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### LIVING TRUST SEMINARS

For those who don't yet have a Trust, but also those who have one and may need to review and update it! Both the public and our existing clients are invited - - and please bring your family or friends!

*NOTE: All of our seminars listed below are now being held in-person. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend a seminar, but cannot attend a live one, please [send us an e-mail](#) so we can explore other options.*

*(Also note: We may provide services to anyone residing in California without them having to travel to our offices.)*

### IN-PERSON LIVING TRUST SEMINARS

#### SATURDAY August 3rd

9:30am - 11:30am

Torrance Main Office

990 W. 190th Street

Suite 500 (5th Floor)

Extremely Limited Capacity

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#### THURSDAY August 8th

9:30am - 11:30am

Torrance Main Office

990 W. 190th Street

In a previous article, I related the experiences of my many summer jobs as a young teenage boy and the unexpected impact they had on my life and who I grew up to become. (See [My "Summer School" Lessons](#))

Now I realize that, to place those summer job stories in their proper context, I'd be remiss if I didn't also look back at my early elementary and Junior High School days.

### Life Was Easy, Until...

My elementary school life was peaceful and idyllic, straight out of an American fairytale.

Just about every day, I and the other neighborhood boys had the pleasure of chatting and walking the clean sidewalks of quaint, tree-lined streets for a little over a mile to school (sorry no girls allowed 'cause they had "cooties" back then!). My K-6 school corralled about 300 rambunctious kids in an expansive, fenced in playground with plenty of fun activities always going on (dodgeball was the best, or worst, depending on what team I was on that day). The teachers were really nice and I found the "academics" to be ridiculously easy. After each generally enjoyable day, I stopped on the way home at the candy store (where I got a bag of goodies for just a penny or two) or the White Castle (where I gulped down in one or two bites their infamous, tiny, 25-cent hamburgers and, if I had a little more change in my pocket, fries for 5 cents more!). When I reached home, I quickly changed clothes to go out to play with the boys, usually football in a

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**August 21st**

9:30am - 11:30am

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**FREE REPORT**



**WHY CAN'T I SPEAK  
WITH MY PARENT'S  
ATTORNEY ABOUT HIS  
OR HER ESTATE PLAN?**

By: Philip J. Kavesh, J.D., LL.M. (Tax)  
California State Bar Certified Specialist  
in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law



The estate planning process is generally perceived by parents and their loved ones as a "family affair". Often times, adult children help their parents put together the

barren, grassy lot just down the street, until it got dark and was time for dinner (or my Dad whistled loudly for us to come home immediately!). I hardly did any homework, ever, and spent an hour or so after dinner enjoying my favorite TV shows (McHale's Navy, Leave it to Beaver, and Dobie Gillis) before heading to bed.

Life was good. Sometimes I had to help Mom care for or babysit my younger brothers and sister. Other than that, everything was easy. By 6th grade, I was riding high, as the top student and President of my class (which thereby made me Student President of the entire school). Little did I know that a rude awakening was awaiting me in 7th grade!

[READ MORE](#)

**Tips for Seniors  
During Extreme  
Heat**



Record-breaking heat is occurring all over the country, including in usually moderate-weather Southern CA.

necessary paperwork to bring to the attorney meeting, take them to the meeting, and even want to participate in the meeting.

**However, the attorney-client relationship with the parents is a unique one that has particular confidentiality and other limitations which the attorney is bound by and must adhere to.**

In this free report, experienced California Estate Planning Lawyer Phil Kavesh explains why children often aren't permitted to speak with their parent's lawyer about the parent's estate plan and how children may successfully overcome this apparent roadblock.

[REQUEST REPORT](#)

This August, September and October may be some of the hottest months in recorded history, which means that it is important to consider how best to take care of the seniors in our lives, who can be some of the most vulnerable people during extreme heat waves. A 2021 study found that more than 80% of people in the U.S. who died of heat-related causes were over the age of 60 and 2023 set a record for deaths related to heat with experts stating that 2024 could be even deadlier.

Here are a few tips for helping seniors stay safe during extremely hot weather.

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## Celebrating 30 Years!



On August 24th, our Director of Operations, Arlyn Villanueva celebrates 30 years with Kavesh, Minor & Otis. Arlyn started working for the firm originally in the mailroom, with her primary jobs to help with filing and with sending out our seminar mailers. She then proceeded to work her way up in the firm, helping at almost every position available (other than as an attorney). When she worked



as a word processor and then paralegal in the Estate Planning Department, it was clear that her knowledge of the firm was vast, and she was the most qualified and capable of helping manage the day-to-day operations of the firm. In addition to overseeing the management of the firm, Arlyn also supervises our busy Estate Administration Department as they implement clients' estate plans and help their loved ones after they have passed away. Congratulations, Arlyn!

## RECOMMENDATION Top Golf in El Segundo



Have you tried Top Golf before? Even if you aren't a regular on the golf course, this is the perfect family fun outing where everyone in the family, regardless of their experience or golfing skill, can have fun! Enjoy a night filled with food, drinks, and some competitive fun!

### **LOCATION**

400 S Pacific Coast Highway  
El Segundo, CA  
(424) 567-6385

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday through Sunday  
9am to 1am

### **AGE POLICY**

Anyone under 16 must be supervised by a Guest 21+ at all times. Anyone



under 18 must be supervised by a Guest 21+ after 9pm.



## CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

***“So easy to work with.  
Knowledgeable, efficient and  
caring. Always enjoy my  
update meetings with Jane  
Lee. She knows what  
questions to ask and keeps  
me updated on new laws.”***

—Linda M.

***“Peter Keon was very  
thorough and patient.  
We enjoyed our meeting with  
him. He is so knowledgeable.  
We recommend him and  
Kavesh, Minor & Otis.”***

—Pearl W.

***“Very good experience.  
Peter Keon was very  
professional and  
knowledgeable and shows he  
cares for his clients.”***

—Denny S.



Thank you for these wonderful client reviews, Linda, Denny, and Pearl (all real clients)!

We know that our clients and all the members of our community have many options to choose from when it comes to assisting with their estate planning needs. It is very gratifying to us that people put their trust in us to help them with these important decisions that will impact them and their loved ones for years to come.

Many of our clients have asked how they can support us in return and they have done so by not only referring their friends and family (for example by forwarding this e-mail newsletter), but also by taking the time to leave us an online review (which we'd really appreciate, if you haven't done so already). Below are a couple of websites you can choose from to leave a quick online review of your experience with our firm.

Thank you, in advance, for your help! We look forward to continuing to serve you and your loved ones for many more years to come!



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH



***"Carve your name on hearts,  
not tombstones. A legacy is  
etched into the minds of  
others and the stories they  
share about you."***

—Shannon L. Adler,  
Author

## OFFICE LOCATIONS

For your convenience, we have multiple office locations throughout Southern California.

**NOTE:** COVID-19 regulations now permit us to meet with you in person at our offices, but personalized meetings are still available through Zoom, FaceTime or telephone.

### MAIN OFFICE

#### TORRANCE OFFICE

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Torrance, CA 90502

### OTHER LOCAL OFFICES

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#### WOODLAND HILLS OFFICE

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Orange, CA 92868

#### NEWPORT BEACH OFFICE

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Newport Beach, CA 92660



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*The testimonials in this newsletter and throughout our website were provided by actual clients. To maintain their privacy, their names may be abbreviated and their photos are not shown. Please note that testimonials do not warrant, guarantee or predict your particular results. Actual client testimonial letters may be viewed by you in several "Thank You" books, proudly displayed at our main office lobby.*

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