Free Workshop for Orange County Habitat Homeowners  
Estate Planning for Individuals and Families  
April 21, 2012

This workshop is designed to provide individuals and families with FREE legal services to address basic end-of-life planning issues.  
- Licensed, qualified Orange and Durham County lawyers will be available to meet privately with individuals and families, AT NO CHARGE.  
- These lawyers will conduct interviews on site to get the necessary information to provide advice and prepare wills and powers of attorney as appropriate for each client.  
- Documents will be prepared by the lawyers in their offices and the lawyers will make arrangements with you to sign the documents in the lawyer’s office at a mutually convenient time.

Why do YOU need basic estate planning services? Here’s what will be covered:

Last Will and Testament
- Your will does more than dispose of your property after death.  
- You can designate guardians for care and custody of minor children.  
- You can create trusts for property left to minor children.  
- You appoint a person to be your personal representative or ‘executor.’  
- The maker of a will must be at least 18 years old.  
- A will should be written, witnessed, signed and notarized.  
- A properly drawn and signed will remains valid until it is changed or revoked.  
- Wills should be reviewed every 5 years to be sure it is adequate for your present circumstances.  
- Changes to existing wills can be made at anytime that you have capacity.  
- You can change your will in the event of marriage, divorce, birth/death of family members.

Living Will
- Living Wills are also known as ‘Advance Directives for a Natural Death.’  
- It is your declaration to die a natural death and not be kept alive by extraordinary medical treatment.  
- It communicates your preferences at the time a decision to terminate life support is considered.  
- It relieves your family from the burden of making this decision without your input.  
- It directs your physicians and doctors on this important issue.

Durable Power of Attorney (POA)
- A Power of Attorney gives someone the legal authority to act for and in your behalf.  
- You are the ‘principal’ and the person you give legal authority to becomes your ‘attorney in fact.’  
- You may name a spouse, adult child, relative or trusted friend to be your attorney in fact.  
- You may name a successor or substitute attorney in fact, in case the first cannot or will not serve.  
- A durable POA remains effective even if you become mentally incompetent.  
- Without a POA, a court may appoint a guardian for you if you become incompetent.  
- Guardianships are burdensome and expensive.

Health Care Power of Attorney (HCPOA)
- In a HCPOA, you appoint one person as your health care agent.  
- You can appoint back-up health care agents.  
- Health care agents can make decisions on your behalf if you are not competent to do so yourself.  
- Your spouse and adult family members can be named as your health care agents.  
- Without a HCPOA, your spouse or family may be unable to make health care decisions for you.

This is a great opportunity to get answers to YOUR questions and enjoy the peace of mind that comes from doing careful planning. We look forward to serving you!