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To our clients:

We have spoken to many of you about the importance of trying to plan ahead for life's events. With the current Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak, people around the world are experiencing a pandemic beyond what most of us ever imagined. This is a challenging time for all of us. The recommendations and restrictions on our daily lives seem to change daily. We want you to know that we value your support and we will strive to protect the health and well-being of our clients, our staff, and the community.

Over the past several days, the Iowa Supreme Court and the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa have issued orders directing that we help protect public safety by monitoring the health of participants in court proceedings. Non-priority matters will likely be delayed several months. Participation in court proceedings may be restricted to telephone or video conferencing. Anyone experiencing symptoms or at high risk of COVID-19 exposure may not be allowed to enter the courthouses. If you are scheduled to participate in a matter at court in the near future, please call us. We need your cooperation to be able to notify the court of any possible risk of transmission of the illness.

As we enter a stage where social distancing and home isolation are becoming the norm, we will continue to operate using caution and with a sense of responsibility for community health. Be aware that we are available to you by telephone, email, and video conferencing on different platforms. For your protection and the health of our staff, please call before coming into our offices. Telephones will be answered as we forward calls between our offices and our homes, if necessary. We will do our best to promptly reply to your emails or messages.

Wishing you and your families good health in the days ahead. Know that we are here for you.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a helpful guide online at:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). Also, Iowa has a call-in center for information by dialing 211 on your telephone.

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