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Senior Health & Fitness Fair

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Clarence Senior Center

4600 Thompson Road

- FREE** health screenings, including blood pressure, balance assessment, bone density, body mass index and vascular health by Catholic Health Systems.
- FREE** “14 Ways To Preserve Your Assets with the Medicaid Laws” seminar (see page 2).
- FREE** prize giveaways, lunch and exhibits.

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SAM A. ALBA NAMED AN ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY



Sam Alba

Friedman & Ranzenhofer, PC is pleased to announce that Sam A. Alba has been named an Associate Attorney. Sam is admitted to all New York State Courts. He received a Juris Doctor degree from SUNY Buffalo Law School where his concentration was civil litigation. Sam resides in Amherst with his wife and two children. ■

FREE ELDER LAW SEMINARS

"FOURTEEN WAYS TO PRESERVE YOUR ASSETS WITH THE MEDICAID LAWS" will be presented at the Senior Health Fair at the Clarence Senior Center Clarence on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 11:00 AM and Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 6 PM at the Akron-Newstead Senior Center. Speakers are Robert Friedman, Attorney and Jeff Vastola, CLU of M&T Securities. Learn how to preserve your assets and plan for incapacity with powers of attorney, health care proxies, living wills, Wills, Trusts, transferring your home to family members, Long Term Care Insurance, Prepaid Funeral Accounts, IRAs, Pensions, properly documented gifts, spousal allowances and transfers, Caregiver Agreements and promissory notes. To register for the free seminars, call 716.631.9999. To obtain a free copy of the "2015 NY Medicaid Guide", send a stamped (.91), 4"x 9 1/2" self-addressed envelope to PO Box 31-M, Akron, NY 14001 or visit "Free Legal Resources" at WNY-Lawyers.com. ■

FRIEDMAN & RANZENHOFER, PC CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Friedman & Ranzenhofer, PC is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2015. Founded in 1955 by Fred Friedman, the general practice law firm has grown from one office to seven Western New York offices. As a convenience to their clients, offices are located in Akron, Williamsville/Clarence, West Seneca, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Batavia and Rochester. The firm attributes its success to client education, community involvement, and a reputation for cost effective, practical solutions to legal problems. Partners, Mike Ranzenhofer and Bob Friedman, are available to advise their clients seven days a week.

Friedman & Ranzenhofer's commitment to community and public service has enabled them to better understand the needs of their clients. Mr. Friedman has served on the boards of the Brothers of Mercy Foundation, Clarence Senior Center, Clarence Rotary Club & Foundation, Clarence Chamber and Akron Chamber. Mr. Ranzenhofer has served on the ECIDA Board of Directors, Meals-on-Wheels Task Force and University at Buffalo Health Services Institutional Review Board.

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The law firm emphasizes client education. Mr. Friedman has presented community education courses on numerous legal topics. He is the author of books on landlord-tenant law, small business law and personal injury victim's rights. The firm's websites WNY-Lawyers.com, buffalo-injury-answers.com, and LegalSurvival.com have free legal information including blogs, newsletters, legal forms, checklists, articles and answers to frequently asked questions. Mr. Friedman recently presented these seminars:

- FOURTEEN WAYS TO PRESERVE YOUR ASSETS WITH THE MEDICAID LAWS at the Tonawanda Senior Center, Clarence Senior Center and The Greater Buffalo Memorial Society.
- HOW REAL ESTATE INVESTORS CAN AVOID PROBATE & TAXES; BUYER BEWARE AND HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY COLLECT RENT AND DAMAGES at the Buffalo Investors & Exchangors Group.
- SENIORS AND THE LAW at the Forum Club.
- HOW TO AVOID PROBATE & ESTATE TAXES at the Cornerstone Church Of East Pembroke.
- ESTATE PLANNING & GIFTING at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst.

The law firm provides estate planning, probate, elder law, personal injury, divorce/family law, landlord/tenant, business, non-profit, criminal defense, elder law and real estate services. To speak personally with Mr. Friedman or Mr. Ranzenhofer, call 716.631.9999. ■

Our Practice Areas:

- Accidents/Personal Injury
- Administrative Proceedings
- Animal Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate/Business/LLC
- Criminal/Traffic/DWI
- Divorce/Custody/Support
- Elder Law/Guardianships
- Landlord/Tenant
- Matrimonial/Family Law
- Municipal Law
- Not-for-Profit Corporations
- Probate/Estates
- Real Estate
- Trials/Appeals
- Wills/Trusts

