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To Our Valued Clients:

Happy Thanksgiving!

I am very excited to advise you that as of December 1<sup>st</sup> I will be "changing homeports" (in Navy parlance) and joining the veteran-owned firm of Dunlap Bennett and Ludwig (DBL). While Reilly Law, PLC will be winding down its current client service work as it merges into DBL, going forward our clients will now have the opportunity to work with a full-service law firm with a deeper bench of experienced attorneys.

As someone who has been in the planning business for a long time, I have always been concerned about my own succession plan should something happen to me or if (when?) I decided to fully retire. My informal arrangements were not really what I wanted for my clients. As one of them (an engineer of course) recently made clear to me, I was, in his words, the "single point of failure" for Reilly Law clients. While absolutely true, it still stung a bit and prompted me to be more deliberate about my planning process.

In what can only be described as fortuitous timing, DBL was looking for an experienced attorney to increase the scope of estate planning services provided to their clients. As mentioned, DBL is a veteran-owned and veteran-friendly firm, and we share the same mission orientation towards service to our clients and the greater good. At the core of the DBL organization is their commitment to Service to Country, Service to our Clients, and Service to Community through pro bono work, financial support, and environmental sustainability and personal wellness programs.

The firm's value system was a critical part of my decision to join DBL and provides my clients with the opportunity to have a caring and experienced legal team for future needs. I will be serving clients from a DBL office in Tysons Corner, as well as their headquarters in Leesburg, but for now the Reilly Law Occoquan office will remain as a meeting option for clients.



While it has been a great honor and privilege to provide quality service to our clients as a sole practitioner in a small-town dog-friendly office, that was simply not sustainable for the future. Thank you for your trust and confidence over the past twelve years.

I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead working with the DBL team, and I invite you to continue our relationship if and when needed by reaching out to me and my team at DBL. And please feel free to refer me and DBL to your family and friends. I will continue my practice of providing a donation to a local food bank for client referrals who become clients. More information about Dunlap Bennett and Ludwig is at <a href="https://www.dbllawyers.com/">https://www.dbllawyers.com/</a>

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Please note that the current Reilly Law, PLC phone, 703-579-1936, will have forwarding information to DBL.

It seems only fitting to sail off into my next adventure with a quote from an original "influencer" and someone who has always been an inspiration to me, the late Jimmy Buffett.

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Best wishes to all of you for this Holiday season and for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

With thanks,

George Reilly