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My Lucky Baseball Pilgrimage

By Attorney Peter Keon

If you haven't heard, I'm a huge baseball fan (or, more aptly described, fanatic!)

My love and devotion to our great national pastime is so deep that every March I travel to Florida to pay homage to the annual rite of spring - - spring training. It's a wonderful, close-up opportunity to mingle with the players at quaint, laid-back venues as they prepare for the long season ahead.



This "pilgrimage" is a very serious undertaking. My trail is charted out carefully in advance, so I can get to visit the most training camps and see the most exhibition games. Florida has 14 training camps and I planned my trip so I could see 10 games in 9 days! This involved driving from Tampa (where I observed my beloved hometown Phillies play the Yankees) to Lakeland, Bradenton, Jupiter, Lake Buena Vista, Port Charlotte, For Myers, Dunedin and finally Sarasota and Clearwater (where I saw 2 more Phillies games). A total of over 1,700 miles driven, on top of the 10 hours of flying back and forth from Florida, but I enjoyed it all thoroughly!

My Souvenir of the "Holy Land"

Of course, I always bring something back to document my pilgrimage - - a baseball autographed by star

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players.

This first involves actually obtaining the sacred baseball. When I got to the first stop, Tampa, some Yankees were practicing outside the gated ballpark. I saw famous pitcher, Andy Pettitte, and since I hadn't yet gotten in to buy my ball I had him sign my admissions ticket instead. Then, when I entered the stadium, I learned I could only purchase a ball with the Yankees logo on it. I thought, "no way I want any Phillies autographs on a Yankees ball" (we Phillies fans hate the Yankees ever since our "Whiz Kids" were beaten in the 1960 World Series). So the next day, when in Lakeland, I thankfully bought a Detroit ball and filled that one with autographs throughout the trip.

Now, I have to tell you, over the years I've developed a special strategy for getting autographs. It's not easy, because hundreds of people crowd near the stars and jockey for position. Third base and first base are typically the best locations (not the players entrance and exit) because they are where the players are running and playing catch. If there are a lot of other autograph seekers, I'll try to be in the second or third row (not the 1st!). That way, if a player moves I've got more latitude to move either way with him, hold out my ball and get it signed!

Of course, getting into (and staying in) the second or third row is a trick onto itself. I try to get the best seat before the game starts, but the ushers usually ask you to vacate the autograph areas and you may have to go if you don't have a ticket to that seat. I thought I got "busted" in Clearwater, when an usher tapped me on the shoulder, but he only asked if I could let some other people pass into their seats. It turned out those people were from Lankershim, Pennsylvania, where I went to college and I sat talking with them and never was asked to move my seat, nor did anyone appear to take my seat through the entire game!

Using this time-tested "positioning" technique I was lucky enough to get signatures from Phillies Shane Victorino, Chase Utley, Michael Young and Ben Revere, among others. In fact, I was very lucky on this trip, in a whole number of interesting ways.

The Baseball Gods Cooperate

Client Review Seminar

This is a seminar for our existing clients who have not been in for their free 3-year review meeting, so they may hear about all of the changes in laws, planning technology and services that we now offer.

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The Gods also shined down on me so I got to see family while there. I usually schedule to stay 3 nights in Vero Beach, where my parents have a condo, and catch a game with my father. Unfortunately, this time, my father had other commitments and couldn't go. However, I drove to Orlando (Lake Buena Vista near Walt Disney World), met up with my brother and his girlfriend, who I hadn't seen for some time, caught a game and enjoyed a nice dinner together on the beach.

My oddest lucky experience happened the next to last day of my trip, in Sarasota, where my Phillies were playing the Orioles. Most good veteran players don't travel to the away games, but the Phillies brought Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard and Domonic Brown.

As usual, I camped out near third base. Domonic Brown wandered by and I was in such good position that I was able to get his autograph. There was another fan near me who wanted his autograph too but didn't have a pen, so he asked me for my pen and I said "sure". Domonic continued to use my pen to sign other autographs and I just walked away, forgetting he had it. I later spotted Ryan Howard and was going to ask him to sign my ball, but I couldn't find my pen. Just then, the guy who borrowed my pen showed up and got Ryan's autograph right in front of me. I yelled, "hey, buddy, give me my pen!" When Ryan heard that, he proceeded to sign my ball, even though a huge crowd of others had already formed around him.

