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Sara Travis Joins Swier Law Firm as Executive Director

Swier Law Firm, Prof. LLC is pleased to announce the expansion of its nationally recognized legal practice with the addition of Sara Travis as Executive Director.

In her role, Sara will oversee the administrative activities of the law firm, including all aspects of daily operations, human resources, technology, facilities, and special initiatives.

“We are pleased to have Sara join Swier Law Firm as Executive Director,” said Scott Swier. “She will be a great asset as we continue the law firm’s commitment to attracting top talent and providing sophisticated legal services for our clients.”

Sara is a graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she earned her M.B.A. in Management and Marketing. She also holds degrees in Business Administration and Paralegal Studies.

Before joining Swier Law Firm, Sara served as the Coordinator of Accreditation and Assessment for the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Business Manager for Creative Building Corporation in Sioux Falls.

“I am honored to step into the Executive Director position for Swier Law Firm,” Ms. Travis said. “I look forward to working with the attorneys and staff, and guiding the law firm for long term success.”



Chris McClure Appointed to South Dakota Bar Association’s 2016-2017 Family Law Committee

Chris McClure of Swier Law Firm was recently appointed to serve on the South Dakota Bar Association’s 2016-2017 Family Law Committee.

The State Bar Association’s Family Law Committee maintains and improves the practice of family law through effective interaction with the courts and by informing lawyers and the public of current legislation

and regulations. The Family Law Committee focuses on all matters relating to marriage, dissolution, custody and support, and adoptions.

Chris was recently named by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys as a “Top 10 Attorney Under the Age of 40.” He is also the co-author of The South Dakota Child Custody and Divorce Handbook.

South Dakota Farm and Ranch Land Dips In Value Per Acre



The average value of farm and ranch land in South Dakota has dropped for the first time in at least a quarter century.

A new report from South Dakota State University says the average per-acre value of land dropped 2.4 percent after averaging a 10 percent increase annually since at least 1991, when the university began its survey of experts across the state.

Land are divided into two categories, non-irrigated and irrigated.

Non-irrigated, or dryland, makes-up 99 percent of the acres used for crops and livestock pasture and hay, and one percent of the land is made up of irrigated, or wetlands.

Federal officials anticipate net farm income will drop again this year nationwide.

Ranchers and other livestock market experts said prices for calves coming off pasture in the fall are down at least 40 percent from two years ago.

According to farmers, prices for corn, soybeans and wheat are down at least 30 percent from historic highs seen three and four years ago.

Usually the prices for livestock and crops counter each other. However, in the past five years prices for both have risen and dropped together.

Since the lower prices have thinned or erased profits for some, many farmers will have to re-negotiate their land rent prices with their landlords.

Coloring Contest!!

“What do the holidays mean to you?”



Do you look forward to spending time with your family, time off school or is about eating yummy cookies?? Draw or color a picture that describes what the holidays mean to you and you could win a \$25 gift card to Target! There are 3 age ranges and each age group will win a gift certificate.

1 to 4 years | 5 to 9 years | 10 to 13 years

It's easy to enter the contest! Bring your original artwork to any of our 5 office locations, scan & email it to info@swierlaw.com or drop it in the mail to our Avon address, postmarked by Friday, December 9 to be eligible. Winners will be chosen and announced on our website blog on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Join us in helping the animals at the Humane Society this holiday season!

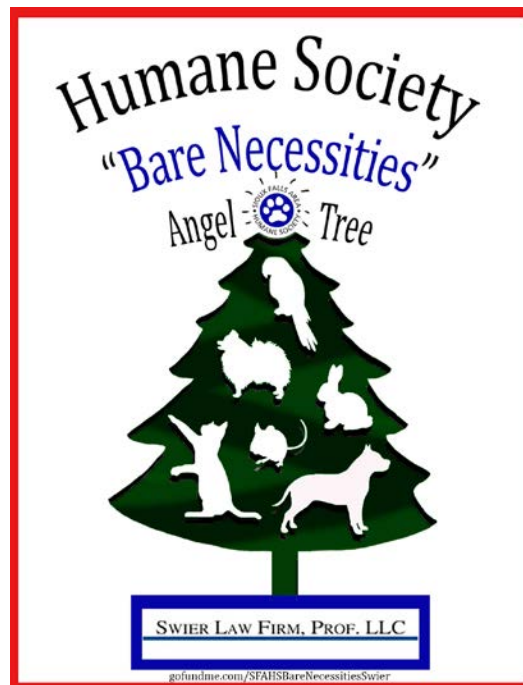
The Bare Necessities Angel Tree is part of our community involvement in our Sioux Falls office. We hope to help as many animals as we can with some loving donations from animal lovers all over South Dakota and beyond!

There are two ways to donate—either bring in items from a posted “Wish list” (shown on the next page) or give through our [GoFundMe page](#).

Our goal is to get all the items on the list (and then some) and raise a minimum of \$500 dollars!

We are accepting supplies and donations until January 13 at 5pm.

Please take a moment to donate (even a dollar helps), and join us in giving Humane Society animals a wonderful Christmas, medical care, and a chance to be placed in a forever home!



Please **REVIEW US!**



We appreciate and value you as a friend of Swier Law Firm, and we would appreciate hearing your feedback on how we are doing! Please take a minute to review us on Google so that we can better serve you in the future! Just log into your Google account, [click here](#) and click on the pencil or “write a review.” Thank you in advance for your time!

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"Bare Necessities" for SF Area Humane Society

<https://www.gofundme.com/SFAHSBareNecessitiesSwier>



- Dry Purina Dog Food
- Dry Purina Puppy Food
- Treats
- Leashes (all sizes)
- Collars (all sizes)
- Grooming Supplies
- Durable Toys
- Crate/Cages all sizes
- Pig Ears
- Fleece Blankets
- Frontline
- Gift Cards



- Paper Towels
- Plastic Trash Bags
- Bleach
- Hand Sanitizer
- Aluminum Cans (to recycle)
- Kleenex
- Windex
- Fleece Blankets
- Zip Lock Bags
- Roundup Weed Killer
- Gas Weed Wacker

The only brand restrictions: Dry
Purina Food only, Please!



- Stamps
- Sharpies
- Pens
- Scissors
- Note Pads
- Staples
- Tape
- White Copy Paper
- Colored Copy Paper
- Colored Construction Paper
- New laser jet printers
- Folding tables and chairs

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