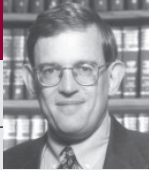


LEGAL EASE

NEWS

VOL. 3 • ISSUE 1 • WINTER 2011

The PRUE LAW GROUP P.C.



FROM PAT'S DESK

PRUE LAW GROUP *Update*



PRUE DESIGNATED 5 STAR ATTORNEY

The Prue Law Group, PC, of Windham, Connecticut announces that its founder Attorney Patrick M. Prue has been designated a 5 Star Wealth Manager. Attorney Prue was the only attorney in Windham and Tolland Counties to receive this high recognition and one of two attorneys east of the Connecticut River to be named. Connecticut Magazine in partnership with Crescendo Business Services and QMI Research and a blue ribbon panel identifies attorneys and wealth managers throughout the state who score highest in overall client satisfaction and quality of their work. *Criteria for the award included:* knowledge/expertise in the law, customer service and satisfaction, communication with clients, value for fee charged, follow up with clients after the services provided and clients willingness to refer to others. **Recipients of this award represent less than 2% of all those providing similar services.**

Attorney Prue has an extensive background in legal matters dealing with wealth management. He served 20 years as a probate judge for the District of Windham

before retiring to concentrate his law practice in the fields of estate planning, Title 19 asset protection plans, wills, trusts and estate settlement. Attorney Prue has lectured extensively throughout Connecticut on behalf of the Connecticut Bar Association, Probate Administration, Connecticut Department of Social Services, Connecticut Paralegal Association and the Institute of Public Information. He has presented educational forums at the request of The University of Connecticut, Eastern Connecticut State University, Manchester Community College and numerous civic and private groups.

Attorney Prue and The Prue Law Group provide a wide variety of legal services throughout all of Eastern Connecticut. *Prue can also be heard on the long running Wili Radio program "Legalese" discussing varied legal topics with host Wayne Norman Wednesday mornings at 9:30.*

For more information go to www.pruelawgroup.com or call at 860-423-9231.

TAKE TIME TO REVIEW YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLAN

As we sit in our homes surrounded by snow, now would be a good time to take a moment to review your personal, financial and business plans. All too often as the year progresses and our lives fill with other activities, these important matters are left unattended.

Here are some questions to consider. If we can help you with any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.



- Is your will, trust and estate planning taken care of?
- Do they still reflect your wishes? Are they current?
- When is the last time you reviewed your LLC or corporate minutes?

Visit our updated website at www.pruelawgroup.com

Remember to listen to us on WILI radio!

DUI - WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

It is a foregone conclusion that persons who have been drinking should not drive, and that drunk drivers are a menace to our roadways. Connecticut has enacted stringent Driving While Intoxicated laws, and great measures are being taken to enforce them.

If you or someone you know is stopped for a suspected DUI, you should be aware of your rights. An officer must have probable cause to administer field sobriety tests (walk a straight line, recite the alphabet, etc.), or to ask you to submit to a breathalyzer test. If you are pulled over for a reason (speeding, run-



ning a red light, etc.) and the officer smells alcohol, observes bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, or other signs of intoxication, he or she has probable cause to administer these tests. If the officer asks you to take a breathalyzer, you can refuse. However, your refusal will result in the revocation of your operator's license for twenty-four hours and the suspension of your operator's license for at least six months. If you submit to the tests, and the results indicate an elevated blood alcohol content, your operator's license will be revoked for twentyfour hours and will be suspended for at

least ninety days. Anyone charged with DUI has a right to an administrative hearing to determine the validity of the license suspension. Upon receiving notice, you must contact the Department of Motor Vehicles within seven days to request a hearing, or your right to the hearing is waived. The hearing is limited to the determination of four issues and although legal counsel is not required, often these issues deal with technical legal questions of fact. Therefore, it is advisable to consult with an attorney prior to the hearing. **If we can be of further assistance, please give us a call!**



AREAS OF LAW

WHAT WE CAN DO *To Help You*

The PRUE LAW GROUP P.C.

