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Thoughts of Dad on Father's Day

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My dad was an amazing man. While we were growing up, he worked at least six (6) days a week for as long as I can remember. He then worked on the house and the ranch. I can recall waking at 2am or 3am to find him fixing things in my room from time to time. He was a radiologist- a medical doctor who took and read X-Rays. For me, he was just "dad". He had many other talents including a great sense of humor. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a funny story or joke to tell.

Dad was very skilled in working with wood. He made a lot of the furniture in our home. My first bed was the top bunk in a three-tiered bunk bed. My bed was only a few feet from the ceiling. Later, I graduated to a single bed that my father made complete with a bookshelf and cabinets. I shared that room with my brother Joe who had an identical

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THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

"A hungry stomach, an empty wallet and a broken heart can teach you the best lessons of life."

-Robin Williams

"Everyone has a plan until they are punched in the mouth."

-Mike Tyson

"Always have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forget the bad and a soul that never loses hope."

-Unknown

DATE NIGHT

John and his wife out at one of John's favorite spots, The Firehouse Restaurant.

bed on the other side of the room.

My dad completed some very large projects on his own. He built a 20 plus foot-tall carport complete with a large tool shed on his own. His tool shed was complete with radial saws and a wide range of power tools. The carport was not fancy or elaborate, but large and solidly built with 4'x 4' beams. I have no idea how he was able to complete that on his own. This would require lifting and balancing large, heavy beams.



In our kitchen, he painted a mural of ancient ruins. No color, but a detailed outline of the ruins. Very unique... I learned later from my grandmother that he had wanted to be an artist.

Some of my favorite memories were... [READ ON](#)

**Estate Planning for the Modern
Blended Family: Challenges, Tips,**

and Solutions

by John M. Goralka, Esq.



As a child, I grew up watching “Leave it to Beaver.” Ward and June Cleaver, Wally, Theodore, and Eddie Haskell (the Beaver). The estate planning goals and challenges for the Cleaver family were unique. More often, all assets are left to the surviving spouse with few if any restrictions.

There was little or no concern that Ward or June would disinherit the children after the first spouse’s death. At the death of the surviving spouse, the kids, Wally and Theodore would receive their respective shares of the trust estate perhaps, at appropriate ages when they were financially mature enough to manage the wealth. There was little concern then about long term divorce or asset protection.

Increasingly, today’s family more closely resembles Jay Pritchett’s family on the TV series “Modern Family”. Jay has two (2) grown children, Claire and Mitch, and (4) grandchildren. Jay also has a stepchild with his second wife Gloria. Manny, Jay’s stepson, lives with Gloria and is a member of the family and household. The Cleaver family estate plan does not work for the Pritchett family. How will Jay know that his kids will inherit after his death? Could Gloria change the beneficiaries after Jay’s death? How can Gloria be sure that Manny is provided for? Claire works in Jay’s business while Mitch is a practicing attorney. Should Claire receive the business and Mitch receive other assets or insurance proceeds to balance the inheritance? Both Claire and Mitch are married. As discussed below, the estate planning issues between Claire and Mitch’s family are also different.

The estate planning needs and concerns for the Cleavers are very different for those facing the Pritchett family. These estate planning needs and concerns of this modern blended family very often lead to an emotional journey while finding a solution. [READ ON](#)

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Five Estate Planning Lessons We Can Learn From Elvis' Mistakes

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Elvis' estate planning failures certainly adversely affected the life of his daughter, Lisa Marie, and have carried over into issues with her estate.



Elvis Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, died too soon at the age of 54 in January. We often believe that the wealthiest of families will benefit from the very best possible legal, tax and estate planning advice. Part of the Presley legacy, so far, appears to be the failure to carefully create good, effective estate plans.

A good, effective estate plan transfers the assets and legacy to (1) the right people, (2) at the right time and (3) keeps the wrong people out.

The "right people" would be the person whom Elvis and Lisa Marie... [READ ON](#)

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

“Mr. Goralka could tell right away right away that I was lost in the legal world and he was extremely sympathetic and encouraging. Everyone told me from the start that I couldn’t win this difficult case, but he never gave up, and did win it. I consider him to be a Super Hero.”

—Marlene

“We have used John in the past to set up our family trust and were very pleased with the results and the experience, so we contacted him again to look into whether to set up a rental property we were buying into an LLC or not. John was very helpful and knowledgeable. He gave us the pros and cons of setting up the LLC, and helped us with the process in a timely manner that fit into the escrow closing time. I would highly recommend John.”

—Terri

“John Goralka is an excellent lawyer. He was highly recommended by my business partner and he met all my expectations. I met Mr. Goralka when he was doing an Estate Planning presentation to a community group in the East Sacramento area. John has assisted me in completing my Estate Planning and Trust. His staff was very professional, efficient, friendly, and prompt at making last minute changes on my trust. I would highly recommend John Goralka to all my family and friends.”

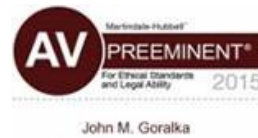
—Martin



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FUN AT THE OFFICE
Happy Birthday, Jill & Steve!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Copycat Olive Garden Shrimp Alfredo

A popular dish at Olive Garden is the shrimp alfredo, but if you are looking to make this dish at home, it's not too difficult and we found this copycat recipe for you to try out! If you try this out, let us know how it goes!



INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces medium-sized shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 12 ounces dry fettuccine pasta
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 4 ounces butter
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder optional

DIRECTIONS

1. Add salt to water for pasta in a large pot, and bring to a boil. Cook pasta for the time recommended on the pasta.
2. Season shrimp with salt and black pepper. Saute shrimp by adding butter to a pan over medium heat. When the pan is hot add chopped garlic and saute for about 30 seconds. Saute shrimp on each side for about 2 to 3 minutes. The shrimp should be pink.
3. Prepare the Alfredo sauce by combining the cream and butter in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Do not let the mixture come to a boil, but heat until small bubbles begin to form.
4. Add the Parmesan cheese and whisk quickly. Add the garlic powder and continue to whisk.
5. Place cooked pasta into a large bowl. Add cooked shrimp and alfredo sauce. Toss together. Serve immediately.
6. BONUS TIPS: Do not allow the pasta to overcook. The residual heat in the pasta will help it finish cooking. Do not allow the shrimp to overcook; it will become rubbery. Wait until it is just pink. Do use a block of Parmesan

cheese that you grate for best results. If your alfredo sauce is thin, add a couple of tablespoons of cream cheese to it to make it thicker.

Enjoy! 😊

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