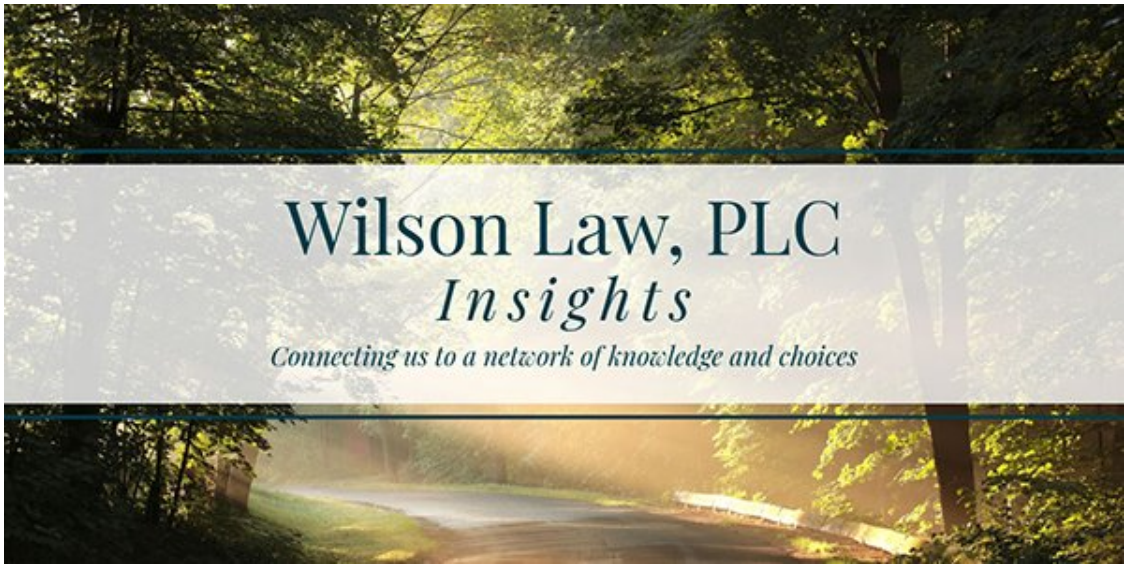


June 2026 Newsletter

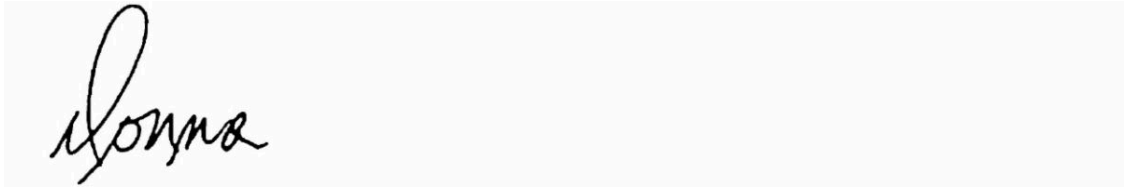
Dear Cherished Clients, Advisors, Colleagues, and Friends,