- **RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE-** From purchase and sale agreements, to helping you find financing sources, we are experts in all aspects of residential & commercial real estate. From title searches to real estate closings, we can help you avoid the many pitfalls you can face when dealing with residential & commercial real estate issues.
- **PERSONAL INJURY-** Cases include injuries which are work-related, sustained in motor vehicle accidents or caused by defective products, professional malpractice or negligent maintenance of property. Each case is handled in a sensitive and compassionate manner. Our goal is to achieve equitable compensation for our clients.
- **CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LITIGATION-** We can help you with property and contract disputes, landlord/tenant disagreements, foreclosures, zoning problems and bankruptcies. Criminal litigation encompasses the defense of clients accused of misdemeanors, felonies and motor vehicle violations before both state and federal courts.
- **BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LAW-** We work with many small businesses, helping them with such issues as formation of a legal entity, initial capitalization and organizational structure. As a company grows, our focus shifts to other areas such as shareholder agree-
- ments, pension planning, contracts and agreements, and compliance with regulatory agencies. From the smallest to the largest, we want to help your business succeed.
- **ESTATE AND TRUST MATTERS-** We are sensitive to the critical issues which affect personal assets and those of one's heirs. We work closely with you to insure the care of minor children and elderly family members and preserve your financial assets. We help you evaluate tax ramifications and stay in close contact with you to review the impact of changing tax laws on your estate. We possess extensive knowledge and experience in creating estate plans for the way you live now, as well as for the security of your family later on. We can help you take charge of your medical future through the Living Will statutes, drafting wills, trusts, establishing conservatorships, helping prepare for Title 19 eligibility and assisting in the probating of estates.
- **FAMILY LAW-** Divorce is never easy but we try to be as compassionate as possible, particularly when minor children are involved. We also handle custody challenges, legal separations, adoptions, name changes, visitation rights and alimony/support issues.
- **COLLECTIONS/BUSINESS & FORECLOSURES-** Prue Law Group can help you with collection services, small claims court procedures, and foreclosure matters.

FAMILY LAW

Did you know??

1. That **pensions and retirement plans are marital assets** subject to division?
2. That **alimony is classified as income** and therefore subject to taxation?
3. That pursuant to Section 1041 of the Internal Revenue Code, **the transfer of real property between spouses incident to a divorce is not subject to capital gains tax?**
4. That **alimony can be modified if there is a substantial change in circumstances** which is not self created by the party requesting the modification?
5. That **the Court determines which parent receives custody** by using the "best interest of the child" standard?
6. That **grandparents can petition the Court for child visitation rights?**
7. That **Connecticut had adopted "no-fault" divorce laws** that allow a dissolution of marriage without showing that one spouse was at fault?
8. **A properly drafted and executed prenuptial agreement is an enforceable contract?**

ACCIDENT INFORMATION ✓ Check List

If you are in an accident be sure to get the following information before anyone leaves the site of an accident:

- ✓ Name, address, phone number of driver and/or owner of vehicle, its passengers and any witnesses at the scene
- ✓ Vehicle License number
- ✓ Vehicle Make, Model, and year
- ✓ Name, address, and policy number of insurance company of owner of vehicle
- ✓ Date and time of accident
- ✓ Location of accident
- ✓ Road conditions
- ✓ Traffic conditions
- ✓ Weather conditions
- ✓ Name and badge number of police officer
- ✓ Use your phone camera to take pictures of scene

Not Your Average Personal Injury Law Firm.

Experience, Dedication, Compassion.

PERSONAL INJURY LAW

The **PRUE LAW GROUP** P.C.

Motor Vehicle Accident
Slip and Fall • Motorcycle Accident • Product Liability
Medical Malpractice • Workers Compensation

Call The Prue Law Group Today!

860-423-9231

720 Main Street • Willimantic, CT • www.PrueLawGroup.com



Divorce.

We protect what's important to you.

DIVORCE & FAMILY LAW

The **PRUE LAW GROUP** P.C.

A divorce is never easy; especially when there are children involved. Having children of our own, we understand how important they are. Make an appointment with The Prue Law Group; we have years of experience handling successful divorce and family law cases. We have built our reputation by balancing firmness in the courtroom with sincere compassion for our client's needs.

Call The Prue Law Group Today!

860-423-9231

720 Main Street • Willimantic, CT • www.PrueLawGroup.com

RESORT
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
SOUTHBRIIDGE MA
PERMIT NO 65

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
720 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226

The PRUE LAW GROUP P.C.

The PRUE LAW GROUP P.C.

- Estate Planning
- Estate Settlement and Probate
- Family Law
- Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate
- Corporate
- Criminal / DUI / Motor Vehicle

www.PrueLawGroup.com

720 Main Street • Willimantic, CT 06226 • Tel: 860-423-9231 • Fax: 860-423-6407



What Will Happen to Your Life's Savings if You Become Unable to Handle Your Finances?
How Will Your Bills Get Paid?

860-423-9231
Call our office today to set up an appointment
**POWER OF ATTORNEY • LIVING WILL
DESIGNATION OF CONSERVATORS
MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**

For A Fee of \$295
we will work with you to prepare the following
four legal documents:

~ The Prue Law Group can help you find answers to these questions ~



Who Will Make "Life" and Financial Decisions For You if You Become Terminally Ill?