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Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA):

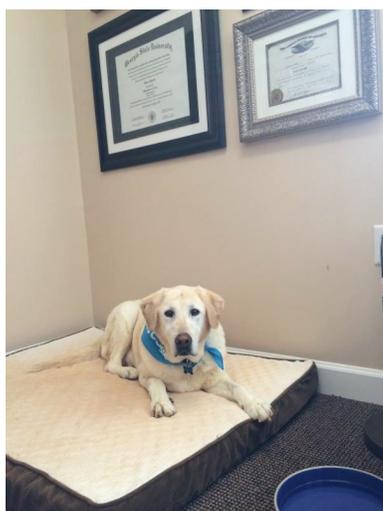
No Increase For 2016



COLA stands for Cost of Living Adjustment and has been in place since 1975. Social Security benefits typically increase, albeit a fairly insignificant increase, each year based on the cost of living. This is determined by the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**. The CPI measures the average change in price that urban consumers pay over a period of time. Typically, the average amount of change in price increases, but the recent trend has shown . . . [click here to read more](#).

Farewell to Our Chief Morale Officer:

The Passing of my Beloved Simon



Simon hanging out in

Many of you had the pleasure of meeting our CMO (Chief Morale Officer), Simon at our office. Simon was my beloved puppy for the past 14 years. Simon came into my life when he was only 6 weeks old. I loved bringing Simon to the office and have him greet our clients and cheer us all up with his wagging tail. Being a Labrador retriever also meant that Simon frequently would cause a mess. Many times he would knock over whatever stood in his way and his treats. Simon was a free spirit and there was not much that he feared; he would go after what he wanted head on; this is a personality trait that I always deeply admired about him.

On January 3rd 2016, Simon looked at me with these eyes that just

Sara's office.

seemed to say, "I am so tired, will you please let me take my final rest?" So

after consulting and sobbing at the veterinarian's office for a couple of hours, I decided to let my puppy go run free in doggy heaven. My husband, son, and I buried him in my parent's backyard in Alpharetta, where he had grown up. We placed him right next to his older brother, Sam, our first Lab who had passed in December of 2013. We miss Simon everyday dearly, but in his memory we will keep our morale up and remember to face life with the same great enthusiasm that Simon always had.



Sara's son Rami & Simon

Some January Success Stories:

Great Court Wins for Our Associate Attorney, Tina Thapar

Our associate, Tina, had a busy week in Court this month. As always, she was up for the challenge of making a difference in our client's lives; and the key to her success? Preparation! Tina worked hard for her great wins in Court this month, and here are just a few of the success stories from Tina and the rest of our legal departments January 2016 court hearings:

- Disability benefits awarded to a 56 year old lady who has worked every day of her life since she was 14 years old. She suffered from a stroke a couple of years ago and has not been able to work since. This hard working lady was at risk of losing the home her father had built for her and her grandchildren. Thankfully, she will now be able to keep her home, receive monthly benefits, and also receive healthcare through Medicare.
- Disability benefits awarded for a 27 year old mother of 6 children who finally beat her battle with cancer. This young mother will now be able to keep a roof over her children's head and will maintain her Medicaid insurance.
- Disability benefits awarded for a 53 year old lady who is struggling with fibromyalgia and depression and has not been able to receive her medication due to lack of medical insurance and



depression and has not been able to receive her medication due to lack of medical insurance and income. This client will now be eligible for Medicare, and she can finally get the medical treatment that she deserves.

Administrative Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to two of our staff members - Holly Casey and Amanda Patterson!
Holly's birthday was January 3, and Amanda's birthday was January 4.



Calendar of Events:

January 2016

- January 1: Happy New Year!
- January 3: Holly Casey's Birthday!
- January 4: Amanda Patterson's Birthday!
- January 12: In Court, Rome, GA
- January 14: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- January 15: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- January 20: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- January 21: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- January 26: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- January 27: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- January 28: In Court, Atlanta, GA



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