

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



LIVE WEBINAR

DON'T LET THE “WHAT-IFS” KEEP YOU UP AT NIGHT

This live webinar will provide the clarity and guidance you need to ensure your legacy is secured, while easing the burden on your loved ones. Learn the estate planning essentials and get insights from estate planning attorney Seth Bier who'll help you feel confident moving forward.

Wills, Trusts, and Probate:
Everything You Need To Know

Thursday, August 7
6:00 PM

[Click to Register](#)

NEED A SPEAKER?

Looking to educate and inspire your group with valuable, real-world guidance? Estate Planning Attorney [Seth Bier](#) offers dynamic, easy-to-understand workshops—available in person or virtually—for community groups, religious organizations, and businesses.

Covering essential topics on estate planning and advance health care directives, Seth breaks down complex concepts with clarity, warmth, and a touch of humor. Each presentation is tailored to your audience and designed to inform, empower, and motivate people to protect their loved ones and everything that matters most.

Interested in hosting a session? Know an organization that could benefit from this information? [Click to let us know!](#)



TED TALK

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

This month, the Boss celebrated her birthday—and guess what she wanted to do? Take *me* to the Huntington Beach Dog Beach! (Do you think she knows how birthdays work?)

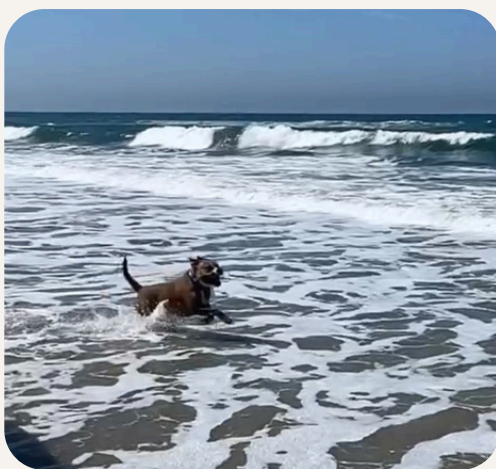
The moment my paws hit the sand, I was in heaven. I made a beeline for a guy in the water who looked like he needed a Teddy rescue. Turns out he was just fishing, but it felt pretty serious at the time.

Once I confirmed everyone was safe, I started making new friends left and right. These dogs were just as excited as I was—my kind of crowd! And the water? It moves back and forth, sometimes shallow, sometimes deep. I'm not sure if I can swim yet, but for now, I'm happy to hop through it. The Lawyer said I looked like a kangaroo bouncing through the waves. Boing. Boing. Boing. He even caught some great footage that's now up on my [Instagram](#). Go check it out!

I honestly couldn't get enough. The Boss and the Lawyer had to force me to take breaks because I was having so much fun. I'm just hoping there's a theme here—because I hear the Lawyer's birthday is coming up soon! 🐾



My first look at paradise.



Catch me if you can, ocean!



Refueled and ready for round two.

Asked and Answered

This month's FAQs. Click for answers!

Probate stole my grieving time when my parents died. Can I spare my kids the same fate??

We work days and spend nights with our kids. We need a plan but have no time. Is buying an online template our only option?

I've been procrastinating. Now we're going on a cruise and I know it won't be a relaxing trip unless we have our plan done! Can you help?

My husband's parents are in their late 70s and need a plan. Mentally they're great, but they don't drive and aren't fans of Zoom. What can they do?

WHAT I LEARNED FROM ROYANA: WHY AN ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE MATTERS

By Leann Bier

Five years ago, I lost my best friend, Royana Black. She was just 47 years old — brilliant, funny, passionate, and the brightest light in any room every single time. Her sudden passing devastated everyone who knew her, and still does. But in the midst of that heartbreak, she also left behind one final, unexpected gift — a lesson I now share with anyone who will listen: **don't wait to talk about what matters most.**

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The Expert Exchange

Conversations with Local Professionals

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

FRANCINE HWANG

Founder & CEO
FrannyCares

What do you do?

When a loved one starts to need more support, the choices can feel overwhelming. That's where FrannyCares comes in. As a trusted senior care consultancy, we're often the first call families make when navigating aging-related decisions. With compassion, expertise, and personalized advocacy, we help lighten the emotional load—guiding families toward the best care options with confidence and clarity.

What's the best part of your job?

Navigating elder care can feel incredibly overwhelming! My greatest reward is seeing the families I serve move from uncertainty to clarity—feeling supported, informed, and empowered to make the right decisions for their loved ones with confidence.

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

You have options! And you have the right to choose care providers who truly meet your needs. You can even make a change if things aren't working. My goal is to understand each family's unique situation and connect them with the right people and services from the start—saving time, easing stress, and helping their loved one thrive.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

That I'm an introvert! Don't get me wrong—I genuinely love people, especially with the work I do. But when I'm off the clock, I'm a total homebody. Give me a cozy couch, a good book, and I'm happy. I've even considered getting one of those remote controls that turn Kindle pages for you... which feels gloriously lazy, but also kind of genius.

Fun fact: I'm also on the Board of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village—an amazing group helping local seniors live independently and stay connected to their community.

What's your favorite local restaurant?

That's tough—I live to eat! If I'm staying on the hill, it's got to be [Salsa Verdes](#): strong margaritas, solid enchiladas, zero regrets. As a proud Taiwanese American, [Din Tai Fung](#) is sacred (one can never say no to soup dumplings). And my husband and I have an anniversary tradition: the corner booth at [Fishing with Dynamite](#). Between the old-school hip hop, clam chowder, and that ridiculous key lime pie, it's basically a perfect night.

