



Merrell Bailey to Participate in “Windsor One Year Later” Panel

Maitland, FL – June 23, 2014 – Your Caring Law Firm, a boutique legal practice focused on probate, wills, trust and guardianship services, as well as business succession, asset protection and estate planning, today announced that managing partner Merrell Bailey will be participating in an upcoming Panel Discussion on *U.S. v Windsor*. The Panel, entitled “The *Windsor* Effect: A Panel Discussion on the Political and Legal Changes in Bankruptcy, Estate Planning, and Family Law One Year after the U.S. Supreme Court’s Landmark Ruling in *United States v. Windsor*,” will take place on Friday, June 27, 2014. The event is hosted by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and will be held at the federal courthouse in Orlando, FL.

The topic for discussion will be “Marriage After Windsor, the Reorganization of Familiar Concepts: A Discussion of the Windsor Effect on Bankruptcy, Estate Planning, and Family law in the U.S. and Florida” and is a follow-up to last year’s panel on a similar topic. The *Windsor* case called into question whether Section Three of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was constitutional. This section applied the term “spouse” only to heterosexual couples for federal law purposes and was declared unconstitutional on June 26, 2013.

“Some of my most complex estate planning clients are same-sex couples who are legally married in another jurisdiction, yet live in Florida,” Bailey said. “Since the *Windsor* case, the federal government has recognized these marriages, but Florida does not. There are many preferences relating to inheritance under Florida statute that are marriage-based. We can draft documents to achieve most, but not all, of these preferences,” Bailey explained. “Another area of discussion for the panel will be how to handle the clouded title on property transfers that have occurred that would have had a different owner if DOMA Section Two is deemed unconstitutional.

About The U.S. Bankruptcy Court

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida handles all bankruptcy cases relating to the Central Florida area. The current courts, which were created by the United States in 1978 and have been effective since 1984, operate under the Bankruptcy Code, referring to Title 11 of the United States Code. The Middle District of Florida courts function within the Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville, and Fort Myers areas with 10 judges, each serving terms lasting 14 years.

About Your Caring Law Firm

Your Caring Law Firm is a boutique law firm founded by longtime local attorneys Merrell Bailey and Hallie Zobel. Located in the heart of Central Florida, the firm offers probate, wills, trusts and planning services to clients throughout the region. With deep roots in the community, Your Caring Law Firm prides itself on its ability to deliver a rare combination of sophisticated legal advice that draws upon sound business, tax and accounting knowledge, while providing a caring, attentive environment for clients to make some of the most important decisions of their lives. For more information, visit www.YourCaringLawFirm.com.