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## Calendar

May 4 - Aviv attending Cumberland County Inns of Court monthly meeting

May 11 - Aviv attending PNC Women in Business event

May 23 - ABL seminar 12 -1pm - FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

May 29 - Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED

May 31 - ABL seminar 5:30 - 6:30pm - FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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## What's New with Us

We are giving ourselves a pat on the back this month. Aviv wrote an article that was selected for publication in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's "At Issue" newsletter, written by and for young lawyers in the Pennsylvania Bar. You can find it at [www.pabar.org/public/yld/pubs](http://www.pabar.org/public/yld/pubs) and clicking on "At Issue." It is in the Spring 2017 newsletter.

We have been continuing to give our 1 credit course to financial advisors on what their clients wish they knew about Elder Law. If you would like your financial advisor to get our FREE course, let us know their name and contact info and we'll be happy to offer them a presentation. We were pleased to present most recently to Landis Financial Services and Penica & Associates.

Aviv co-chairs the Cumberland County Law Day committee this year and has been working with fellow committee members to prepare this year's presentation on the 14th Amendment, in the form of a Shrek-themed mock trial, given to 4th and 5th graders at many Cumberland County schools in May. If you have a child (or grandchild) who comes home talking about Shrek being on trial, Aviv had her hands in that.

# Major Changes in Laws for Individuals with Disabilities

Two huge changes happened recently in the laws surrounding individuals with disabilities. Even if you have already done planning, these changes may cause a revision of your plan.

## ABLE Accounts

In a previous newsletter I explained ABLE accounts but Pennsylvania had not made them available. As of April 3, 2017 these accounts are available in Pennsylvania. These are a great tool for just about any disabled individual. They might be best used in conjunction with something else (like a trust) or by themselves.

To fill you in on how they work and the potential and pitfalls, we are hosting 2 completely FREE seminars in May. A representative from the Pennsylvania Treasury will be in attendance and ready to answer questions and even sign people up, then and there. This is a must attend for any disabled individual or their family. If you can't make it to the seminar, call our office to set up an individual appointment to discuss these new accounts and how your existing plan should incorporate them.

*FREE Seminar with the Law Offices of Aviv S. Bliwas*

## ABLE Accounts: What You Need to Know

Special Guest: Ryan Buxton, Program Representative, PA Treasury

When: Tuesday, May 23rd (Noon-1pm) OR Wednesday, May 31st (5:30pm-6:30pm)

Where: Daflure Heating and Cooling, 22 8th Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070 (Parking Available)

If you haven't heard, ABLE accounts are now open in Pennsylvania. Find out who is eligible, how they work, what the benefits and drawbacks are and how they fit into a larger plan for individuals with disabilities.

Please RSVP, if you would like to attend, to Liz Brown at [office@bliwas.com](mailto:office@bliwas.com) or 717-761-4864 by Monday, May 15th.

*Individuals with  
disabilities have  
a new tool.  
Find out how to  
use it!*

## Special Needs Trusts

Disabled individuals who want to fund trusts with their own money (often the proceeds of a personal injury lawsuit) to be eligible for certain benefits (such as Medical Assistance) can now create their own trusts. Previously, it could only be done by a parent, grandparent, guardian, or the Court. Anyone disabled before the age of 65 who is interested in finding out if they could be eligible for medical assistance benefits with the creation of one of these trusts should contact our office and set up an appointment.