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Legal Insights

By Steven L. Hartley

We have just begun the start of another new year and the resolutions abound. However, resolutions without reflection, planning, and action are meaningless. We can all "resolve" to do just about anything we want to do. But, without the requisite planning and follow through, our "resolutions" will simply fade away into our daily routines until the next New Year.

In order to close out 2009 and begin 2010 with optimum balance in our lives, we should take the time to "stop and smell the roses" from this past year. While it's important that we take stock of our lives on a regular basis, doing so at the end of the old year and start of the New Year is even more important to the overall balance in our lives.

So, take a few minutes to ask yourselves the following questions:

1. What are the most significant accomplishments I achieved last year?
2. What are the biggest mistakes I made last year?
3. What are the most important lessons I learned last year?
4. What can I do this year to ensure more accomplishments and achievements?
5. What can I do this year to avoid repeating the same mistakes I made last year?

The answers to these questions will help you to fully reflect upon the lessons from this past year, plan ahead for the upcoming year, and take the actions necessary to reach the goals you have set for the New Year.

Finally, as you are planning for the New Year ahead, remember that long-lasting change begins on the inside. If you focus on changing yourself for the better first, reaching your other "worldly" goals will be easier. By this time next year, you should be well on your way to a more happy, healthy, and balanced life. Happy New Year!!

If you have any questions regarding any family law matters, please call us at (808) 263-6900 or visit our website at www.HMFamilylaw.com

IN A NUTSHELL: MOVE TO KAPOLEI

As many of you may know, construction on the brand new Kapolei Court Complex was completed in November 2009. As such, we want to provide you with the basic information about the move as we continue to strive to maintain the efficient and effective service all of our clients have come to expect.

The Family Court will be moving from Honolulu to Kapolei on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The official starting date for Family Court operations in the new Courthouse will be April 12, 2010. The new street address for the Courthouse is 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.

There are now a total of 200 hundred metered parking stalls for the public to use along Kamokila Boulevard in front of the Courthouse. There are also 12 handicapped accessible parking stalls as well. Each of the metered stalls can be used for up to 4 hour intervals. It is important to know that on-street parking is not allowed along Kapolei Parkway or Kamokila Boulevard and there are no public parking garages in Kapolei at this time. So, for Family Court matters at the new Courthouse from and after April 12, 2010, bring sufficient change for your parking meter.

Although the transition may be difficult at first for many, especially with the drive to Kapolei, we will do all we can to help make it as easy as possible for our valued clients. Once the new Courthouse is officially opened, we will take advantage of the Court's technical equipment, such as teleconferencing and video-conferencing, to accommodate our clients and their cases.

We will continue to keep you advised regarding the move and the transition to Kapolei. Please let us know if you have any additional questions or ideas to share regarding how we can all make this a positive move!