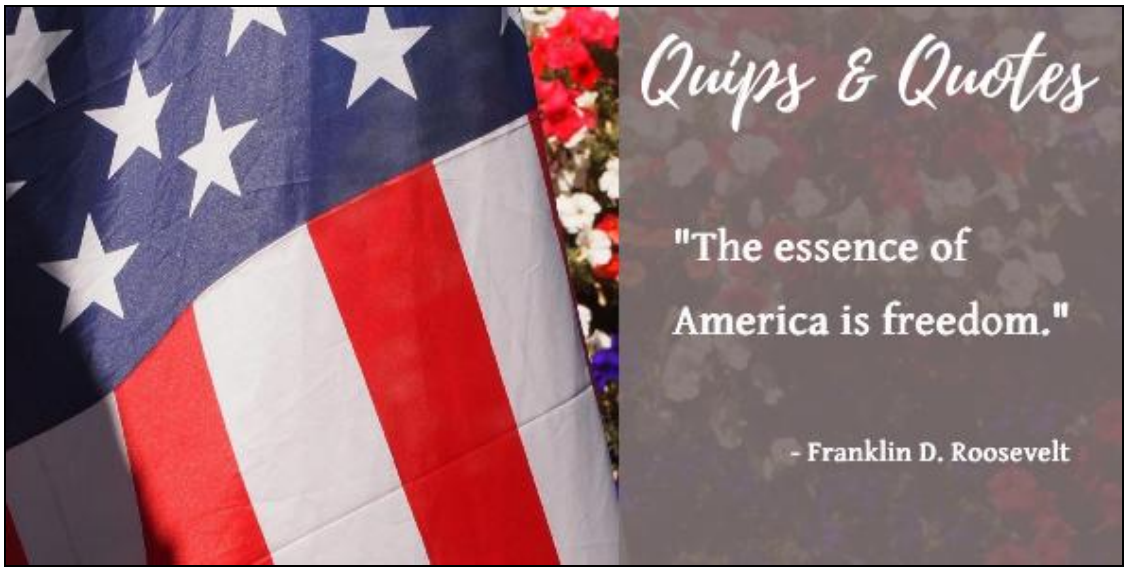
Welcome to our June newsletter. We hope you are enjoying the start of summer and looking forward to the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. Summer often means family visits, vacations, cookouts, and a little extra time spent together.

Those moments can sometimes lead to conversations that do not happen very often during the rest of the year. In this month's article, we explore how parents and adult children sometimes approach planning from different perspectives and why understanding those differences can lead to better conversations.

If this month's article raises questions about your own planning, our office is here to help.

Warm Regards,





When Families Talk About Planning but Hear Different Things

A conversation about estate planning can sometimes feel like two different conversations happening at the same time.

Parents are often thinking about the big picture. They want to be fair. They want to preserve independence. They want to make thoughtful decisions about what they have built over a lifetime and how it will be passed on.

Adult children, on the other hand, are often thinking about something more immediate. If help is needed, who will be responsible? Where is the information? What happens if there is a medical emergency? Who is handling the practical details?

Neither perspective is wrong. They are simply focused on different concerns.

Parents Often Think About Legacy

For many parents, estate planning is tied to values, fairness, and long-term goals.

They may spend time thinking about how assets will be divided, whether children will be treated equally, and what legacy they hope to leave behind. Some are focused on preserving family property. Others think about charitable giving, family traditions, or providing opportunities for future generations.

These are important considerations, and they are often the reason people begin planning in the first place.

Adult Children Often Think About Logistics

Adult children frequently approach the same situation from a different angle. They may wonder who has a power of attorney, whether healthcare documents exist, or what would happen if a parent became unable to manage financial

affairs. They may be concerned about finding information, coordinating care, or making decisions during a crisis.

In many cases, they are not focused on inheritance at all. They are focused on what happens before that point.

Different Priorities Can Lead to Missed Conversations

Sometimes families believe they are discussing the same issue when they are actually talking about different concerns.

A parent may want to explain why assets are being distributed a certain way. An adult child may be trying to understand who would step in if help were needed tomorrow.

As a result, important conversations can happen without either side getting the answers they were looking for.

Questions That Can Help Start the Conversation

Families do not need to solve every issue in a single discussion. In many cases, the hardest part is simply getting the conversation started.

A few thoughtful questions can help uncover what each person is thinking about and create a better understanding of different priorities:

- When you think about the future, what is your biggest priority?
- Is there anything you hope your family understands about the decisions you have made?
- What concerns you most if an unexpected situation were to arise?
- Are there responsibilities you think someone may need to take on one day?
- Is there a topic you think the family should discuss sooner rather than later?
- What questions do you wish someone would ask?

The goal is not to reach immediate answers. It is to better understand each person's perspective and identify areas that may benefit from additional discussion.

Good Planning Addresses Both Perspectives

Effective planning often works best when both viewpoints are part of the conversation.

