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From the Desk of Victoria L. Collier, CELA

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVERS MONTH

Every day of the year, countless individuals provide care to their friends, family members, and loved ones. As a thank you to the compassionate, and hard-working caregivers, we pay tribute to the service of these loving individuals during the month of November.

In recognition of National Caregivers Month, my

office is hosting author and geriatric social worker Nancy L. Kriseman, LCSW for a **presentation and book signing on November 9th at 10:00am.**

Ms. Kriseman will discuss her latest book, *The Mindful Caregiver*, and she'll highlight ways that caregivers can find joy and comfort during the holiday season.

Please join us for this special event. Call **404-370-0696** today to reserve your seat.

To Your Health And Happiness,

Victoria L. Collier

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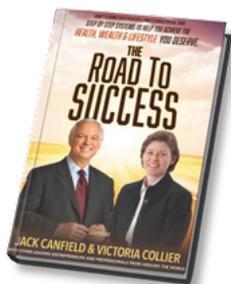
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Did You Know?

Victoria is a Best-Selling Author!

Victoria co-authored a book with the legend behind *Chicken Soup For The Soul* Jack Canfield.

Get your copy of *The Road To Success* today at amazon.com



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ANSWERING THE CALL... WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FIRST CONTACT THE ELDER & DISABILITY LAW FIRM OF VICTORIA L. COLLIER, PC

By: Jaina Reed, Client Services Coordinator



When you are a caregiver for a family member or loved one, navigating the maze of securing long term care benefits can be time consuming, and both physically and mentally draining. Whether you are a novice or have plenty of experience with this type of planning, the questions may be endless. You may ask: When should I begin thinking about long-term care and asset protection options for myself or a loved one? What types of benefits are available? What is the process for securing available benefits? And, will the benefits received be aligned with my specific needs?

At the Elder and Disability Law Firm of Victoria Collier, we begin by helping relieve some of this stress during your initial call to us. As the Client Services Coordinator, I speak with caregivers each day and work to guide them through the maze by asking the questions that will be important in helping Victoria determine the best options for them. Many of the questions deal with specific financial information as this is one of the factors to help in putting together a solid plan.

In preparation for the initial call, you will want to have a general idea about the monthly income received as well as savings and assets that are in the potential client's name. Once this information is obtained, I



will provide you with a recommendation for your best course of action about the next step for you based on the details you provided.

The next step in some cases may be to attend one of our monthly educational workshops where you will learn about different factors to consider in your estate planning, Medicaid planning, Veteran's Benefits planning, and other long-term care and asset protection considerations. In other cases, the next step may be to come in for an immediate consultation.

Regardless of where you are in your planning, we are here to guide you through the process and make sure whatever decisions are made best suit you and your needs. Our initial call only lasts about 15-20 minutes, but once we get off the line, the foundation will be strong for the next step in your planning and the relief in knowing you are not on this journey alone.

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VICTORIA RECEIVES EXPY[®] AWARD FOR HER BOOK ***47 SECRET VETERANS' BENEFITS FOR SENIORS***

In recognition of her success as a Best-Selling Author of several books, including *47 Secret Veterans' Benefits for Seniors*, Victoria was recently honored by National Association of Experts, Writers and Speakers[®] at their annual Thoughtleader[®] Summit and Awards Gala in Hollywood, California.

The National Academy of Best-Selling Authors was founded to honor Thoughtleaders[®] around the world for their contribution to education, enlightenment, and the advancement of business.



Victoria Photographed On The Red Carpet With Nick Nanton Before Accepting Her Expy Award For Her Book.

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR INDEPENDENCE AND PROTECT YOUR ASSETS? ATTEND A FREE WORKSHOP AT OUR OFFICE!

We want to provide you with the necessary information that will help you enjoy life to the fullest. If you have questions or concerns about the future, allow us to share with you a path of confidence, comfort, and care. There's no fee to attend the workshops, however there are limited seats available.

Call the office at **404-370-0696** to reserve a seat!

- **Thursday, November 10 @ 1:00PM – 2:30PM**
- **Tuesday, November 29 @ 10:00AM – 11:30AM**
- **Thursday, December 8 @ 10:00AM – 11:30AM**
- **Tuesday, December 27 @ 10:00AM – 11:30AM**

Book Corner

CHANGING LIVES



“Coming from my 83-year old husband’s stroke, hospitalization, and having used up his insurance in a nursing home, I was completely devastated and lost about what

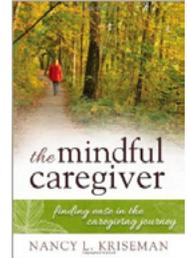
to do next. Victoria Collier listened patiently, made sense of my confusion, asked the right questions and presented a strategic course of action for our future. Her staff was empathetic to my needs and were supportive in every way. I am now in a secure place!”

-Virginia S.

What We're Reading

The Mindful Caregiver

By: Nancy L. Kriseman



As our population ages, more and more people will find themselves in caregiver roles for their parents or spouses. The Mindful Caregiver shows caregivers how to care for themselves even as their time and daily lives are consumed by the necessities of their loved one. It instructs readers in mindfulness, and provides strategies they can use to help improve their own lives as they care for others.

For more information visit:

www.TheMindfulCaregiver.com

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: DAPHNE REILEY ESTATE PLANNING PARALEGAL



You’ve been startled awake in the night by a thud. You’ve been awakened like this for five nights running. No relief, no rest, no understanding when you’re grumpy.

Do you have any joy left to keep you going; keep you getting up in the middle of the night; keep you gently brushing Mom’s hair or coaxing her to eat? What is it that keeps you going if not a sense of that joy born of knowing the love you were given and are now returning is holy, sacred, and important?

A Tapestry of Love, The Spirituality of Caregiving, co-authored by Daphne Reiley and Joseph LaGuardia (2013), provides insights, new perspectives, hope, and practical ways caregivers can access that holy, sacred joy, and find renewal for the new day. Copies are available at our office, through Amazon, and www.ATapestryOfLove.com.

Ms. Reiley provides caregiver spiritual support through in-home visits, speaking engagements, and communion services at residential facilities. Daphne often provides a compassionate listening ear through her contact with our clients as our estate planning paralegal. In addition to her work here and in the community, we are proud of Daphne for pursuing training in spiritual direction, a gift she hopes to share with caregivers.