

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

“TASTES & TRUSTS” IS BACK IN REDONDO

Don't miss your chance to sip, learn, and plan for your future. At our FREE Tastes & Trusts event, you'll enjoy a couple of delicious wine samples while learning how Wills & Trusts really work through relatable, real-world examples.

[Seth](#) will share the essentials every family should know about estate planning — and you'll walk away with clarity and confidence.

[Total Wine & More – Redondo Beach](#)
Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 PM

[Click to Register](#)

What you'll learn:

- How Living Trusts compare to traditional planning with Wills
- How to prepare for incapacity so loved ones aren't burdened
- How to protect your children's inheritance if they get divorced, are financially immature, or if they suffer from substance abuse or mental health challenges
- How to prevent family fights over money, property, and family heirlooms

BIER LAW PRESENTS

Tastes & Trusts

*Estate Planning Insights Paired with
a Sampling of Wines*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
6:00 PM

TOTAL WINE & MORE
Redondo Beach

We encourage you to bring guests you believe would benefit from this powerful information. Reservations are required and seating is limited to first-time attendees only.

TED TALK

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

Hi buddies! What a month, huh? Hot, hot, hot! Is there somewhere I can put my coat please? HAHAHA!

The Boss and the Lawyer took a trip to this magical place called *Wisconsin*, where Gramma Slaby lives. I didn't get to go, but rumor has it there are lakes everywhere (even in Gramma's backyard!) — basically paradise for a water-hopping fella like me. The Boss even went fishing. Fishing! I'm pretty sure I would be verrrrry good at fishing. One day, I hope I'll get to visit Gramma and the rest of the family, too.

In the meantime, I got my own vacation at my favorite place—[ADVENTURELAND](#)! And guess what? I was on my best behavior (no, really!). I played hose, chased bubbles, made new friends, and even enjoyed some extra R&R. I have a ton of pics, so let me know if you want to go through my vacation slideshow sometime! 🐾



Next best thing to the ocean.



Don't judge, Frenchie!



In full sploot mode.

Asked and Answered

This month's FAQs. Click for answers!

What is a Pour-Over Will?

I have a Living Trust, but it's 20 years old. Is it still valid?

Who has power over my Living Trust?

I just heard about Trust Administration. I thought that a living trust avoids probate and attorney fees!?

REPORT: ESTATE PLANNING WITH IRAS

While an IRA may seem like a straightforward retirement savings tool, it quickly becomes one of the most complex areas of estate planning due to overlapping estate and income tax rules. Over the years, the regulatory landscape has continually shifted—from the IRS’s Final Regulations in 2002 to major changes under the SECURE Act in 2019, SECURE 2.0 in 2022, and the Treasury’s final and proposed regulations in 2024—making careful planning essential.

👉 [Click to download full report](#)



The Expert Exchange

Conversations with Local Professionals

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

ROBERT MAY *Executive Director* **The Kensington Redondo Beach**

What do you do?

I manage day-to-day operations of an Assisted Living & Memory Care Community here in beautiful Redondo Beach. We have an exceptional community and team that supports elders throughout the aging process. Our promise is central to what we do -- “To love and care for your family as we do our own.” I take this mission statement very seriously and try to make each day as unique, supportive, and rich as possible.

What’s the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is interacting with residents and families. The joy that happens every day and is exchanged between us is extraordinary. We have so many ways to make these connections happen. I truly love to dine at the community with families and share life stories or just have a place and time together where we can

reflect. I have been fortunate to have a bounty of wonderful memories throughout the years. I am blessed to be part of so many lives.

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

The most common misconception that still follows us is that retirement communities cannot be fun for both residents and their families. We have happy hour with live entertainment every single day. No one else does that in our industry. Many family members also join these events, have a glass of wine, enjoy the late afternoon with their loved ones, and then stay for dinner. The power of music is exceptional and spirit-changing. We bring families together and create new experiences for all involved. I think daughters and sons are sometimes surprised at how much joy they can find at Redondo Beach.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I am a collection of different lifetime pursuits. Most people would be surprised to know that I am an Award-Winning Composer of Classical Music. That was the first part of my life’s journey wanting to create “un peu magic.” I was fortunate to study with some of the very best Composers in America such as David Diamond, Joesph Schwanter and Christopher Rouse. It was quite a ride and exciting but also a tough career. The other surprise might be that I grew up in this industry. My mother started Assisted Living in Canada six decades ago. I grew up with elders and here I am later in life still growing up with elders around me.

What’s your favorite local restaurant?

I am a foodie and love wine, and we live in a great part of the world where we can find amazing culinary experiences. My most recent favorite haunt is [Zoku](#), a Japanese Yakitori place in Redondo Beach. A must-go-to place – great service and yummy food!

