

LEGAL INSIGHTS



BEWARE OF SCAMS

Tax season is a prime time for fraudsters looking to exploit individuals and businesses. Stay vigilant against these common scams:

- **Phishing Emails & Fake IRS Calls** – The IRS will never call, email, or text you demanding payment. If you receive suspicious communication, report it.
- **Tax Preparer Fraud** – Only use trusted tax professionals with valid credentials to avoid filing errors or scams.
- **Identity Theft** – File your return early to prevent someone from fraudulently filing in your name.

AVOID COMMON FILING MISTAKES

Errors in tax filings can trigger audits or delays. Make sure to:

- Double-check all Social Security numbers and tax IDs.
- Accurately report all income, including freelance or gig work.
- Keep copies of important documents and receipts for deductions.

WHEN TO SEEK LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Certain tax-related situations can be complex and may require legal guidance. Consider consulting an attorney if you:

- Receive a notice from the IRS that you don't understand or believe is incorrect.
- Struggle with unpaid taxes or need help negotiating a resolution.
- Experience issues with a tax preparer or suspect errors in your return.



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS: SUPPORTING THE MINDEN ST. JUDE AUCTION



Our firm is proud to celebrate 25 years in 2025, and what better way to give back than by supporting a cause that truly impacts our community? The Minden St. Jude Auction is underway, and our team chose to support this incredible charity because of its meaningful work.



We recently traveled to Minden to deliver a donation on behalf of Ryan Gatti, Attorney, in memory of his daughter, Rebecca Gatti. In addition, we gifted 25 copies of Katherine Gatti's book, *Wholehearted Trust*, to the hardworking volunteers as a token of appreciation.

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CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

At Ryan E. Gatti Law Firm, we understand that adoption is one of the most life-changing and rewarding legal processes a family can go through. Whether you're adopting a stepchild, a relative, or navigating a private or agency adoption, our team is dedicated to making the journey as smooth as possible.

Recently, we had the privilege of assisting a family in finalizing their adoption, ensuring all legal requirements were met and that the process remained stress-free for everyone involved. From handling paperwork to representing families in court, we work diligently to provide guidance, support, and legal protection throughout the process.

Every adoption case is unique, but our commitment remains the same—helping families come together with confidence and peace of mind. If you're considering adoption, we're here to help. Contact us today to learn more about how we can assist you.

SUPPORTING LSU HEALTH & HONORING LIFE-CHANGING CARE

The Gatti family never forget the care LSU Health Shreveport provided our family during our most difficult time with their daughter, Rebecca. Her brain injury and ten-year battle until her passing on July 31, 2017, profoundly shaped the way we live and advocate for others.

An Evening for Healers is an annual event dedicated to raising funds and awareness for the life-saving work at LSU Health Shreveport. This year, our firm was honored to partner in a significant way to support the dedicated medical professionals who make a difference in so many lives.

This year's event was especially meaningful as it featured the incredible recovery story of our friend, Clay Mook. His journey and the heroic efforts of his medical team in treating his severe burns were recognized and celebrated.

As the year comes to a close, we encourage you to consider supporting the LSU Health Sciences Foundation Shreveport. Your contributions help ensure that more families receive the same life-changing care that meant so much to ours.

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