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It's National...

It's National Paper Airplane Day on May 26th!

Some fun facts about paper airplanes.

- Earliest known paper airplane is said to be 1909
- The largest paper airplane had a wingspan of 59.74 ft was created in Germany on September 28, 2013
- The longest distance flown by a paper airplane is 226 feet 10 inches, by Joe Ayooob in February 2012
- The longest flight for a paper airplane was 29.2 seconds.



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Estate Planning Buzz

Paper Everywhere!

Our house seems to be filled with paper: important documents, bills, spelling and math tests, homework, lists written on paper or the always favorite - scrap paper pile. Scrap paper is the most used resource by our daughter who draws, writes, and forever doodles. Paper seems to pile up in practically every room of the house. Lately, we even tried origami and quilling.

Paper has many uses and what is written on it can be even more important. We all have been guilty of writing something important down and then misplacing that vital sheet of paper. Remember those feelings of frustration, anger, and who knows what else?

Two things come to mind about the power of paper. First, make sure you and your family know where your important documents are. Second, take the time to document your wishes and see that they are accurately reflecting what you want. This may include creating or updating your estate plan. We are here to help you with this journey. Please call us to help you get started (248) 409-0256.

Inside and Outside of the Courtroom

Is the Customer Always Right?

On November 18, 1974, season ticket holder, Dale O. Cox of the Akron law firm Roetzel & Andres, sent a letter to the Cleveland Browns complaining about the potential for injury among spectators due to Browns fans's throwing paper airplanes during games at Cleveland Stadium.

The letter said "I am one of your season ticket holders who attends or tries to attend every game. It appears that one of the pastimes of several fans has become the sailing of paper airplanes generally made out of the game program. As you know, there is the risk of serious eye injury and perhaps an ear injury as a result of such airplanes. I am sure that this has been called to your attention and that several of your ushers and policemen witnessed the same.

Please be advised that since you are in a position to control or terminate such action on the part of fans, I will hold you responsible for any injury sustained by any person in my party attending one of your sporting events. It is hoped that this disrespectful and possibly dangerous activity will be terminated."

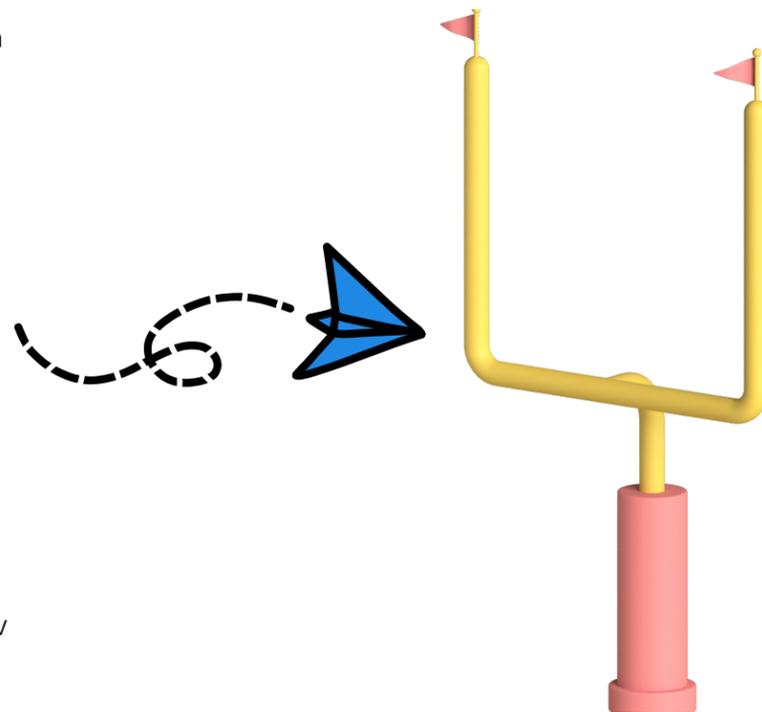
Three days later, Browns general counsel James N. Bailey responded with a terse, dismissive (and somewhat vulgar) reply:

Dear Mr. Cox,

Attached is a letter that we received on November 19, 1974. I feel that you should know that some ***** is signing your name to stupid letters.

In 2010, Michael Heaton, a reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, tracked down both of the parties. In response to the letters, Browns general counsel James Bailey, said "I was all of 28 years old when I wrote that letter. I should have been more cautious. I'm just glad my mother's not around to see that letter." Bailey said that after he wrote the letter, Art Modell, the Browns owner, immediately contacts him and said something to the effect of "What are you doing?"

Dale Cox, is still a Browns season-ticket holder, and found it interesting that both he and Bailey went to the University of Michigan Law School. He was not angry by the response and thought it was pretty cool. Cox said has even used the letter a couple of times himself.



Tips for Your Estate Plan

Some simple steps to take

1. Remember where we put important documents. Furthermore, tell those who might need to access those documents where they are.
2. If you wish to make changes do not write on the actual documents itself. Record any changes on your Estate Planning Review Worksheet that we give you. Otherwise write your updated wishes on a blank piece of paper.
3. Shred or dispose of prior estate plans to make sure there is no confusion. Do not forget to discard statements for assets, accounts, policies (like life insurance), or items you no longer own.

Take A Break

