

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



Tuesday, November 11th
5:00 PM
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UPCOMING LIVE WEBINAR

THE 1 HOUR THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LOVED ONES TIME, MONEY, AND STRESS

If you've been meaning to "get your affairs in order," here's your chance to finally start.

Join [Attorney Seth Bier](#) for a **free, live online webinar** on **Tuesday, November 11th at 5:00 PM**, where he'll explain the basics of Wills, Trusts, and Probate in plain English—no legal jargon, no pressure, and no sales pitch.

Stay after the presentation for a **live Q&A session**, where Seth will answer your questions and help you understand how to protect your family with confidence.

[Reserve your spot today!](#)

2025 AAEPF FALL SUMMIT RECAP

Last month, we attended the Fall Summit of the [American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys](#) in beautiful San Diego! Hosted at the Catamaran Resort & Spa, we spent four inspiring days connecting with fellow members, learning from insightful sessions, and (especially) visiting the resort's friendly resident parrots!

We also enjoyed a wonderful dinner with other solo practitioners from across the country, sharing ideas, challenges, and insights. These conversations, along with the Academy's spirit of collaboration and support, are what make these twice-yearly summits so meaningful—and help us continue offering our clients the best of both worlds: **small-firm care backed by nationwide expertise.**



TED TALK

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

I bet you’ve been holding your breath waiting to hear Part 2 of my Idyllwild adventures! Well, exhale, my friends—because I’ve got plenty to tell you.

First off, I took my **very first real hike!** It was amazing. Somehow it felt like it was uphill both ways, but I loved every minute of it. I kept my eyes peeled for squirrels but found something even cooler—**tiny dinosaurs!** Okay, fine, the humans call them *lizards* (potato, potahto). Those little guys were lightning fast and popped out from everywhere!

After all that hard work, we headed into town so the Lawyer could grab his favorite treat—**ice cream**—and guess what? I got my very own pup-sized scoop! First time trying it, and yeah... I’m hooked.

By the end of the day, I was wiped out. I crashed on the couch while the Boss worked on a puzzle. I helped when I could—between naps, of course—but mostly, I supervised.

All in all? **Best. Trip. Ever.** I can’t wait to go back. 🐾



Pacing myself. Big climbs call for smart breaks.



Made it! Other hikers called me mountain dog.



Awaiting my well-deserved reward.



Keeping the Boss on task...between naps.

Asked and Answered
This month’s FAQs. Click for answers!

Can I control when my Durable Power of Attorney takes effect?

I’m my mother’s Durable Power of Attorney Agent but her bank won’t honor it. What can I do??

What should I look for in an estate planning attorney?

We finally want to do this. How much do you charge?

BLOG: WHAT FOOTBALL AND ESTATE PLANNING HAVE IN COMMON

Football season is back, and with it comes lessons that go far beyond the field. Believe it or not, football and Estate Planning share more in common than most people realize. Both rely on strategy, teamwork, and having a solid game plan to reach a goal—whether it's winning on game day or securing a lasting legacy. Success doesn't come from a single play, but from preparation, the right team, and the ability to adapt when the unexpected happens. This article takes a closer look at how the principles that lead to victory on the field can also guide smart planning for the future, helping families protect what matters most.

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ELIZABETH ALLIGOOD

Real Estate Advisor
[Elizabeth Alligood & Associates](#)

What do you do?

I'm a residential real estate agent and team leader servicing all of Los Angeles, Orange County, as well as the Portland Metro and Willamette Valley in Oregon.

What's the best part of your job?

My clients! It's such an honor and a privilege to be able to help them with their biggest financial investment whether it's buying, selling, investing, or relocating...and more importantly, to be a part of their lives.

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

People think it's easy to be a real estate agent. I've been doing this for nearly a decade and every year there are changes locally, state-wide, nationally, changes with contracts and disclosures etc.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I was adopted at 4 1/2 years old from Vietnam. I have another adopted sister who is disabled—that's why I'm fluent in American Sign Language...and I've always wanted to be a zoologist and an entomologist like Jeff Corwin...I also was a barista and a sushi chef to help pay for grad school.

What's your favorite local restaurant?

I love [IZAKA-YA](#) in Manhattan Beach!

