

# DeLoach+Hofstra, PA VIGATOR

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Injury Law + Litigation + Elder Law + Life Care Planning + Wills & Trusts + Probate + Real Estate



### Five New Developments in **Estate Planning**

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 5:30 P.M.

- ► Estate Tax Changes
- ► IRA Trust Planning
- ► Asset Protection Planning
- ► Complimentary Estate Planning Checklist

#### **Protecting Assets While** Qualifying for Medicaid

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 5:30 P.M.

- ► Income/Asset Rules
- Crisis Management
- ► Common Myths
- Caregivers Assistance

#### Wills v. Trusts: Which Is Best for You?

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 5:30 P.M.

- Revocable Living Trusts
- ► How Bad is Probate?
- ► Asset Protection

#### **Protecting Assets While** Qualifying for Medicaid

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 5:30 P.M.

All seminars and receptions are in the DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. Law Library unless otherwise noted; seating is limited so please RSVP to Ashleigh Fisichella at 727-397-5571 or ashleigh@dhstc.com.

# 976 Thank You for 40 Great Years

As we reflect back on the last 40 years, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our wonderful clients, committed community partners, legal colleagues, supportive families, devoted staff and the City of Seminole. Without your trust and dedication, we could not have made it this far, and for that, we are truly grateful.

It is worth noting that our story started before 1976. Born and raised in Georgia, Dennis R. DeLoach Jr. graduated from the University of Georgia in 1960 and Stetson University College of Law in 1963. A year later he joined the law firm of Fisher & Sauls, P.A. in St. Petersburg. In 1965, Dennis transferred to Fisher & Sauls' Seminole

office, where in 1970, his passion for the community led him to help form the City of Seminole, and serve as its first co-city attorney along with the late Bill Dunlap. Six years later, Dennis left Fisher & Sauls, P.A. to open his own law firm in Seminole and that pivotal decision brings us to where we are today.

While it is impossible to compress 40 years of community involvement and accomplishments into one issue of the Navigator, here is a brief timeline of some of our memorable milestones:

1993

Dennis is named Mr. Seminole "in recognition of his many years of selfless devotion and service to the community..."

Dennis and Peter establish Seminole Title Company to assist members of the community with their residential and commercial real estate closings.

#### 1976

Dennis leaves Fisher & Sauls, P.A. to open his own law firm at 8486 Seminole Boulevard. He primarily

practices probate, estate planning, and real estate law.

#### 1977

Peter T. Hofstra joins the firm, and is later made partner. The firm becomes DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. Peter practices primarily in association and real estate law.

# 1992

The firm moves one block North to its current location.





**D. "REP" DELOACH III**Estate Planning and Board Certified
Elder Law Attorney



Firm partner Rep DeLoach decided early on to follow in his father's footsteps and now shares the same level of enthusiasm and commitment toward the practice of law and service to clients. Born and raised in Seminole, he earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Mercer University (Macon, Georgia) and went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law in 1999. He was admitted to The Florida Bar that same year. After several years of experience and additional months of extensive study and specialized testing, he achieved the distinction of becoming Board Certified by The Florida Bar in the field of Elder Law.

When he is not working on behalf of his clients, Rep enjoys the great outdoors through travelling and hiking. During most summers, these two hobbies converge. He and his wife Simone have hiked in the Grand Canyon, Cathedral Rock (Sedona, Arizona), Irish countryside, Swiss Alps, Italian Dolomites, and Fjords of Norway. This summer they are planning a hiking trip in Iceland and the Highlands of



Scotland. When he is not travelling, he stays in top condition and relaxes through his newest passion: indoor rock climbing.

Rep is also a champion of animals and longtime volunteer and former Trustee for the SPCA Tampa Bay. He and his wife adopted two beautiful Siamesemix cats, Motce and Ellie, from the SPCA eight years ago. They could not be happier with their little rascals.

What values are most important to Rep? Rationality, kindness and humility. These beliefs are made apparent by his choice to practice Estate Planning and Elder Law—it fulfills his love of creative problem solving and his passion for helping others.





