
P.E.A.R.s™ - Periodic Encouragement And Reminders **A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

WOW! Do I ever have some exciting and wonderful news!

The Basics: Through God's providence the past six months, with a series of totally unexpected events, the opportunity arose and the decision has been made for me to semi-retire from my full-time law practice and relocate to just outside Tucson, Arizona. (The physical moving date is currently projected to be sometime in mid to late August.)

What's particularly awesome about this change is that it will allow me to continue working with all my existing clients in the realm of their current estate plans, the updates they will need periodically, and their related business/transactional matters while also creating more time to develop a discipleship ministry to other attorneys and churches across the country.

Thus, the key phrase is "*semi-retirement*" not full retirement.

How It Will Work: Eventually, a Christian law firm or attorney will buy my practice through whom I will then provide consulting guidance structured to continue the relationships and services I've established in my practice. Until that right "fit" arises, I will either personally maintain my working relationship with existing clients from our new location or will provide referrals and overview services to them, according to their preference.

With all the modern technologies such as email, cell phones, faxes, 800 numbers and internet phone connections, the ability to contact me at my new location will be as good as it's always been and probably even better, since my reachability at the new location will frequently include evenings as well as weekends.

If possible, we intend to maintain our local phone number in California through use of new internet phone connection capabilities that will allow California clients to call me in Arizona without any cost to them – as well as continuing our 800 number for that same client convenience.

I will also periodically make trips to California to meet personally with clients on any aspect of our service that cannot be provided from Arizona and will make special trips if an emergency matter rises or will have a California colleague step in as necessary.

New Client Referral Policy: In addition to being available to our current clients, I will likewise, if they desire, accept referrals of their family members or close friends as new clients for estate planning and other related stewardship functions such as business management, incorporation, etc. I will not, however, be taking on new clients from the public in general – until I find the right Christian attorney or firm to buy into my practice.

Litigation Matters for Clients: Although I will continue to handle some litigation work for a few existing clients, my role in those situations will be limited exclusively to the evaluation, negotiation and supervisory elements. For virtually all court appearances and other litigation functions that can not be handled from my new location, attorneys locally in California will be engaged for that purpose either as an associate or as the attorney of record with the court.

Newsletter, P.E.A.R.s and Websites: We do intend to continue all my educational, ministry functions

including the newsletter, websites and **P.E.A.R.s** – though we may convert the newsletter to email distribution only. Additionally, new teaching, discipleship and mentoring functions (perhaps even the publication of a book) are expected to be created after our move through my non-profit corporation the Christian Estate Planning Foundation.

Timing and Phases of the Change: As mentioned in the opening paragraphs, our physical move is expected to occur sometime in mid to late August. In the interim, I will continue to work from our current location. When more of the specifics fall into place, that information will be shared in as many ways as we can reasonably provide – possibly including the use of all updated email addresses we have. Thus, **if you have an email address that has not yet been provided to us or have changed it, please get that to us as soon as possible.**

As always, of course, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time for updates or with questions pertaining to any aspect of this change.

Summary and Close: Twenty years ago when my wife and I moved our home and my practice from Torrance to Agua Dulce, the circumstances and events which caused that to occur were very similar to those that have lead to this current relocation and semi-retirement to Arizona – namely what I believe is the providential hand of God. (I would be happy to share those particulars with anyone who may have an interest in knowing more about them.)

Because I have had twenty years of wonder and provision from God in having made the first move through trust and faith in Him, I am looking forward with great anticipation to what He has in mind for us on this move - as everything He provides has a divine purpose according to His plan for us.

I ask that you keep us in your prayers during this transition and in the years to follow as we strive to pursue God's will. In turn, it is my hope and prayer that our relationship with you will continue in a way that will not only serve and benefit you well, but will also grow even stronger with God's grace and guidance.

As always,

Kindest regards and God's peace to you,

Bob Alderman