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## The Art of a New Start

*In honor of  
Dennis R.  
DeLoach Jr.'s  
83rd birthday*

and preparation for the forthcoming demolition of the former office building, staff from the law firm and title company gathered for a very special celebration and surprise unveiling.

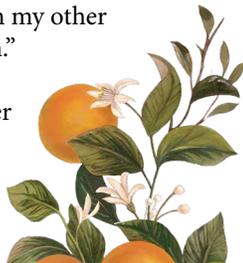


Artist Dennis McBride with attorneys Paul Cavonis, Dennis R. DeLoach Jr. and Rep DeLoach

Director of Marketing Simone DeLoach had secretly commissioned artist Dennis McBride to create an ink rendering of the former offices to memorialize the occasion. After the surprise unveiling, a print now hangs in the new lobby for everyone to enjoy and reminisce. The original ink rendering is now on view as part of the permanent collection of the Seminole Historical Society, donated by the artist.

"I think Mr. DeLoach was very surprised and it was great that you were able to present it to him on his birthday," exclaimed McBride. "It was special as it represented Seminole's past and now hangs with my other drawings at the museum."

And then two weeks later the staff, attorneys, and visitors watched from the new, two-story,



DHC entrance during demolition

state-of-the-art building, while a crane operator skillfully tore down what had housed the law firm and title company since 1993.



Dennis McBride with Simone DeLoach (2020)

"The old building served us very well, and we are now moving forward with a wonderful new building with very capable, talented, creative, and diligent individuals," said firm founder Dennis R. DeLoach Jr.

In place of the former building, there will be a new parking lot to accommodate clients, closings, seminars, special events, and staff.

So while it was a bittersweet farewell, the staff and attorneys are thoroughly enjoying their new offices and look forward to making new memories in our new home.

We invite you to visit our new offices to view our new artwork such as the rendering by Mr. McBride. Visit [dhclaw.com/tours](http://dhclaw.com/tours) to sign up for a walkthrough or contact

Ashleigh Fisichella at 727-308-5441.

To watch the unveiling of the new print, visit [dhclaw.com/mcbride](http://dhclaw.com/mcbride). To watch the final stages of the demolition, visit [dhclaw.com/demo](http://dhclaw.com/demo).

# Every Room Tells a Story

Yes, it's supposed to be *every picture tells a story*, and that's also true in our new building. In fact, art and photography, by design, are now an important part of our staff, client and community experience. There's artistic expression just about anywhere you turn that reflects our values, history, interests, families, sense of humor, and love of nature. With the creation of our budding new corporate collection, this emphasis will grow and evolve over time.

As part of the ongoing 45th Anniversary festivities, Simone DeLoach commissioned and contributed to the design of another original work of art to commemorate the history of *The Land and Leadership*. Inspired by the land's early roots in orange grove farming by the C.W. Whittle Family in the 1900s, the citrus-themed celebration and unveiling helped to honor those who "worked the land" before us and recognize the many staff members over the past 45 years who contributed to the firm's growth we enjoy today. The new piece now hangs in the lobby with other Seminole historical prints.

"I think the mural completely represents what this property has been and what it will be in the future," remarked Dr. Claude McMullen,



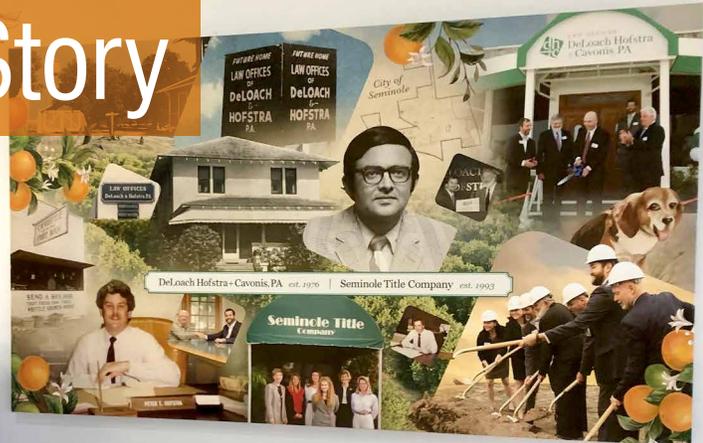
Whittle Family descendant Dr. Claude McMullen (Lobby)



Clyde Butcher (Egret Room)

the grandson of C.W. Whittle. "I'm sure my grandfather would have been pleased that what he started has turned into what it has become."

