



Dear Clients,

I want to assure you that I take the health and well-being of my community, clients, associates, and colleagues seriously. Like you, I have been closely monitoring the quickly developing effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have temporarily closed our law office to help protect and care for those who work with us, our clients, and members of the public. I am however, available for consultation on any of your legal matters during this period of closure. Although I will miss seeing you in the office, my goal is to be able to continue to service all of your legal needs as promptly as circumstances may allow and uninterruptedly.

Because I know that maintaining cash flow for their businesses is of particular importance to many clients, I have been closely following the progress of the federal *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act*, S.3548 through the legislative process. The bill, if passed, is essentially a life-line measure meant only to tide individuals and businesses over for a few months or until such time as the federal government can adopt a more significant bail out package to help get our economy back on track.

Among other things, such as providing exceptional U. S. income tax credits to businesses for continuing paid medical leave for their employees, extending terms and increasing limits of unemployment benefits, the Cares Act also provides funding for forgivable Small Business Administration bridge loans that can be used to continue to pay employees, rent, utilities and like business expenses while the Covid-19 crisis continues.

I will endeavor to continue to monitor the progress of S.3548 and report developments to you in order to continue to support you in these troubling times.

We are all in this together. I hope you and your families continue to remain healthy and safe until the Covid-19 virus has passed on. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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