

BIER LAW BULLETIN

Be Informed. Be Prepared. Be Free.

Each month, our goal is to offer you valuable insights for maintaining an up-to-date estate plan, share some personal and firm highlights, and introduce you to one of your local experts. We also welcome your input on subjects you'd like to delve deeper into; simply respond to this email and let us know what might interest you!

[Seth and Leann Bier](#)

Things and Stuff

Recent News and Upcoming Events



They knew we were coming!



Seeing what the buzz is about at [Savannah Bee Company](#) (mead tasting!)

GEORGIA ON MY MIND

Last month, we had the pleasure of attending the Spring Summit hosted by the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys—this time in the charming city of Savannah, Georgia. While travel delays tried to get in the way, they couldn't overshadow the value of this incredible experience.

These biannual summits are a cornerstone of our professional development. They offer us the opportunity to connect with fellow Academy members from across the country, dive deep into the latest developments in estate planning, and bring new insights back to better serve our clients.

At Bier Law, we pride ourselves on being a small firm that offers personal, relationship-based service. Through our membership in the Academy, we're also able to bring the power and resources of a nationally respected organization to everything we do. These summits help us continue delivering the best of both worlds to our clients.

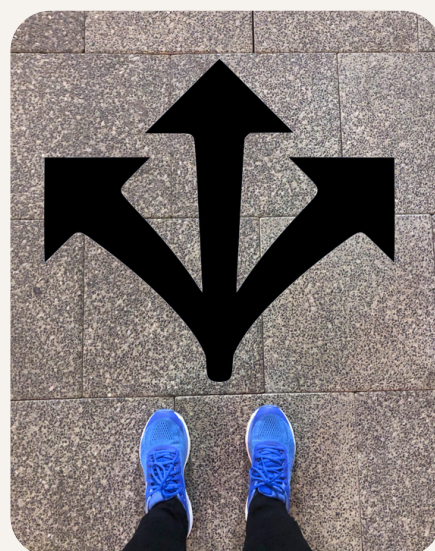
YOU'VE GOT OPTIONS

Whether you prefer learning in person, online, or on your own time, we've got you covered! This June, we're offering several opportunities to attend our popular presentation "Wills, Trusts, and Probate: Everything You Need to Know".

Here's what's coming up:

- [In Person Seminars 6/10 or 6/14.](#)
- [Live Webinar – 6/25.](#)
- [On-Demand Webinar – Available Anytime!](#)

No matter your learning style, there's a format that fits. We're here to make estate planning education accessible, informative, and convenient—for everyone.



TED TALK

A Pawsitively Exciting Update ~~on~~ FROM CEO (Chief Excitement Officer) Teddy Bier!

This month threw me a bit of a curveball. The Boss and the Lawyer left—for more than a *week*! That meant I had to pack my things and head to Adventureland for Staycare. It was the longest I've ever been away from home, and I'll be honest...it wasn't my finest moment.

I'm usually a star during my day visits, but a full week without my usual routine? Tough. I got a little grouchy, didn't always play nice with the other dogs, and may have let my frustration show. Lesson learned: no more skipping recovery days.

On a happier note, the Boss' brother and sister-in-law came to visit, and that was a blast! I gave them the full Teddy Tour: showed them where to get puppy patties, demonstrated my bubble-catching skills, introduced them to the joy of garden hose spray, and even let them witness my strong opinions on skateboards (spoiler: I'm *not* a fan).

Here's hoping next month is more chill—and that I stay in everyone's good graces. 🐾



Me not being naughty at Staycare.



Me, the Boss, the Lawyer, and these fun new people!

Asked and Answered

This month's FAQs. Click for answers!

What happens if I die without an estate plan?

My realtor told me I should put my new house in a trust. Is that true??

I'm leaving my home to my daughter, so I added her to the deed as a joint tenant. That avoids probate, right?

How do we pick guardians for our minor children in case something happens to us?

BLOG: A HOLE IN HACKMAN'S PLAN

Eugene Allen Hackman enjoyed a prolific acting career that spanned several decades. In a bizarre sequence of events, seemingly ripped from a movie script, his death raised questions and exposed some flaws in both his end-of-life planning and his Estate Plan. Gene's final act didn't result in a happy ending, but rather a tragic tale full of warnings to those who care to listen.

[Click here](#) to read the blog.



The Expert Exchange

Conversations with Local Professionals

Get to know a little more about the experts in our community.

LYNN OKU Optometrist/Owner [Riviera Village Optometry](#)

What do you do?

I am an optometrist with a private practice in Redondo Beach. I help enhance my patients' vision for school, work, sports, and hobbies. This might mean prescribing glasses and/or contacts so my patients can perform their best visually. I also help patients look their best with stylish glasses or sunglasses. It's a fun mix of fashion and function. My job also involves many hours of continuing education to stay up to date on the latest advances for monitoring and treating various aspects of eye health.

What's the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is talking to different people throughout the day and getting to know my patients over the years. I enjoy being able to take care of entire families. I love to see the kids grow up over the years or talking about my patients' new passions in retirement. The chit chat is the part that keeps my day interesting, and even helps me offer different visual solutions for my patients.

What's the most common misconception people have about your industry?

Some people are confused about the role of optometrists and ophthalmologists. Optometrists are like primary care physicians for the eye. Prescribing glasses is only a portion of what we do. We also evaluate the health of the eye and treat eye infections or inflammation, dry eye, and glaucoma. Findings in the eye can also reveal systemic diseases like diabetes or hypertension. We refer to ophthalmologists when specialized treatment or surgery is required.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

People are surprised to hear that my hobby is Olympic weightlifting and most don't even know what it is. The Olympic lifts are the clean and jerk and snatch; barbell movements that involve explosively lifting weight overhead. I have a love/hate relationship with weightlifting because these lifts require so much technique and can be incredibly frustrating, but that is what keeps training interesting.

What's your favorite local restaurant?

I don't eat out much but my go-to restaurant for lunch in the Riviera Village is [Bettolino Kitchen](#).

