



The DWS Connection

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Quote of the Day

"True patriotism hates
 injustice in its own land
 more than anywhere else. "
 -- Clarence Darrow

Points to Ponder

What would you do to inherit a million dollars? Would you be willing to change your life? In Jim Stovall's book, "The Ultimate Gift," Jason Stevens discovers the answer to that question for him, and it changed his life. How can this concept affect the legacy you leave to your children and grandchildren?

Looking Ahead

Various Congressmen have proposed changes to the estate tax exemption equivalent. Currently the law states the equivalent to

Introducing Client Link

How can you be assured that the estate plan that you signed two, five or even ten years ago will continue to be valid when it is needed most, especially when Congress and the courts are continuously changing the law? How can you make periodic minor changes to your beneficiaries, trustees, executors or guardians of children without being uncertain about how much it will cost?

These are only two of the common questions we knew were on our clients' minds when we created our new system, Client Link.

Client Link offers the following benefits and services:

- i. assistance in ensuring that beneficiary designations are correct,
- ii. an annual review of your estate plan to note any changes in the law that might impact your estate planning documents,
- iii. amendments to documents to change names of beneficiaries, guardians or fiduciaries,
- iv. telephone access to our staff to answer questions regarding your estate plan, and
- v. access to a growing online, password protected video library where we discuss legal topics and provide answers to common questions.

The majority of clients with whom we have discussed this concept have enrolled in this unique program. Client Link allows you to remain constantly connected to the unique expertise of DWS to help ensure your estate plan is as relevant in the years to come as it was the day you implemented it. You can start receiving the benefits of Client Link today at an affordable annual cost of \$495 per couple.

Please contact Janet Winter in our office if you would like to join many of our clients who are taking advantage of this offering.
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Welcome Mathew Jacob

We are pleased to announce the addition of Mathew Jacob, the newest attorney and shareholder of Dismuke, Waters & Sweet. Mathew has experience in the areas of estate planning, probate, corporate transactions and litigation. The addition of Mathew will enhance our ability to deliver, and even expand upon, the quality service

be \$3,500,000, but in 2011 current law would reduce it to \$1,000,000. Most of the recent proposals would establish the exemption equivalent at \$3,500,000. Stay tuned.



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