Parents should feel comfortable discussing their goals, values, and wishes. Adult children should have an opportunity to ask practical questions about responsibilities, decision-making, and access to information.

When those conversations happen together, families often gain a clearer understanding of both the long-term plan and the day-to-day realities that may arise along the way.

Planning Is Not Just About One Generation

Estate planning is often viewed as a process that benefits future generations. In reality, it can also help current generations communicate more effectively. Understanding what matters to parents and understanding what concerns adult children can help create a more complete picture of a family's needs.

Sometimes the most productive planning conversations begin when everyone realizes they have been focusing on different parts of the same issue.

If you would like to discuss how estate planning can help address both long-term goals and practical concerns, Wilson Law would be glad to help. Call our office at 866-603-5976 or reach us through our website and we will be in touch to schedule a time to meet at your convenience.

Maintenance Members

We are enjoying our time with you as we are ending our 2025/26 Maintenance year. Look for your Maintenance Renewal Contracts for your 2026/27 maintenance year which will be emailed at the beginning of July. If you do not received an email, please reach out to our office at (757) 645-3176.

We look forward to kicking off this year's Coffee with Donna series. We hope you will be able to join us. The event details are listed here...

Coffee with Donna

Healthy Brain, Healthy Life, Healthy Aging

How Diet and Exercise Can Improve Memory, Balance, and Overall Brain Health

Join us on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM for an engaging presentation by our special guest neurologist, Dr. Soueidan of Riverside Neurology. Discover practical, evidence-based ways that everyday choices, including the foods you eat and the activities you enjoy, can help support memory, improve balance, and promote healthy aging. Leave with simple strategies you can begin using immediately to help maintain your independence and quality of life.

"Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live."

— Jim Rohn

We thank you again for the generous donations for our pet charities! We continue to be a donation center so please keep our beloved pets in mind

when you visit us! **Blankets are in high demand right now if you have any gently used or see any on sale you would like to donate!** We look forward to seeing many of you at the events we have planned for the rest of our maintenance year. Check out our website under 'Events' for our Coffee with Donna, and other dates that we will add to the calendar as we schedule them. We are working on our schedule so keep an eye on our events calendar.

Why Appointment Rescheduling May Incur Additional Costs

Understanding the Value Behind the Work

At our firm, we understand that life can be unpredictable. Emergencies arise, plans shift, and sometimes it is necessary to reschedule appointments. We are always happy to work with you to find a new time that fits your needs. However, we want to be transparent about why such rescheduling—especially on short notice—will result in additional costs, particularly when your legal documents must be updated to reflect the changes.

Time Reserved for You

When we schedule your appointment, we set aside dedicated time for you—time that is specifically blocked out in our calendar. This means we turn away other clients who need assistance during that window. Rescheduling usually results in lost time that cannot be recovered or filled on short notice.

Behind-the-Scenes Work

Estate planning and legal work involve far more than just the time we spend face-to-face. Prior to your appointment, we prepare your documents, review your file, and pre-draft materials for efficiency and accuracy. When a date is changed, these documents must be re-dated, re-reviewed, and in many cases, entirely revised to maintain legal accuracy. This additional time and attention translate into added cost of time spent in staff hours, printing costs, and attorney time.

Legal Accuracy Matters

Dates are more than just calendar entries—they can have legal significance. For example, a change in the date of a trust signing, power of attorney, or healthcare directive can impact witness requirements, notary acknowledgments, or even your chosen strategy for asset transfers. To protect the integrity of your documents, we must reprocess, reprint, and in some cases, have new documents executed.

Staffing and Scheduling Impact

Changes in appointments ripple through our office. Team members who prepare, witness, notarize, and finalize your documents all work within a carefully coordinated schedule. Last-minute changes mean their time and

efforts must also be redirected—sometimes involving after-hours adjustments or delays to other clients' work.