### City of Seminole Pow Wow Parade

It was certainly a beautiful day for a City of Seminole Pow Wow Parade! On Saturday, March 12, staff and family members from DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. and Seminole Title Company came out in support of Seminole's oldest and largest celebration. Special thanks to April Ellison for organizing and leading this event for the staff. Pictured left to right: Kim Hofstra, Tammi Hagedorn, Angie Freeman, Pattie Robinson, Sandra Turner, Emiline Mosher, David Ver Woert, Simone & Rep DeLoach, Joe Murphy, Gloria Centonze, Alicia & Jacob Greer, Dan Farber, and April Ellison.

## 23rd Annual Seminole Stampede

There was a great turnout for the 23rd Annual Seminole Stampede presented by the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce in beautiful Walsingham Park. The event included a 5k race followed by a 1-mile fun run. We are so proud of our DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. 5k race winners! All three pictured placed in their age category (left to right): Attorney Rep DeLoach, 2nd Place; Personal Injury Paralegal Suzanne Sanchez, 2nd Place; and Lindsay Murphy (wife of Attorney Joe Murphy), 1st Place. Congratulations to all the walkers and runners for participating in this "long-running" Seminole event!

A portion of the Stampede's proceeds will benefit the Fisher House at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. The Fisher House is a "Home Away From Home" for families of Veterans receiving medical care at the VA Hospital. DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. and Seminole Title Company were proud to be the Title Sponsors of the Stampede. Other lead community sponsors included Chick-fil-A (of Seminole Plaza) and Allen Sports Center.





Thank you again for allowing us to provide you legal service and advocate on your behalf. Our motto is "One client at a time, one matter at a time." We like to give our clients the same level of time and attention that we would give to our closest friend or family member. We look forward to serving Seminole and beyond for the next 40 years!

#### 1994

Paul R. Cavonis joins the firm after earning his Juris Doctorate with honors from Stetson University College of Law and creates the firm's Personal Injury practice.



D. "Rep" DeLoach III joins the firm to

joins the firm to practice Estate Planning and Elder Law, following in his father's footsteps.

#### 2005



Rep is Board Certified in Elder Law by the Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization and Education. Rep is one of only 100 attorneys in Florida who are Board Certified in Elder Law.

### SEMI Firm

Administrator Ken Burke leaves the firm for his newly elected position as Clerk of the Circuit

Court and

Comptroller for

Pinellas County.

SEMINOLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCIA

DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. is named the 2007 Business of the Year by the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce. A committee of six from the chamber selected the firm based on its ethics, integrity and community involvement.



Firm Administrator Gerry Gude retires and Keith A. Higley, MBA joins the firm as Administrator of both the law firm and title company.

2015

#### 2014

In recognition of Dennis' 50 years as a member of the Florida Bar and his years of service, City of Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters presents Dennis with a proclamation from the City declaring June 4, 2014, as Dennis R. DeLoach Jr. Day.



Simone B. DeLoach graduates with high honors from USF St. Petersburg with a Master's degree in Business Administration in Marketing and Management and joins the firm as Director of Marketing.



2000

Firm Administrator Ken Burke, CPA is named Mr. Seminole in recognition of his many civic contributions.

#### 2002

Paul is sworn in as President of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### 2006

Rep is sworn in as a Director of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### Peter is appointed to the Seminole City Council and serves for

two years.

### 2010

Peter receives the city's highest civic honor when he is named Mr. Seminole.

# Joseph "Joe" M. Murphy joins the firm and begins practicing

pegins practicing
Personal Injury
Law and Civil
Litigation
with Paul.



#### **2016**

Joe is sworn in as Secretary of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce, continuing the firm's legacy of community leadership.



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### Paws for the Laws



## Happy 40th Anniversary

As a 40th Anniversary present, the law firm and title company gave themselves new landscaping. The firm's front entrance is now framed with two new Triple Christmas Palms. Additional Florida-friendly vegetation filled out the rest of the design with Ixora Nora Grant shrubs (which will bloom with salmon pink flowers) and accented with Variegated Arboricola. The final touch on the layout was the addition of a stone edging. From demolition to implementation, the work was all completed by the professional and hardworking staff of Shaughnessy Nursery & Landscaping in Largo. Both clients and staff have remarked on the positive transformation. Special thanks to firm administrator Keith Higley and receptionist Emiline Mosher for all their hard work on this revitalization!







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