

Your Legal News Update

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Office News Remember the new address! It has been just about a year now that I have been sharing office space with Scott Norrick. The new address is: 1010 West 8th St, Anderson 46016.

That is at the northwest corner of 8th and Madison.

Speaking of Scott Norrick - he is running for Judge of Edgewood Town Court. He is doing a great job and if you can vote for him, please do so.

You are getting this newsletter because you have been a client of mine. Those who were clients before 2000 might remember I did this on a fairly regular basis. I hope to do more of these over the next year. Some of you might be aware that I had a rather unhealthy 2006 but 2007 has been better and I expect an even better 2008.

I do ask that if you do not want to receive any more of these, that you give the office a call (765-641-7906) and let me know that you want removed from the mailing list.

Other responses are also welcome! If you have some ideas about making this newsletter more user friendly please let me know.

Why the newsletter? The answer is many reasons:

1. To let you know that I am still practicing law.
2. To get information to you about legal matters that might affect you.
3. To let you know that what areas of law I am practicing in now days.

What is a web log? Think of it as a web page is a newsletter instead of a billboard. Also called a blog.

Sam Hasler's Indiana Divorce & Family Law Blog was rated twenty-second in The Prenuptial Agreements Blog list of top family law blogs. If you have internet access, do check out the blog (<http://haslerlaw2.blogspot.com/>). I use this to provide information on all aspects of family law and also to keep clients up to date on any office news. With this blog, I publish news about changes in Indiana law and provide general information about child support, parenting time, cohabitation agreement, prenuptials, and everything else that comes under its name.

You need a cohabitation agreement if:

1. You are living together;
2. You are mixing assets and/or income;
3. You cannot or will not get married; and
4. You want to protect those assets if the relationship ends.

With more people living together instead of marrying, we will be seeing more problems with people mixing their property while living together. Getting a cohabitation agreement beats hashing these problems out in court. My fees for a cohabitation agreement start at \$600.00. For more information, check out the articles on my Indiana Divorce and Family Law Blog: <http://haslerlaw2.blogspot.com/search/label/cohabitation>

Need a bankruptcy? When the new bankruptcy law went into effect on October 16, 2005, I stopped my bankruptcy practice. I recommend Larry Van Briggel for those close to Anderson.

Other work I no longer do: personal injury work and felony criminal work. With marriage and after last year's continuous health issues, I find that I cannot afford

these cases. If you need help with this type of case, go ahead and call me about a possible referral.

What work I am doing? Other than divorce and family law, I am doing more Wills and powers of attorney and estate planning for individuals. I am also expanding my business related work.

Check out The Indiana Civil & Business Lawyer Blog. This is my other blog where I showcase my non-divorce work. You can find it at: <http://haslerlaw.blogspot.com/>

Get a power of attorney and healthcare power of attorney!

For the past three years I have been emphasizing the need for these. Ask yourself this: if I am in an accident, how do my bills get paid? If I cannot speak, who will make medical choices for me? Powers of attorney fix this problem. They do it cheaply. I feel so strongly about everyone needing these documents that I am going to lower my rates for these to my clients. I am lowering the cost for a power of attorney and a health care power of attorney to \$75.00 until December 21, 2007.

Landlord-tenant reminder about security deposits. Landlords must pay back security deposits or give an itemized accounting within 45 days of the tenant vacating the rental. Sounds simple, right? Except the tenant has to notify the landlord in writing about the tenant's new address. The forty-five days starts on the date of the notice. Call me if you are having trouble getting your security deposit (or know anyone who is having this kind of trouble).

Let us end on an upbeat: to everyone may the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008 be a much better year for all of us!

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