Our Commitment to You
Our goal is always to provide exceptional service, clear communication, and legal excellence. We are committed to transparency in our fees and will always explain any additional costs up front. We simply ask for your understanding and consideration when appointments need to be rescheduled.

In Summary:
We respectfully request as much notice as possible for any changes. By doing so, you help us protect the integrity of your legal documents and allow our team to continue delivering the personalized attention you deserve—efficiently and cost-effectively.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” – Benjamin Franklin

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Upcoming Events

Check out our website www.wilsonlawplc.com on our events page as we schedule our upcoming events! Also look for us on our Facebook page and our social media. We hope to see you at some of our local events below. Enjoy your July!

Independence Day Celebration

Friday, July 3rd from 7:00pm-9:30pm

New Kent High School
7365 Egypt Road, New Kent, VA

New Kent County invites you to come commemorate their annual Independence Day Celebration at New Kent High School and Middle School. There will be a wide range of activities, such as backyard games, children’s activities, a pie eating contest and a car show, perfect for individuals of all ages at this free event hosted by New Kent County. Music by a live band and a DJ will be playing for those looking to boogie. If you’re looking for something to eat, there will be a variety of food trucks located throughout this event. A firework show will begin at 9:30pm, set off behind New Kent High School. Check out more information about this event, click here.

A Celebration 250 Years in the Making

Saturday, July 4th from 8:00am-10:00pm

101 W Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, VA

Start your Independence Day celebrations by heading over to Colonial Williamsburg for a vibrant day of community connection and shopping! Explore historic sites within Colonial Williamsburg and participate in live events such as their Public Auction and Company of Comedians. Head to the Kimball Theatre to see 1776 the Musical or to the Palace Green for performances by Indigenous, West African, and English Colonial traditional drums. There is something for everyone in Williamsburg this Fourth of July. From a live reading of the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson at the Capitol to patriotic military drills and the largest drone and fireworks spectacle in the Foundation's history! To learn more about this event, click here.

Independence Day Celebration – Grace on Main

Saturday, July 4th from 10:00am-1:00pm

6470 Main Street, Gloucester, VA

Join Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and the Gloucester 250 Committee to celebrate Independence Day at Grace on Main. At this free, family friendly event commemorate the 250th anniversary of independence with your community at this cherished Gloucester tradition. Featuring a blend of period music from 1776, come learn about those who signed the Declaration of Independence and their legacy. There will be a choral tribute to the Armed Forces, along with classics like the National Anthem and America the Beautiful. To learn more about this event, click here.

Wendwood's Star-Spangled Splash

Saturday, July 4th, from 10:30am-6:00pm

Wendwood Pool
320 Dominion Drive, Newport News, VA

Come over to Wendwood Pool for an action-packed neighborhood gathering is the perfect way to cool off and connect with your local community. Kick off the morning by bringing your decorated bikes, golf carts, scooters, and wagons for a patriotic neighborhood parade! After the parade, head to the pool deck for an all-day party featuring music, fun games, pool contests, and a classic watermelon eating contest. If you need a bite to eat, there will be plenty of tasty food and drinks on-site throughout the day. This is a family friendly event packed with patriotic spirit, poolside fun, and neighbors coming together to celebrate America's birthday! For more information about this event, click here.

4th of July Stars and Stripes Celebration

Saturday, July 4th from 7:30pm-11:00pm

17th, 24th, and 31st Street Parks, Virginia Beach, VA

Join Virginia Beach for their 4th of July Celebration at the oceanfront. With a fireworks display at 9:30pm, come participate in a star-spangled salute with your friends and family at this free event. Bring your beach chairs, blankets, and coolers to socialize and enjoy what the oceanfront has to offer. Live music will be featured at 17th Street Park where Chester B's Tribute to Motown will be performing, 24th Street Park the Tidewater Winds Concert Band will be performing and 31st Street Park the 100th Army Band from Ft. Knox, KY will be performing. For more information about this event or to learn about the sponsors, click here.