If it wasn't for my lending that pen to the other fan, I probably wouldn't have gotten both autographs! Better yet, when I returned to my seat, I found a \$5 bill on the ground!

The Cherry on Top

My pilgrimage was definitely a wonderful, lucky success. But perhaps the most lucky, wonderful thing was yet to occur - - after I returned home. I was greeted with a gift of awesome tickets for Dodgers opening day (I root for them too, except when they play the Phillies!). Despite my many years of attending spring training, I had never been to an opening day game and the pomp and ceremony in front of about 55,000 screaming fans - - when hall-of-famer Sandy Koufax unexpectedly came out to throw the first pitch - - was a moment to cherish forever!



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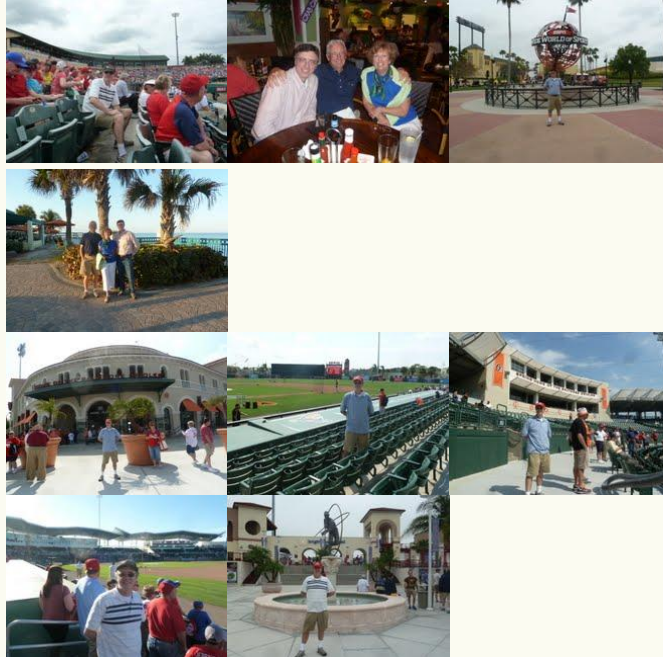
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I suppose I should somehow sum all this up with some "lesson" I learned, so here it is... Find and follow your life's passion and you might get lucky too!



Congratulations to Attorney Peter Keon!

This is certainly Peter's favorite time of year. Not only has he enjoyed a fabulous spring training trip (see above article), he just celebrated his birthday plus he received confirmation from the State Bar that he has been Certified as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law! That is a tremendous accomplishment - -

which less than 1/2 of 1% of all the attorneys in California have achieved - - and a testament to his experience and expertise. Congratulations Peter!



Meet a Member of the KM&O Family: ShantaDee Gadson

ShantaDee Gadson joined the firm in May of 2008. Originally hired as a "floater", to help out wherever needed, such as client review appointments and as back-up receptionist, ShantaDee was promoted to Legal Assistant in our Estate Administration department. Her primary responsibilities are scheduling appointments when a client passes away, making sure the clients are prepared for their meeting with their attorney, preparing supporting documentation for the attorneys during the Estate Administration process, collecting information for the attorneys to review, managing attorneys' calendars, acting a liaison between the attorneys and our clients, and handling the signing of documents for the Estate Administration department. In addition to all this, she also assists the firm with seminar facilitation, covers as the receptionist at times, and is even the warm, fuzzy voice you hear when you listen to our voicemails.



ShantaDee is originally from the South Bay area, but after High School, she moved to Palmdale, Lancaster and the Santa Clarita areas. She attended California State University Northridge, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. While in college, ShantaDee worked as a Customer Service Representative for Washington Mutual Bank's Home Loans, where she developed her great customer servicing skills. She also joined Alpha Lambda Mu Christian Sorority, which has been a great influence on her spiritual life. After graduation, a good majority of ShantaDee's maternal family decided to move out of state, leaving her with the choice of going with them, or relocating to the Los Angeles area with her paternal family. She decided to stay in California, joined our firm, and has since relocated back to the South Bay area, which is more like home to her.

