

SAVANNAH ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Dear Fellow and New Members of the Savannah Estate Planning Council:

Thank you for your new or continuing interest in The Savannah Estate Planning Council. I am looking forward to serving you this year as President.

Please mark your calendars as this year we are starting off with a bang as Probate Judge Tom Bordeaux has agreed to speak to us on October 4th, 2018. While we all deal with estate planning in our practice, the operational reality of dealing with probate and the court system can be an eye opener. Judge Bordeaux will enlighten and help us to set the right expectations with our clients when an event occurs. The Chatham County Probate Court has been in the news recently. This session may provide an outlet for information on the current status and ways for positive impact moving forward. As normal, the meeting will be held at the Chatham Club with cocktails prior to remarks starting at 5:30pm.

Our organization consists of estate planning lawyers, certified public accountants, financial planners, insurance professionals and others involved in estate planning for clients. Our goal is to have a cordial understanding and relationship among the members in the field of estate planning. The Savannah Estate Planning Council meets four to five times per year and has various guest speakers at each meeting except for the member social event. Each meeting will be posted on our website at www.savannahepc.org and current members will also be notified by email. I would like to stress how important it is that you RSVP to each meeting. We continue to have problems with members who do not respond, members who show up without an RSVP, or members who RSVP in the affirmative and do not show up. Please make every effort to respond to each meeting notice. Our aim, in this regard, is to keep our dues structure in line.

The 2018/2019 Membership Application is now available on our website at www.savannahepc.org and will also be emailed out. Please print and fill this out completely and return it along with a check made payable to The Savannah Estate Planning Council in the amount of \$250.00 to our Executive Administrative Assistant, Micki Smith c/o Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, P.C., P.O. Box 9848, Savannah, Georgia 31412. If you no longer wish to participate, please check the appropriate line at the bottom of the application and make sure your name is reflected at the top.

As most of you are aware, SPAM filters continue to be a problem. In an abundance of caution, please check your SPAM filter to make sure our emails do not get caught in the fire wall. If you are ever in doubt of a meeting, location or time, all information will be posted on our website once the board has approved the same.

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Also, any member in good standing is encouraged to invite guests to our meetings. Our summer social allows for the attending member to bring one guest at no additional charge. The guest fee for any of the other meetings is \$50.00 and the inviting member is asked to take responsibility for the guest fee. Memberships are non-transferrable.

As noted above, our first meeting will be at The Chatham Club on October 4th, and I look forward to seeing everyone there. As an aside, the Council is aware of the parking issues when meeting at The Chatham Club. St. John's Church (located at 1 West Macon Street) has graciously offered their parking lot for our use on the evening of October 4, 2018.

Finally, we have included a questionnaire with the membership application. The Board appreciates your suggestions and recommendations for speakers, topics and venues.

Sincerely,

Tony Martin
President