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Announcing:

Jon Frank Talks Law!



WHAT WE DO:

- AUTO ACCIDENTS
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This newsletter is only the beginning. The Frank Law Firm will soon premier our official YouTube channel, with informative videos on legal facts, tips and pointers.

We understand that nobody wants to have to hire a lawyer, if they do not have to. You feel exposed, vulnerable, and like you have lost control of a big chunk of your life. We believe that we are here to reassure you, to help you, and to put you back in control.

Jon Frank has been a lawyer since 1987, and previously practiced in Los Angeles and Chicago, before returning home in 1995. Earlier on, his practice was limited to personal injury, but over time, clients asked

that he help them with drunk driving, license restoration, Powers of Attorney, and Probate Court matters.

No, we don't want you to need an auto accident or personal injury lawyer, and we certainly do not want you to need someone to represent you on a DUI, a drug charge, or a drivers license revocation hearing.

However, if you need that kind of help, or if you just want to set up Power of Attorney documents, or a Trust to help with probate issues, give us a call. WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR CONSULTATIONS, if you just want to see what your problem might be, and the best way to fix it. We are always glad to help. Call (586) 727-1900, or email jfrankesq@comcast.net.



Thank You For Your Referrals and Google Reviews!

Our firm receives many new clients as a result of referrals from clients and other friends of our firm. We would like to thank everyone who refers family and friends to our firm. We appreciate the trust and confidence you show in us by making these referrals.

Thank you for thinking of us when you or someone you know needs legal help. We will continue to strive to provide top quality legal service to you and everyone you refer to our firm.

Thank you, too, for leaving a great review on our Google page. Those 5-star ratings help others find us when they need legal assistance.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Best Wishes for a Safe & Prosperous New Year! *Jon and Amy*

The Benefits of a Local Attorney

No, you will not see me on TV, but you might see me in the local Kroger, the “Farm & Fleet”, or up at the Richmond Athletic Club, trying to sweat off a few pounds! In short, I am part of this community; I go to weddings and funerals here in Richmond/St. Clair, and I have called Richmond my home now for over 10 years.

What does that mean to you? You will have the confidence that comes with having a lawyer, with over 30 years of personal injury and criminal defense experience; more than that, you will have the confidence that comes with being able to come into my office, to discuss your case with me (and any referrals you might have as well!!).

In this part of Northern Macomb-St. Clair Counties (and perhaps everywhere), people like to know whom they are dealing with. You will not be shunted off to someone you have never heard of, as you would by the lawyers you see on TV. Insurance defense counsel, prosecutors and court staff all know me, and I know them. I know which ones root for MSU, which ones root for UM, which ones can help me help you with your legal problem... and which ones cannot.

Give me a call. I would be glad to help. Contact me at (586) 727-1900, or on the web at www.jonfranklaw.com.

*The Frank Law Firm is your
HOMETOWN Lawyer!*

How Avoiding Probate Can Help You & Your Family



When folks pass, their properties go through a process called “probate”, so that the ownership of those properties can be put into the names of surviving heirs. Please note that when a property owner dies without a will, there will still be a “probate” process. State law actually prescribes how properties will pass (first to children, then to parents, then to siblings and so on); this is called “intestate succession”. It does nothing to avoid the delays of probate.

However, the process of passing property to heirs can be done without the delays that come with “probate” and inevitably, Probate Courts. Here are just a few ways:

Joint Ownership

If a property is owned by two or more people, as “joint tenants, with right of survivorship”, that property never goes into probate. It merely passes by operation of law, to the surviving joint owner(s). For example, a parent could deed his/her property from themselves, to themselves, jointly with their children.

Husband & Wife Ownership

One form of joint ownership is when properties are owned by married couples, “as husband and wife”; the wording here is important. If a spouse brings property into a marriage, and does not change the ownership of the property to “John & Sally, As Husband & Wife”, that property will pass to the heirs of the original owner. For example, if a wife owns property, and has children from a previous marriage, but wants the property to go to her husband, she needs to take steps to change the ownership from her alone, to her and her husband, “as husband and wife”. Call me with questions on this.

Trusts

Trusts can be effective to take real estate out of probate estates, and to allow the trust-creating owner, to dictate some of the terms, by which the property is passed to survivors. The first and most noticeable benefit of a trust, is that after the grieving process comes to a close, the process of selling/transferring real property can begin immediately. If the trust-creating owner wants to keep the property in the family, a trust instrument can be effective along those lines, as well. It is an extremely flexible tool, to avoid probate, and to reduce legal expense.

It is not just for the extremely wealthy and affluent. Give me a call, if you want to discuss whether trusts make sense for you, at (586) 727-1900.

What To Do After a Motor Vehicle Accident

In the following order:

1. If you are able to call 911 from your car, please do so;
2. When police and EMS arrive, cooperate with them fully;
3. If you have to wait for police/EMS to arrive, check on the other vehicle, saying as little as possible, and exchange license and registration information;
4. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY, EVEN IF IT IS JUST TO RULE OUT ANY INJURY. Even if you have no intention to sue anyone, your own insurance company may deny payment of your bills, if you do not document your injuries with an ER/doctor visit.
5. **CALL JON FRANK IMMEDIATELY: (586) 727-1900**