There are also a lot more conference rooms in our new building, each one named for one of Florida's beautiful coastal and wetland birds. In some instances, the room is named for one particular bird. The **Egret Room**, for example, is named for "Big Bird," a white egret which used to frequent Paul Cavonis' family yard for tasty treats and safe refuge. This room also displays several black and white photographs by internationally recognized wilderness photographer Clyde Butcher. Some years ago our firm was a sponsor of *Clyde Butcher: The American Wilderness* exhibition at Gulf Coast Museum of Art formerly located in Largo.



DeLoach Family photos (Heron Room)

The **Heron Room** was named after one of Dennis R. DeLoach Jr.'s favorite birds. Displayed in the Heron Room are Mr. DeLoach's treasured ancestral photos and documents. The photos include a portrait of his parents who were also early benefactors of the firm in 1976.

Other artists in the collection include Duncan McClellan, David Hunter, Kate Angall and more.

To read about all of the new spaces, visit [dhclaw.com/conference-rooms](http://dhclaw.com/conference-rooms). To sign up for an art themed tour, visit [dhclaw.com/tours](http://dhclaw.com/tours).



Duncan McClellan (Lobby)

As part of our new lobby art display, we have curated a rotating exhibition of koozie pics from around the world including past winners of the DHC Annual Koozie Photo Contest. To learn more, visit [dhclaw.com/koozie](http://dhclaw.com/koozie).





# FAQs: Separate Writing in Your Estate Plan

As part of your last will and testament, Florida law permits the use of a "separate writing" to dispose of certain items of personal property. Since this is the "art issue" we wanted to provide some guidance on how you can pass along your own artwork, antiques, special collections, and more.

## Why use a separate writing?

A separate writing is best used to ensure that certain tangible items go to certain people. Otherwise, your heirs may argue over who receives what. This allows you to make small changes to your estate plan without going to your attorney to

dispose of items of personal property.

## How is one used?

If your will authorizes a separate writing, you can create a list of certain property to be distributed to named beneficiaries. The writing must be signed and dated but it is not necessary for it to be witnessed or notarized. You should describe each item with clarity.

## What is covered with a separate writing?

Your separate writing

covers art, antiques, furniture, jewelry and more, but specifically excludes gifts of cash, stocks, and bonds. If you think your heirs may argue over the property, or if you promised a specific item to a specific person, you would write it down on a separate sheet, which is then legally binding.

## Where should I keep the separate writing?

Keep it attached to your will or in your estate planning binder so that your heirs will easily find it upon your passing.

To download our free "Separate Writing" form, go to [dhclaw.com/SeparateWriting](http://dhclaw.com/SeparateWriting).



## 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# Share Your Story

To share your story, go to [dhclaw.com/share](http://dhclaw.com/share)

## Julie Washburn, née DeLoach

Eldest Daughter to Dennis R. DeLoach Jr., Sister to D. "Rep" DeLoach III  
Petaluma, California

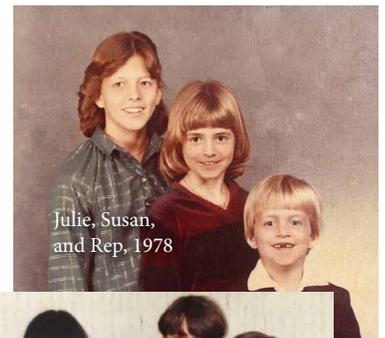
*Growing up, Dad taught us to be hard workers, love yardwork, be honest and treat everyone the same. One very important DeLoach characteristic he taught us is to always be on time.*