Yorktown Market Days – Fun in the Sun Market

Saturday, July 11th from 8:00am-12:00pm

Riverwalk Landing
331 Water Street, Yorktown, VA

Celebrate the best of summer and connect with your community at Yorktown Market Days – Fun in the Sun Market to support local farmers, discover handmade treasures, and enjoy a beautiful day out with your neighbors! This free admission, family-friendly event is the perfect place to shop, eat, and unwind with an ice-cold lemonade as you browse tents packed with fresh-picked summer produce like juicy tomatoes and crisp watermelon, alongside unique sea-inspired art and sunny home decor from local artisans. Friendly, leashed dogs are always welcome to join the fun! Looking to grab a bite? There will be delicious options at local food trucks and let the kids run wild with free lawn games, bubbles, inflatables, and balloon art. Check out more information about this event, here.

Beat the Heat – Hit the Ice!

Thursday, July 16th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Chilled Ponds Ice Sports Complex
1416 Stephanie Way, Chesapeake, VA

Escape the humid summer heat and wind down after a long day of working by joining your Noble Title & Escrow at Chilled Ponds Ice Sports Complex for their community event Beat the Heat – Hit the Ice. Trade you shoes for a pair of skates to experience the perfect way to cool off, get active, and naturally connect with local professionals and families. Lace up your skates, step onto the crisp ice, and enjoy a vibrant social atmosphere completely shielded from the blazing sun. Admission is just $17 per skater, making it an incredibly affordable, stress-free evening to share some laughs, network outside of the workplace, and enjoy a refreshing break with your community. If you're looking to fuel up, head over to the on-site Majors Bar & Grill for devious rink favorites like burgers and fries, and a massive selection of specialty cafe drinks and brews on tap. For more information about this event, click here.

18th Annual Hampton Heat

Saturday, July 25th from 7:00pm-10:30pm

Larry King Law's Langley Speedway
11 Dale Lemonds Drive, Hampton, VA

Come to Langley Speedway for the 18th Annual Hampton Heat to the ultimate night of high-octane thrills at America's hottest race! Watch the Mid-Atlantic's top drivers battle it out on the pavement in an intense 200-lap showcase, serving as the legendary second leg of the Virginia Triple Crown. Perfect for race fans and families alike looking to experience an action-packed lineup featuring Late Model Stock Cars, Super Streets, and Legends. Grab your friends, pack a cooler, and head out to the grandstands for an unforgettable, budget-friendly summer evening packed with speed, roar, and roaring fun! For more information about this event and the ticket prices, click here.

Did you read our blog this month?

Be sure to stay up to date with the latest news from Wilson Law by **clicking here**.

Recipe Corner

Prosciutto Peach Pizza

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound ball of pizza dough
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- chili flakes
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons fig preserves
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded gouda cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded fontina cheese
- 3 ounces prosciutto
- 1 peaches, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- so much fresh basil

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 450° F.
2. On a lightly floured surface, push the dough out until it's thin (about a 10-12 inch circle). Transfer the dough to a baking sheet. Lightly brush the crust with olive oil, then sprinkle with thyme, garlic, and chili flakes. Add 1 teaspoon honey and the fig preserves, gently rubbing around the surface of the dough.
3. Add the all 3 cheeses.
4. Toss the peaches with 1 teaspoon honey and balsamic vinegar. Arrange the peaches over the cheese, then scatter around the prosciutto.
5. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until the crust is golden and the cheese is bubbling. Remove from the oven and top with two big handfuls of fresh basil. Slice and enjoy!

Recipe courtesy of halfbakedharvest.com

Learn More On Our Website

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Before practicing law, Donna was a teacher and Special Education Consultant. Her lifelong interest in law, in combination with her experiences working to help families with special needs issues, led her to the specialized area of estate planning. Her ability to communicate effectively allows her to explain the intricacies of estate planning to her clients in a manner in which they can easily comprehend, enlightening them as to the infinite resources available to them in the designing of their estate plan.

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