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Joseph Wiltse Joins Swier Law Firm

Swier Law Firm, Prof. LLC is pleased to announce the expansion of its nationally recognized legal practice with the addition of Joseph Wiltse.

Joseph will be joining the law firm's office in Sioux Falls and will be a key member of the Business and Corporate Law Practice Group. He represents clients in activities such as entity formation, acquisitions and dispositions of businesses, mergers, private securities offerings, real estate acquisitions and dispositions, and contract development and review.

"We are pleased to have Joe join Swier Law Firm," said Scott Swier. "Adding Joe to our practice enhances the depth of our team and demonstrates the firm's commitment to growing the Business and Corporate Law Practice Group," added Mr. Swier.

"I am excited to join Swier Law Firm because of its focus on legal excellence," Mr. Wiltse said. "Swier Law Firm is a firm that is receptive to innovation and change that provides value for our clients. It also has a sophisticated understanding of the Sioux Falls business community and a strong vision to build the Business and Corporate Law Practice Group. I look forward to being a part of the firm at this exciting time."

Joseph is a graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law where he graduated with high honors. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communication Studies from the University of Sioux Falls.



Meet our two new members!

Swier Law Firm is pleased to add two new team members! On June 23, Brooke Swier Schloss and her husband, Chris, became the proud parents of twin girls

Lucille Sue & Josephine Carol



Q: In South Dakota, what happens to my grandfather's property if he dies without a Will?

A: A person who dies and has a Will is said to have died testate. When a person dies without a Will, the court appoints a personal representative to administer the estate and to distribute the property, as provided by law.

When there is no Will, there will be an intestate probate proceeding. These proceedings are generally in the county where the deceased lived at the time of death. If there is no Will, the persons entitled to share in the distribution of an estate are determined by the rules of intestate succession.

Q: South Dakota Business Law: What are the standard mileage rates for 2016?

A: The Internal Revenue Service recently issued the 2016 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2016, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 23 cents for 2015
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations



Jake Fischer Featured in Tri-State Livestock News

Swier Law Firm attorney Jake Fischer was recently featured in Tri-State Livestock News.

Jake was featured in TSLN's story "Rising Rental Rates" which examines the challenges of leasing land with rising costs and competition from other landowners.

For the entire article - <http://www.tsln.com/news/22282086-113/rising-rental-rates>



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