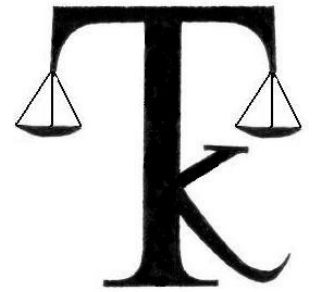


# LEGALLY SPEAKING



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## PREPARING FOR FLU SEASON

It's that time of year again, folks. Each fall when we get that chill in the air,



an average of 15% of Americans get the flu and about 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications. Here are the top 5 things you should know to keep healthy this flu season:

1. The most effective way to protect against the flu is to **get the flu vaccine**. Each fall, scientists create the vaccine using inactivated strands of the most common strains of the flu virus for that season. Sometimes a new strain of the flu emerges after the vaccine is created so

it's possible you could still get the flu even after the vaccine. However, the vaccine can still help reduce the severity of your flu. This year, you can get one vaccine that will protect against the most common types of seasonal flu viruses and against H1N1 (swine flu).

**2. Be conscious of germs.** You should cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and encourage others to do so. You should wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer, and avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes, which can let the virus into your system. The flu virus can live for up to 8 hours on surfaces, so keeping your hands clean and away from your face is

important.

**3.** If you think you have the flu, **stay home**. Friends, family, and coworkers are the top cause of the spread of the flu virus to others. Children are especially susceptible to the virus, and your child should be kept home if you suspect they have the flu to prevent its spread to the rest of his or her class.

**4.** The most common **symptoms** of the flu are fever, headache, muscle ache, chills, fatigue or extreme tiredness, and runny nose. Not everyone gets all these symptoms, but if you have one or more, you could have the flu. There are prescriptions that can shorten the length of the flu if taken in the first 2 days of your

symptoms, so act fast.

**5.** Every year, thousands of Americans suffer **complications** related to the flu virus. If you see any of these signs of flu complications, you should immediately see your doctor. In adults, if you have difficulty breathing, pain in the chest or abdomen, dizziness, confusion, or severe or persistent vomiting, you should seek immediate medical attention. If you notice your child has fast breathing, bluish skin tone, irritability or inactivity, a fever with a rash, or is not drinking enough fluids, you should immediately take your child to his or her doctor for evaluation.

## MEET ANGELA

You may notice something different when you come in to our office or give us a call. That friendly face and cheery voice is our new administrative assistant, Angela. The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor welcomes Angela

as an exciting new part of our team!

As we expand to meet the growing needs of our clients, our experienced attorneys and top-notch staff allow us to continue to provide Citrus County

with the highest quality legal services now more than ever.

So visit our office or give us a call and get to know Angela and the whole team here at The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor.

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## SHOULD YOU HAVE A LIVING WILL?

If you're not sure how to answer that question, you will be excited to hear about our latest edition of The People's Law School. You are probably familiar with the series of web-seminar videos, The People's Law School, which The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor offers to help you understand and handle your own legal issue without an attorney. For our newest edition, our firm asked our friends on

Facebook what they wanted to know, and we were excited about all the feedback. Based on those votes, we are proud to offer our next installment as the first of a multi-part series on Basic Estate Planning.

In this first video, Attorney Keith Taylor explains the Living Will. He helps you understand what it is, what it should look like, and why you should have one. You can see this edition

and all previous editions of The People's Law School on our website by visiting [www.KeithTaylorLaw.com/People'sLawSchool.htm](http://www.KeithTaylorLaw.com/People'sLawSchool.htm).

There are plenty of forms to make your own Living Will (we have one on our website -It's free!), but if you would feel more comfortable using a lawyer to prepare this important document, or if you are looking to update your entire estate plan,

including your Last Will and Testament, and would like the help of a team of experienced attorneys, contact our office to schedule your consultation. We are happy to help.

If you would like to give us your feedback on what People's Law School topics would be most useful for you, visit our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/keithtaylorlaw](http://www.facebook.com/keithtaylorlaw) and let us know.

## THE LAW OFFICE OF KEITH TAYLOR CREATES NFA TRUSTS FOR GUN ENTHUSIASTS

As full supporters of the Second Amendment, our lawyers understand the desire of many individuals to own various firearms. In recent years, more firearm enthusiasts have become interested in owning Title II weapons, such as fully automatic firearms, short-barreled shotguns and rifles, and sound suppressors, but have been concerned with the legal repercussions of owning these items.

In 1934, Congress enacted the National Firearms Act (NFA) to regulate Title II weapons. These weapons may be highly regulated, but they are perfectly legal to own if you follow NFA guidelines. If you fail to comply with the NFA, it could carry fines up to \$250,000, 10 years in prison, and forfeiture of all

weapons.

To avoid violating the NFA, you have a few options. The first option requires that you obtain the signature of your local Chief Law Enforcement Officer, have your fingerprints and photo taken for the FBI criminal database, and pay \$200 for a tax stamp. Many people do not want to go through this hassle and do not want to make such a sacrifice of their privacy.