*I remember cleaning the first office (8486 Seminole Boulevard) every Saturday while my Dad worked. I always enjoyed checking to see what candy was available at the front reception desk! I used to vacuum, clean the bathroom, wipe down desks and tables, and take out the trash. I would kill time by practicing typing. I remember when the office got new typewriters and the ribbon had the white-out feature—wow! That was cool. I remember Dad always getting a snack from the 7-Eleven which consisted of 2 packs of cheese crackers and milk.*

*When I was able to drive, I started doing the runner role daily after school (Seminole High School). I drove from Seminole to St. Pete Beach daily. On occasion, I went to the Clearwater Court House. There was also the occasional filing to be done. The files were kept in the shed behind the first building which did not have any air conditioning! I also mowed the yard at the first building as needed.*

*The annual Christmas party was always an enjoyable event. Of course, we were always wearing Georgia Bulldogs black and red. Go Dawgs!*

*Happy 45th anniversary and congratulations on the beautiful new building! I am so excited for the law firm and title company!*



Julie, Susan,  
and Rep, 1978



Julie, Rep and Susan at the  
annual Christmas party, 1992



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### PAWS for the LAWS



## 2021 DHC Koozie Contest Winner

Congratulations to Cody Moulton with Foster Web Marketing, winner of the 2021 DHC Koozie Contest! His koozie photo at the world's last remaining Blockbuster in Bend, Oregon was a fan favorite.

Visit our Koozie Contest photo album on Facebook to see all the submissions, or come see our rotating exhibition of koozie pics from around the world in our new lobby. Join the fun when the contest kicks off again in May 2022. Don't have a DHC koozie? Don't worry! Stop by our office during business hours and pick one up or we'll mail one to you! To learn more, visit [dhclaw.com/koozie](http://dhclaw.com/koozie).



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## Upcoming EVENTS

While we are still navigating the pandemic landscape and anxiously awaiting the use of our new state-of-the-art seminar room, we continue to offer estate planning, long-term care and pet planning seminars online. All seminars are presented by attorney Rep DeLoach.

### *Estate Planning Essentials*

- ▶ *Wills v. Trusts*
- ▶ *Probate and Probate Avoidance*
- ▶ *Asset Protection Strategies*
- ▶ *Incapacity Planning*

### *How to Qualify for Medicaid*

- ▶ *Income/Asset Rules*
- ▶ *Healthcare Crisis Management*
- ▶ *Irrevocable Trust Planning*
- ▶ *VA Benefits*

### *Estate and Pet Planning*

- ▶ *Pet planning, pet trusts and SPCA Tampa Bay's Legacy of Love Pet Trust*
- ▶ *Incapacity Planning, including who to name to help you*
- ▶ *Wills, Trusts and Probate*
- ▶ *Charitable Planning*

Please visit [dhclaw.com/seminars](http://dhclaw.com/seminars) to register. If you would like to be added to a list to be contacted when our in-person seminars resume, please contact Ashleigh Fisichella at 727-308-5441 or [ashleigh@dhclaw.com](mailto:ashleigh@dhclaw.com).

## Our Favorite RECIPES



# Pam's Sun-Dried Cranberry Walnut Oatmeal Cookies

Seminole Title Company's Pam Alexander is well-known around the office as an amazing baker and for good reason! These cookies are a huge hit in our office and we hope you enjoy them as well.

- ▶ ¾ Butter Flavor Crisco Stick or ¾ cup Butter Flavor Crisco all-vegetable shortening
- ▶ ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ▶ ¾ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- ▶ 2 eggs
- ▶ 1 tsp vanilla
- ▶ 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ▶ ¼ teaspoon salt
- ▶ 2 ¾ cups rolled oats
- ▶ 1 cup sun-dried cranberries
- ▶ 1 cup walnut pieces

Heat oven to 375°F. Combine ¾ cup shortening and sugars in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed with electric mixer until well blended. Beat in eggs and vanilla until well blended. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Stir into creamed mixture; mix well. Add oats, sun-dried cranberries and walnuts. Spray cookie sheets with Crisco non-stick cooking spray. Dust with flour. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake at 375°F for 8 minutes or until firm and brown. Cool on cookie sheets 4 minutes; transfer to cooling rack. (Makes about 6 dozen cookies)