In 2010, ShantaDee lost her father to a battle with cancer. He was a very important part of her life, and she was with him until the very end. She understands

(and can personally empathize with our clients) about the difficulty of losing a loved one, and the trials that come after such a loss.

In her spare time, ShantaDee enjoys reading (and is a member of a Book Club), attending Church, traveling, and spending time with her sorority sisters, family and friends.

Daughter Syndrome

A woman today may play a wide variety of roles during her lifetime. For example, while she may begin life as a daughter, she also may find herself cast as an aunt, a wife, a daughter-in-law, a friend, a mother, a grandmother or even a great-grandmother. And, more often than not, a woman will be cast as the primary nurturer and caregiver in most of her intra-family roles. It is within the context of such intra-family relationships that a woman may experience the *Daughter Syndrome*. In this brief article we will introduce the Daughter Syndrome and offer a few observations to help you survive it.



The Experience

Commonly, the Daughter Syndrome begins when a woman helps rear her siblings and then, perhaps, her own children to adulthood. Thereafter, as her parents and in-laws age, she may find herself cast in the role of chauffer, shuttling them between medical appointments. Not long after that, she may find herself cast in the role of negotiator as she helps coordinate their long-term care requirements. Eventually, the dutiful daughter will similarly care for her husband until his death ... and she may be left as the last leaf of her generation on the family tree. Question: Who will be the nurturer and caregiver for this loyal and dutiful daughter?

Three Steps

The *first step* in surviving the Daughter Syndrome is to recognize when you are in it and to accept that you are not Superwoman. Do not try to do everything yourself. Look for assistance within your family and circle of close friends; through your church, synagogue, or local

support groups; and from the appropriate governmental agencies (e.g., *meals-on-wheels* programs).

The *second step* is to have a plan of action. Do you have your own legal and financial planning in order? If you do, then it is much easier to get your loved ones to do the same. In turn, this will make it easier for you to help them avoid court interference or undue financial hardship.

The *third step* is to actually implement and maintain your own plan of action. It has been said that *talk is cheap*. Here you must *walk your talk*. Your estate planning attorney can help assemble a team of professional advisors, and serve as their *quarterback*, to make the process less painful for you and your loved ones.

The Bottom Line

If you follow the three steps outlined above, then you will be better prepared to survive the Daughter Syndrome. As a result, even if you are the last leaf on the tree, then you will have your legal and financial affairs in order. And that is critical, too, these days.

Today's daughters (and daughters-in-law) often live time zones away, with busy families and outside careers of their own. Accordingly, you should seriously consider purchasing a state-of-the-art Long-Term Care Insurance policy to make sure there will be a caregiver available when you need one. Many policies today cover private in-home care, as well as skilled nursing home care. Do not delay. Your health and age will determine your insurability and cost.



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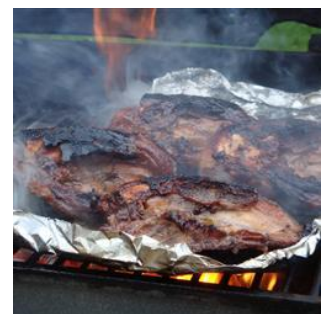
Spring BBQ Recipe: Chicken Marinade

Here's a delicious recipe from the good folks at AllRecipes.com.

Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon cooking sherry
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves



DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium bowl, mix soy sauce, vegetable oil, sherry, brown sugar, and garlic. Pour into a large resealable bag. Place chicken in the bag, and shake to coat. Marinate in the refrigerator at least 4 hours.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat, and lightly oil grate.

Place chicken on the prepared grill. Cook 6 to 8 minutes on each side, or until no longer pink and juices run clear. Discard remaining marinade.



*"Never allow the fear of striking out keep
you from playing the game!"*

Babe Ruth

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