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What to Do With Your Parents' Stuff At The End of Their Life

Losing a parent is a profound experience, a moment that touches everyone at some stage. Amidst the whirlwind of emotions that accompany this loss, there's an often unspoken concern: what to do with the belongings they leave behind. Regrettably, what was once treasured as antique heirlooms often doesn't fit today's home styles.

This difference poses a significant challenge when families have to figure out what to do with all this furniture. It's a difficult situation, often leading to the disposal of these items. Besides the emotional weight of discarding items tied to your parents, there's the added pressure of making decisions quickly. Yet, there are avenues to alleviate this weight.

1. Capture the stories behind the items while your parents are still around. Knowing the history can make it easier to sell, or help you decide to keep certain items. Sometimes, the stories themselves make the items more valuable and worth holding onto.
2. Take your time to find interested parties for the belongings. The longer you have to sell something, the better the chance of making more money, even if it means temporarily storing the items.
3. Research online to determine if there's a market for your parents' art, furniture, or other valuables. Consider auction houses or consignment sales to sell these items.
4. Have any jewelry appraised to discover its potential value for sale.
5. Explore nearby consignment shops or liquidation firms as potential avenues for selling items. Sometimes, even local communities or shelters might find use for inherited belongings.
6. Consider donating items to those in need locally. It can be incredibly fulfilling to see these items bring joy to others.
7. Utilize resources like the free Rightsizing and Relocation Guide from the National Association of Senior Move Managers.
8. Prepare for potential disappointment, as the current era sees two generations downsizing simultaneously. Having realistic expectations can help manage emotions.

Planning ahead for your parents' belongings can ease stress and streamline the process later. Talk with family members about the sentimental and monetary worth of different items. Some hold emotional value, while others might be valuable assets. It's a difficult conversation but better to have it beforehand than deal with it during a time of grief. Do you already have a plan in place for your family heirlooms?

Martinson & Beason, P.C. Highlights of Recognition



Martinson & Beason, P.C. Lands Spot in 2024 'Best Law Firms'

Mac Martinson Named in The Best Lawyers in America®'s 30th Edition

Martinson & Beason, P.C. is pleased to announce that Mac Martinson has been recognized in the 2024 edition of Best Lawyers in America® for real estate law. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Martinson has been selected for this esteemed recognition, solidifying his reputation as one of the top legal professionals in the real estate industry.

Morris Lilienthal Selected To 2023 Mid-South Super Lawyer List

Congratulations to Morris Lilienthal for being named a Super Lawyer in Personal Injury for the 5th time in a row in 2023! Each year, no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor.

Recipe of the Month:

White Chocolate Peppermint Fudge



INGREDIENTS:

3 cups white chocolate chips
1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon peppermint extract
A pinch of salt
Crushed peppermint candies for topping

DIRECTIONS:

1. Line an 8x8 inch (or similar size) baking dish with parchment paper or foil, leaving some overhang for easy removal. Lightly grease the lining to prevent sticking.
2. In a medium saucepan over low heat, combine the white chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk. Stir continuously until the white chocolate chips are completely melted and the mixture is smooth.
3. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Quickly stir in the vanilla extract, peppermint extract, crushed peppermint candies, and a pinch of salt. Mix until well combined.
4. Pour the fudge mixture into the prepared baking dish. Use a spatula to spread it evenly.
5. Sprinkle additional crushed peppermint candies on top for decoration.
6. Let the fudge cool at room temperature for about 2 hours, then refrigerate for an additional 2-3 hours or until firm.
7. Once the fudge is set, use the parchment paper or foil overhang to lift it out of the dish. Place it on a cutting board and cut into squares.
8. Store the fudge in an airtight container in the refrigerator. It can be kept for up to two weeks.

Welcoming Our Newest Attorney at Martinson & Beason, P.C.

Congratulations to Clay Martinson on becoming the fourth-generation attorney at Martinson & Beason! His successful passing of the Alabama Bar exam marks the beginning of an exciting journey as a Civil Litigator specializing in probate and trust litigation, personal injury, and various civil litigation aspects. Welcome aboard, Clay.



Caleb Ballew Takes First Place in Race for Justice 10K

We're proud of M&B attorney Caleb Ballew for winning the inaugural Race for Justice 10K at John Hunt Park! It's all for a great cause. This race benefits the Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program, which provides pro-bono legal services to underserved citizens and fosters volunteerism among local attorneys.



Client Spotlight: Pure Barre Huntsville

Angelica Lee (left) and Susanna Chesser (right) are not only the owners of Pure Barre Huntsville, but they are also lifelong friends. They grew up in Huntsville, attended Auburn University, and came back home to make their dreams come true! Together they bring over 20 years of professional experience in fitness, as well as a huge passion for the Pure Barre brand and all that it stands for.

What is Pure Barre? Pure Barre is a low-impact, high-intensity workout born from the fusion of yoga, Pilates, and traditional workout techniques. The “barre” comes into play to support balance during many of the isometric movements, helping you to achieve muscle fatigue before stretching whichever muscle group you just worked. The studio offers 4 different class types each with its own unique emphasis: Classic – signature barre; Empower – cardio and barre; Define – strength and power with heavier weights; Align – balance and flexibility. You can truly cross-train all with one membership!



Angelica and Susanna's mission at Pure Barre Huntsville is to lead an inclusive fitness community where everyone feels welcomed, encouraged, and empowered to work on their physical and mental wellness. They want each person to feel confident in taking steps towards a healthier life, whether it is their first workout ever, or they run marathons in their free time.

Curious but afraid to take that first step? Their studio offers a FREE Foundations class that is a more intimate setting where the instructor walks new participants through the technique at a slightly slower

pace. This is a great way to dip your toe in and see if you like it! Check them out via their website www.purebarre.com/al-huntsville, or on Instagram at @purebarrehuntsville – they can't wait to meet you!



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Kudos to Carter, Caleb, Monica, and Doug for their commitment to the Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program! They were recognized as Top Volunteers of 2023 for their Pro Bono work.

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