FRIEDMAN APPOINTED TO HEARTS AND HANDS BOARD

Robert Friedman has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Hearts and Hands–Faith in Action, Inc. He will serve for a three-year term. Hearts and Hands is a neighborhood-helping-neighbor non-profit which pairs volunteers with older and physically challenged adults for basic transportation, companion visits, caregiver respite, wellness checks, phone pals, and minor home repairs and maintenance. The organization, founded in 2003, provides services to underserved areas in Western New York, at no charge to care receivers. Currently, it serves Akron-Newstead, Alden, Amherst, Boston, Clarence, Holland, Lockport, Marilla, Wales and the Tonawanda Indian Reservation. The program supports the daily needs of vulnerable adults, to assist them with the challenges of living independently. For information on receiving services or to volunteer, call 716-406-8311. ■

DOES YOUR FIRE COMPANY NEED LEGAL SERVICES?

Friedman & Ranzenhofer provides legal services to fire companies, fire departments and fire districts, including advice on : Fire Company and Non-Profit Corporation Governance; Training; Civil Liability; Freedom of Information Law; Contracts; Reporting Requirements; General Operational Management Matters; Fire Station Construction, Remodeling and Financing; Apparatus Acquisition and Financing; Bylaw Review; Standard Operating Procedures; Disciplinary Matters and Hearings; Personnel Policies; PESH and OSHA Proceedings; Rules and Regulations; Service Award Programs; Membership Issues and Ethics Compliance. Contact Robert Friedman at 716.542.5444 if you would like him to submit a legal services proposal to your fire company. ■

GIFTS TO FAMILY MAY NOT DISQUALIFY YOU FROM GETTING MEDICAID

The Suffolk County Department of Social Services denied the applicant's Medicaid claim for nursing home benefits on the grounds that she transferred assets for less than fair market value during the applicable look-back period. To be eligible for New York Medicaid, an individual must have no more than \$14,550 in non-exempt resources. When determining Medicaid eligibility, an agency looks back for a period of 60 months immediately preceding the date the applicant was institutionalized and had applied for Medicaid, to determine if any asset transfers were made for less than fair market value. If such a transfer was made during that period, the applicant is ineligible for Medicaid benefits for a period of time corresponding with the value of those assets. The presumption that such a transfer was made for the purpose of obtaining Medicaid eligibility can be rebutted by showing that the transfer was made exclusively for a purpose other than to qualify for medical assistance. All the evidence at the fair hearing showed that the two subject monetary transfers were made when the applicant was living independently and several years before she required nursing home care. The transfers were made out of appreciation for her family, and still left her with enough resources to maintain herself for years. If it were not for the unexpected loss of resources through theft, she would not have needed to apply for Medicaid. Therefore, the applicant met her burden of rebutting the presumption that the two subject transfers were motivated by the anticipation of a future need to qualify for medical assistance. Although the gifts occurred during the 5-year look-back period, the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department concluded that they were not disqualifying transfers because the applicant was able to rebut the presumption that they were made for purposes of qualifying for Medicaid. Contact Robert Friedman, Attorney at 716-631-9999 if you have any Medicaid questions. ■

HEARTS AND HANDS BOARD TO DEATH!



Join Hearts and Hands upcoming murder mystery event, "Board to Death!" on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 2 PM. Presented by Friedman & Ranzenhofer, PC, the event offers an afternoon of intrigue at a clue-themed manhunt in the Village of Akron, followed by raffles and dinner catered by Orazio's at the L.L. Tillman American Legion Hall. Solve the case and have a chance at the grand prize! Tickets, which are \$15 if purchased before May 15, 2015 and \$20 thereafter, are available at: <http://hnhcares.org/board-to-death/> ■

WIN A PORSCHE OR \$40,000

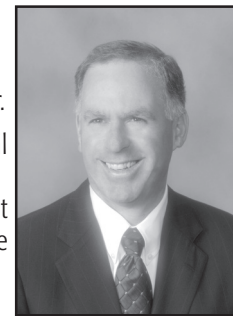
Hearts and Hands will be the beneficiary of part of the proceeds of the Clarence Rotary Club Foundation's Fifth Annual Porsche Raffle. The grand prize is a 2016 Porsche Boxster or Cayenne; or \$40,000 cash. Fifteen \$500 cash prizes will also be awarded. Only 4000 tickets are being sold. The drawing will be held at the Clarence Chamber Taste of Clarence & Cruise Night on Monday, August 3, 2015. Tickets, which are \$50 each or three for \$100, can be purchased at www.ClarenceRotaryRaffle.com or by calling Clarence Rotary Porsche Raffle Chairman, Robert Friedman at (716) 631-9999. ■



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