Another option is to form a corporation to own the firearm. However, corporations are public entities, which means information on who owns and operates a corporation is part of the public record. Also, corporations must pay fees annually and may have to file tax returns.

This option still creates a lot of hassle and a burden on maintaining one's privacy.

The third option you have is to form an NFA trust. This allows an individual to maintain their privacy when purchasing Title II weapons, eliminates annual fees, and does not require the signature of your Police Chief or your fingerprints or photographs to be taken. An NFA trust operates by separating the legal ownership from the equitable ownership of the weapons. The NFA trust can allow family members legal access to the use of the regulated weapons which is otherwise prohibited. Additionally, with an NFA trust, firearms will pass outside of your probate estate at the time of death, protecting your

heirs from accidentally violating the NFA. Of course, you must still be able to legally possess firearms in order to purchase Title II weapons.

NFA trusts simply provide a good option to individuals wishing to purchase Title II weapons in compliance with the NFA.

The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor can help you navigate the formation of an NFA trust so you will comply with NFA regulations while exercising your Second Amendment rights, and owning the weapons you want. If you are interested in establishing an NFA trust, or if you would like more information, please contact our office to set up an appointment with one of our experienced attorneys.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LAW OFFICE OF KEITH R. TAYLOR**



As this quarterly newsletter reaches you at the beginning of October, The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor sends our wishes for a happy, safe, and memorable holiday season to come.

We hope whether you are celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa, you spend this holiday season with friends and loved ones, bringing each other com-

fort and cheer.

Especially at this time of year, our hearts go out those serving our country in the armed forces and their loved ones. While you may not be here with your families this holiday season, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays from all of us here at The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor.

**WE NOW PROUDLY OFFER PROBATE SERVICES**

With the admittance of our newest lawyer, Adam A. Czaya, to the Florida Bar, our firm now offers even more comprehensive legal services for our clients. Along with corporate law and estate planning, such as wills and trusts, Attorney Czaya will be practicing probate law.

Probate is the legal process that involves administering and distributing a person's estate after their death either

under their Last Will and Testament, or through the State of Florida's statutes if there is no Will.

This process might include interpreting the wishes set out in a Last Will and Testament, paying debts to creditors, or distributing assets to beneficiaries or legal heirs.

It can be a complicated, frustrating, and time-consuming process, especially when the person trying to handle this process has recently lost their loved one. Often, to avoid the frustration of completing this process alone, individuals look to an experienced and dedicated probate attorney to handle these issues for them.

Our attorneys work closely with the personal representative of the estate, step-by-step, to ensure that the estate is distributed and administered efficiently and effectively.

If you have recently lost a loved one and

are trying to deal with the complicated probate process on your own, call our office and let our dedicated team of professionals help you.

If you would like more information on the services we offer, you can visit our website, call our office, or email Attorney Czaya at [Adam@KeithTaylorLaw.com](mailto:Adam@KeithTaylorLaw.com).



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Visit our website to learn more about the wide variety of legal services that our team can provide for you. From auto accident to business formation, and wills to divorce, our attorneys have the experience to advocate for your rights and protect your interests.

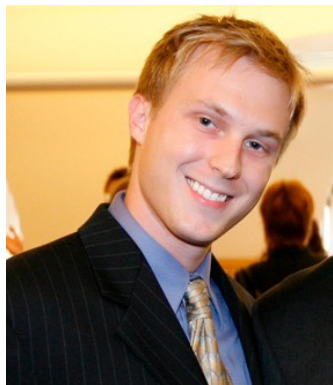
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## NEW ATTORNEY ADAM A. CZAYA JOINS OUR TEAM



"I'm proud to join the great team here at The Law Office of Keith Taylor and I feel very privileged to be able to practice law in such a wonderful community as Citrus County."

The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor is proud to welcome our newest team member, Adam A. Czaya. Adam graduated from The University of Florida with Bachelor's Degrees in History and in Russian.

In 2011, Adam went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, the oldest law school in the state of Florida. He was sworn in this September as a member of The Florida Bar. This year, he began working at The Law Office of

Keith R. Taylor, P.A., expanding the many legal services offered by our firm.

Attorney Czaya handles estate planning, probate, business and commercial law, and we are excited to welcome him aboard as part of the team of experienced and dedicated attorneys at The Law Office of Keith R. Taylor. To learn more about Adam, visit his page on our website:  
[www.KeithTaylorLaw.com/AttorneyAdamCzaya.htm](http://www.KeithTaylorLaw.com/AttorneyAdamCzaya.htm)

The Law Office of Keith R.

Taylor is constantly growing to meet the needs of our clients and the people of our community. As we expand to offer more services, we continue to provide the quality and attention that you expect and the care and dedication you deserve.

If you would like any information on our firm, the services we offer, or if you want to speak to a lawyer about your own legal issue, please contact us through our website, by phone (352-795-0404) or stop by our convenient office location.