

# THE BEAVERS LAW BITE

## Appreciation: The New Valentine’s Day Gift

By Shannon Forrest

I should not admit this works: but sometimes I just like being thanked.

A friend of mine from law school, an Air Force brat, explained to me once that you should not be thanked to do your job: it’s your job.

I ignore her. Whenever I see or know a person to be a US Servicemember, I thank him or her for his or her service to our country. I figure if I don’t have to worry about flying bullets in a warzone, it makes my work easier than it would be otherwise.

However, what my friend has suggested stays with me. Her suggestion seems to mean that a “stiff upper lip” and acting as an automaton are work-related virtues.

The secret is, though, that I like being thanked. My clients have gifted me wine, dinner, flowers... once I have even been promised a cake! And, although I have an hourly billable wage, I am sometimes more elated to receive these tokens of appreciation than my paycheck! The most poignant of tokens doesn’t have a price tag: a simple email thanking someone for doing a good job.

I would like to believe I am as impervious to gratitude as our Servicemembers aspire to be – that I could grind it out at a thankless job because of some inner virtue that makes me “tough stuff”.

That’s just not me.

It occurs to me as we look forward to another holiday filled with all those little tokens, wine, dinner, flowers, that really I need to dust off my fingertips and spread a little more appreciation.

WE ARE SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF OUR FRIEND, THE HONORABLE JUDGE BARRY G. LOGSDON. OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES.

February’s Sudoku Puzzle: Medium #239

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Last month’s answer on our website and Facebook page!

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## UPCOMING PRESENTATION:

BEAVERS LAW, P.C. to present seminar:

Preventing Elder Abuse through Estate Planning

What: Half-hour presentation with light hor d'oeuvres

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Towne Bank at 5216 Monticello Avenue  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Please RSVP by April 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. by emailing [shannon@beaverslaw.com](mailto:shannon@beaverslaw.com)



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**Thank you for the referrals Mr. Mark Matney!**  
**We truly appreciate the trust you have placed in us!**

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