

# Estate Planning Weekly COVID-19 Update – 03.31.20

This weekly COVID-19 update is brought to you by our Chambliss [Estate Planning team](#). We are sharing articles, legal developments, external resources, and tips for coping during these uncertain times. Each weekly issue will cover various trends of vital interest in the world of estate planning, elder law, and special needs planning. To be added to our email list, please [subscribe](#).

## Dear Clients and Friends:

On behalf of the entire Chambliss Estate Planning, Elder Law, and Special Needs Planning Team, we hope you and your loved ones are well and hopefully not affected significantly by COVID-19.

We continue to be open for business, including planning consultations, document signings, care coordination, and related work. We have generally moved most meetings other than document signings to either Zoom video conference or audio conference calls. We are learning more about the ins and outs of Zoom every day! While several members of our team are working remotely, our entire team is working collaboratively to implement creative and resourceful adaptations that will help to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our clients. To protect our clients and staff, our team has adopted the following precautions for clients coming to the office for document signings.

- Frequent, thorough handwashing with soap and water, and use of hand sanitizer
- Social distancing, including eliminating hand shaking, and holding document signings in our largest conference rooms
- Keeping in person meeting time as brief as possible
- Finally, if there is any possibility that a client has been exposed to COVID-19, we are asking that the meeting be rescheduled to a later date

— *Dana, Greg, and your Chambliss team*



### **How Hugh Copes with COVID-19**

Hugh Moore, Chambliss litigation attorney, takes a walk outside on the Brainerd Levee.



### **How Dana Copes with COVID-19**

Dana Perry works remotely at her house with her #1 helper – pup Lucy.

## **Featured Article**

### **Individuals, Beware of Coronavirus Scams**

By: [Rebecca Miller](#)

Like many, I have retreated to my home and isolated myself with my immediate family in keeping with social distancing recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19. I've found that there are a number of positive consequences of social distancing – eating more home-cooked meals, spending more time with family, catching up on movies or reading, and enjoying an outdoor office in the spring. On the other hand, social isolation, the influence of social media, and 24-hour news coverage have created space for anxieties over the COVID-19 pandemic to grow, and some are taking advantage of the global fear and panic prompted by the pandemic to target those who are vulnerable or uninformed.

Scammers are capitalizing on the widespread anxiety to steal money and personal information in a number of ways. Some examples are...

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## COVID-19 Resources



### **Tennessee Small Businesses Now Eligible for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for COVID-19 Economic Disruptions**

Small Business Administration economic injury disaster loans are now available in Tennessee. The SBA today accepted Gov. Bill Lee's certification that Tennessee small businesses are facing substantial economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic...

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## Also Check Out...

### Emerging Coronavirus Scams

As the global health crisis intensifies, cybercriminals are escalating their attacks. Preying on a new massive pool of employees working from home, cybercriminals are trying out new and clever scams that are having a much higher success rate. Click [here](#) to view the educational video by ImageQuest.

### That Discomfort You're Feeling Is Grief

If we can name it, perhaps we can manage it. We turned to David Kessler for ideas on how to do that. Kessler is the world's foremost expert on grief. Click to read the full [Harvard Business Review article](#).

### Get Prepared for a Medical Emergency

Ruby's new Medical Information Kit helps you get ready for life's unknowns. Organize and share your most important health information online.

### Tips on Dementia Caregiving in the COVID-19 Outbreak

Read [this article](#) to learn about how to keep loved ones safe and family caregivers healthy.

### Federal Student Loans Will Be Paused for Six Months

Federal student loans will be paused for six months under the coronavirus stimulus package. [Here's what experts say to keep in mind.](#)

### Public Health on Call Spotify Radio Station

Experts from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health offer science and evidence-based insights on the public health news of the day. The current focus is the global outbreak of the new coronavirus, COVID-19. Click [here](#) for the station.

### FEMA: Coronavirus Rumor Control

The purpose of [this FEMA page](#) is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[View](#) the latest from the Tennessee Department of Health regarding confirmed COVID-19 cases in the state and more.

## Update from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Offices are closed to the public as of March 19. Click [here](#) to view the official announcement and details.

## Coping With COVID-19

### Action for Happiness April Calendar



Source: [actionforhappiness.org](http://actionforhappiness.org)

Our Chambliss team continues to monitor legal developments in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact [Jim Catanzaro](#), [Justin Furrow](#), or your relationship attorney if you have questions or need additional information.

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