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FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. AWARDS:

Pozzuolo Rodden, P.C. is pleased to announce that Martindale-Hubbell announced that 2020 Joseph R. Pozzuolo's Peer Review Rating for ethical standards and professional ability is excellent.

Pozzuolo Rodden, P.C. is pleased to announce that Joseph R. Pozzuolo, Esquire has been nominated for America's Most Honored Professionals for Pennsylvania, as a 2019 Five-Star Attorney by the American Registry.

Finally, Pozzuolo Rodden, P.C. is pleased to announce that Joseph R. Pozzuolo, Esquire has been selected by his peers as a Lawyer of Distinction member as published in the American Lawyer and the National Law Journal.

2. UPCOMING SEMINARS: (POSTPONED DUE TO PANDEMIC FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED)

Joseph R. Pozzuolo, Esquire will be presenting the following continuing legal and accounting education (CLE/CPE) webinar seminars for Clear Law Institute on May 5th @ 1pm:

- a) How Middle Income Families Should Prepare For Retirement, Including Ethics

Please contact Christine Wainwright at Chrissy@Pozzuolo.com or Clear Law Institute at gqueen@clearlawinstitute.com if you would like the online details to attend this upcoming or any other past online CLE/CPE seminars.

3. BLOGS:

1. The following are a few of the business, tax, employment, estate planning and business litigation blogs posted on our main website www.pozzuolo.com during the past month:
 - a. For Distribution Purposes Assets of An Estate Are Valued As of The Time of Distribution To Beneficiary;
 - b. Employee In Wrongful Discharge Claim Must Demonstrate That Public Policy Trumps Employment At Will; and,
 - c. Disability Of Spouse Is Not An Exception To The Additional Tax of 10% To An Under Age 59^{1/2} Distribution From An IRA.

Please visit our website www.pozzuolo.com for more information on these and other relevant business, tax, estate, business litigation and employment topics.

2. The following are a few of the family law blogs posted on our family law website www.pozzuolofamilylaw.com during the past month:
 - a. Child Support- Paternity By Estoppel;
 - b. Child Custody Relocation Rules & Regulations; and,
 - c. Court Denies Absent Father Money From Son's Wrongful Death Case.

Please visit our website www.pozzuolofamilylaw.com for more information on these and other relevant family law topics.

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Across the globe as more and more people are dealing with mandatory stay-at-home orders, the number of domestic violence incidents increases. People are being forced to stay in their homes almost twenty-four hours a day, often in close quarters with household members. On top of the close quarters, the global pandemic is causing high levels of stress and people are isolated from their family and other support systems. All of this leads to an environment where the instances of domestic violence increases.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline states that in addition to physical and mental abuse, COVID-19 specific forms of domestic violence can include:

- Abusive partners may withhold necessary items, such as hand sanitizer or disinfectants.
- Abusive partners may share misinformation about the pandemic to control or frighten survivors, or to prevent them from seeking appropriate medical attention if they have symptoms.
- Abusive partners may withhold insurance cards, threaten to cancel insurance, or prevent survivors from seeking medical attention if they need it.
- Programs that serve survivors may be significantly impacted — shelters may be full or may even stop intakes altogether. Survivors may also fear entering shelter because of being in close quarters with groups of people.
- Survivors who are older or have chronic heart or lung conditions may be at increased risk in public places where they would typically get support, like shelters, counseling centers, or courthouses.
- Travel restrictions may impact a survivor’s escape or safety plan – it may not be safe for them to use public transportation or to fly.
- An abusive partner may feel more justified and escalate their isolation tactics.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline also advises that they have had instances of abusers using COVID-19 as a way to scare their victims into not seeing their children or other family members. In one instance, a health care worker reported being physically abused because the abuser believed the victim was trying to infect him/her with COVID-19.

If you or someone you know is facing a domestic violence situation during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are resources available to help you.

IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER
OR THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION
DIAL 911

The National Domestic Violence Hotline may be reached by victims and survivors 24/7 by calling 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 for or if you’re unable to speak safely, you can log onto www.thehotline.org and click “chat now” or text LOVEIS to 22522.

In Philadelphia, call the citywide, 24-hour, even during the city-wide stay at home order, Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-866-723-3014 or 215-456-1529 anytime for crisis intervention, safety planning, resources and referrals. All calls are free, confidential and anonymous.

Other local domestic violence resources in Pennsylvania may be found on the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s website at <https://www.pcadv.org/find-help/find-your-local-domestic-violence-program/>

In New Jersey, a statewide domestic violence hotline is available at 1-800-572-SAFE (7233), and can help direct survivors to the resources closest to them. Each county has resources available which may be found on the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence website at:

<https://njcedv.coalitionmanager.org/contactmanager/contact/publicdirectory>

While many of the local courts are closed to the public, they remain open for emergency matters such as Protection from Abuse Orders and/or restraining orders. Please contact our office to speak with one of our experienced Family Law attorneys to talk about your legal options.

Please feel free to contact this office to speak with one of our experienced attorneys about any such questions or concerns.

PUBLICATIONS

All of the following professional publications and past newsletters written by attorneys of this office are available by clicking here: http://pozzuolo.com/Pubs_Articles.shtml

Corporate/Tax Articles

Bankruptcy - How To Prevent It And How To Cope With It Should It Happen To Your Business

Deferred Compensation Rewards And Retains Key Employees

Design Buy-Sell Agreements For Maximum Utility

How An S Corporation Avoids The Double Taxation Incurred When Excessive Compensation Is Treated As A Dividend

How Mortgage Lenders Should Draft Broker Agreements To Avoid RESPA Violations

How To Look, Act And Sound Like A Professional Corporation

How to Structure a Suitable Buy-Sell Agreement

How To Use Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Arrangements As A Business, Retirement And Tax Planning Tool

Money Purchase Pension Plan Falls Out Of Favor

Protecting A Client's Business From Unfair Competition Using Restrictive Covenants

Structuring Loans From Qualified Plans - How To Handle The Strict Tax Rules

What Type of Qualified Corporate Retirement Plan Best Serves Your Business, Tax And Retirement Needs

Why An Employment Contract Is Mandatory

Estate Planning Articles

Adapt Estate Planning Strategies to Fit the Needs of Same-Sex

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College Funding Tool Offers Estate Planning Advantage

Diversify Strategies For An Effective Estate Plan

Divorce and Estate Planning

Divorce Raises The Need For Performing An Estate Planning Review

Drafting The Durable Power Of Attorney For Wealth Protection Purposes

Estate Planning For Pet Owners

Remarriage Situations Can Raise Special Estate Planning Considerations

Six Proven Estate Planning Techniques

Special Needs Trust - An Estate Planning Tool For The Disabled

The Limited Liability Company -A Sophisticated Tool For Estate Planning

Using Trusts To Maximize Family Protection And Minimize Estate Tax

Why Living Wills- Advance Directives Are An Essential Part Of Estate Planning

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