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Estate Planning Alert - Coronavirus (COVID-19) MH&H Trusts & Estates Team

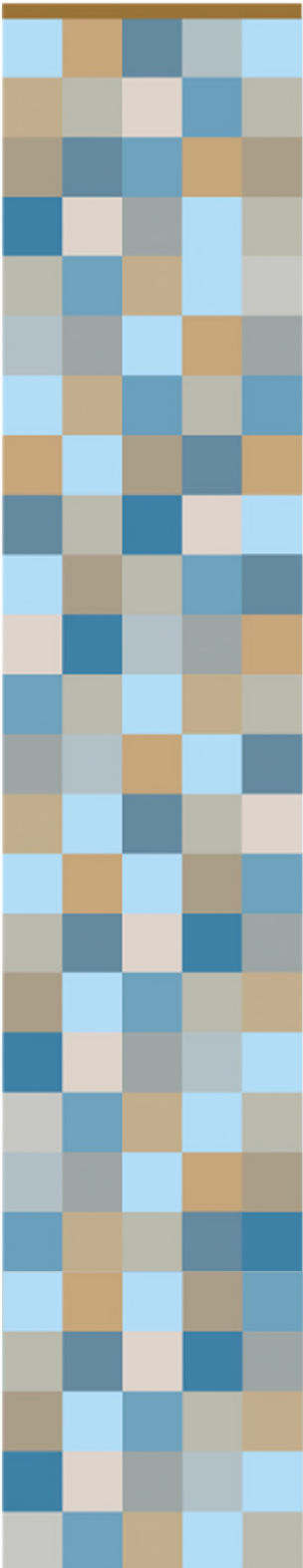
Dear Clients, Friends & Colleagues:

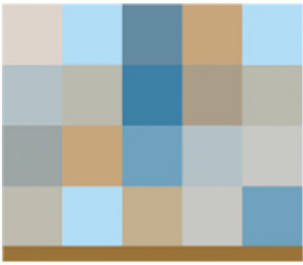
We hope this Alert finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe during these unsettling times.

When you entrusted us to implement your estate plan we assured you that we would be there for you in times of need. We are fully aware that the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) has caused major disruption to our usual way of life. Unfortunately, it is predicted that the virus is going to interrupt our normal routine for, at least, a few more weeks. We are reaching out to you now because we have been receiving numerous calls and emails – some questioning whether we are still working and others asking for answers to specific questions. **WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE READY TO RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS AND HANDLE YOUR MATTERS AT ANY TIME.**

The following are a few steps you may want to take to help safeguard yourself and your loved ones during these unprecedented times:

1. Know where your signed Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy and Living Will are located (as well as those of your loved ones). As a reminder, most of you that have executed documents with us have allowed us to retain an original version – if you cannot find your documents, we may be able to help;
2. Prepare a list of all medications, allergies, physicians' names and telephone numbers as well as other pertinent health information (including a copy of your insurance card) in the event you need to quickly go to the hospital;





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3. Insure that a loved one has access to liquid funds (e.g., by changing a bank/investment account to joint ownership or designating a loved one as beneficiary). NOTE: this should be temporary and only for convenience;
4. Provide passwords to your loved-ones for access to on-line banking and other protected on-line activities.

Additionally, please know that all New York State Surrogate's Courts are closed for routine probate and administration matters. Delays will be inevitable.

As mentioned above, we are all available to address your concerns. Below is the contact information for our Trusts & Estates Department:

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