



## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July



Happy 4th of July from [Construction Law Musings](#). As I sit here in my office after my first two days and weekend as a [solo practitioner](#) at [The Law Office of Christopher G. Hill, PC](#), the idea of independence has a whole new meaning (hat tip to Carolyn Elefant of the [My Shingle blog](#) for pointing out my interesting, yet totally unplanned, timing for a move).

The independence of solo practice is both exhilarating and scary. I feel like I am on a roller coaster at the top of that first, very tall, hill and looking down at the wild and great ride ahead of me. I am in charge of my own destiny and feel like I am forging ahead into a new and exciting land of opportunity. I don't know if this is how the pioneers felt (I find it hard to relate to them as I type on a computer and see my blackberry blinking beside me), but the idea that I am both in control of and totally responsible for the future of my law practice is a wonderful feeling.

I will certainly be working as hard or harder than I was before, but I am working for myself and my family with total focus. If I need something, I go get it (within reason of course). No more "bucking it up the chain of command" because I am the first, last and middle link of that chain.

Thank you again to my absolutely wonderful wife and children for their awesome support throughout this change. Without their support my transition never would have happened.

As I reflect on my move to solo practice, I can't help but be thankful that I live in the United States where such a move is possible thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of everyone who works to keep this country free.

Happy Independence Day everyone!

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