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The Firm For Men Begins a New Journey

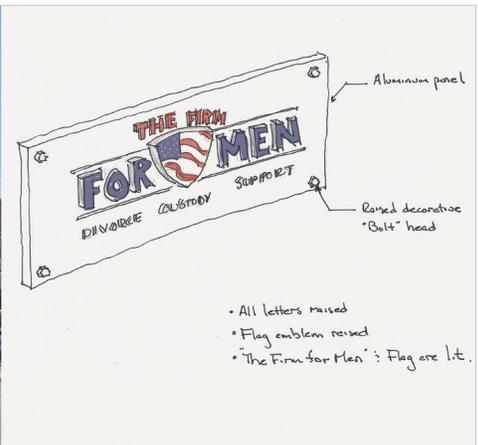
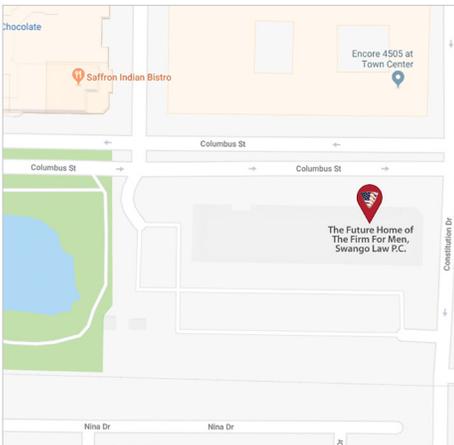
In my last message, I talked about the importance of cultivating patience and trusting the journey. The value of these ideals couldn't be truer today as I announce The Firm For Men's upcoming move to a beautiful, Class A office space in Virginia Beach Town Center! Our new "World Headquarters" is the product of nearly two years of negotiating—an extreme amount of patient persistence—and many lessons learned.

The truth is, when we set out to find a new home, our vision superseded our *very real* need for more space. We piled in and piled up until the time came that we could build what was truly in our hearts. We've grown crowded, sure, but we've grown closer than ever . . . and we're beyond overjoyed to turn the page this coming November.

Our beautiful new space focuses on building an atmosphere of comfort for our team as well as our clients. From multiple meeting rooms to a man cave equipped with its very own custom-designed putting green, we want all who enter to feel like family. With over twice the space we currently have, the sky's the limit, and we can't wait to share it with you!



Jason Swango is the Founder & CEO of The Firm For Men, the only family law firm in Virginia representing men exclusively. A fierce advocate of men's and fathers' rights, Jason has been protecting the men of Hampton Roads for over a decade.



The Firm For Men's new office space at Virginia Beach Town Center is located in the Columbus 6 building at 4505 Columbus St., Suite 200. Keep your eyes peeled for our sweet signage and be sure to come check us out after the move!

WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING

"I immediately felt a part of your family and you all did a great job getting me through my divorce. The team, in great detail, explained the process and provided stellar legal representation. It's over and I made it!!! I highly recommend their professional legal team."

THE STUNNING EFFECTS OF FATHERLESSNESS

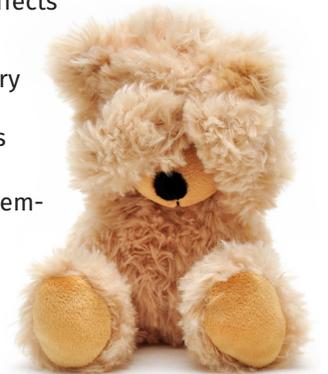
Many researchers and agencies have monitored fathers' involvement in their children's lives. Decades of research on dads, summarized by the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, show that families with fathers do significantly better than families with absentee Dads. A responsible father in the home promotes improved academic performance, less disciplinary problems, stronger reading and speaking skills, better problem-solving, and more. Some frightening reasons to worry about fatherless children emerge from other research. Experts at The Fatherless Generation have compiled these facts:

- Most — **63 percent** — of youth suicides involve fatherless homes, a rate five times the national average
- Almost all — **90 percent** — of runaway and homeless kids are from fatherless homes, a number 32 times the national average
- Of all children displaying behavior issues and disorders, **85 percent** (20 times the average) come from homes with no fathers
- In state-operated institutions (prisons, jails and youth homes), **70 percent** of youth come from fatherless homes
- Nearly three quarters, or **71 percent**, of students dropping out of high school come from fatherless homes; that is nine times the national average
- Teens in households presided over by single mothers are at a **30 percent** higher risk for smoking, drug use or alcohol use than those in two-parent households
- Of youth in prison, **85 percent** come from fatherless homes

Much of the data concern the effect of fatherlessness on boys yet daughters do not escape the effects of fatherlessness. The Fatherless Generation cataloged these facts:

- Daughters of single mothers with no paternal involvement are **53 percent** more likely to marry as teenagers
- Daughters with uninvolved fathers are **711 percent** more likely to have children as teenagers
- These daughters are **164 percent** more likely to have premarital births
- Sadly, these same daughters without fathers are **92 percent** more likely to get divorced themselves

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 23 percent of children under 18 live in single-mother households, with no father present. Look at the facts. Get involved. Even if you are the non-custodial parent, you can give the greatest gift to your children, the gift of your caring involvement in their lives.



MEET THE ATTORNEY: **MIKE SNELLINGS**

Attorney Mike Snellings is a longtime resident of Hampton Roads. He attended Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School in Virginia Beach, where he was captain of both the Golf and Swim teams. Later, he earned his Accounting degree from Old Dominion University in Norfolk. After his time at ODU, Mike headed north to the Delaware Law School in Wilmington, Delaware to get his law degree. He always knew he wanted to practice in Virginia, so after law school, Mike returned to Hampton Roads.

When he is not in the office, you can find Mike on the golf course – “his happy place”. Although he moved to Virginia from New York when he was still in diapers, Mike remains loyal to his beloved Yankees, Giants, Rangers, and Knicks. He also enjoys spending time outdoors with his fiancée, Kristin, and their golden retriever puppy, Frankie.



TEAM MEMBER OF THE QUARTER **CHAD SIMPSON**

Attorney Simpson is not only a downright cool dude and team player; he's a fierce client advocate and one heck of a family law attorney! Attorney Simpson was chosen as our Team Member of the Quarter because he consistently goes the extra mile for clients and is ready for any challenge that has the nerve to come his way.

And the best part? He does it with a smile on his face. Thank you for being part of our team, Attorney Simpson!

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