



BOPPRE LAW FIRM

NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Boppre Law Firm's mission is to provide high quality legal services and keep pace with and to anticipate the needs of existing and potential business and individual clients. We are North Dakota attorneys, serving in a manner that adheres to the highest standards of excellence and integrity, in a timely manner, at fees that our clients are willing and able to pay and that are fair to our firm. In pursuit of this mission, we will hold to these values: Excellence - we strive to become one of the most sought-after providers of legal services in this region; Service - we endeavor to meet or exceed the expectations of our clients in all aspects of their legal representation; Community - we will pursue our belief that individuals with a sense of family and community and with interests outside the practice of law are better for it.

OPENING FOR A TRIBAL ESTATE



THE PROBATE PROCESS AND A TRIBAL ESTATE

Probate is the process of distributing an estate through a court. In the event that the estate to be distributed is tribal, there are three probate processes which may need to be opened: **(1) District Court probate; (2) Tribal Court probate; and (3) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) probate.**

District Court probate is the process in which the District Court appoints a personal representative, either based upon the personal representative nominated in the decedent's will, or whichever heirs came forward seeking an appointment. The personal representative must then publish their appointment for any creditors to come forward with claims against the estate. After waiting for ninety (90) days for creditors to come forward with their claims, the personal representative must then inform all other heirs of the contents of the estate and the proposed distribution. If there is no contention, the personal representative may then distribute the estate. District Court generally controls property that is not tribal in nature – bank accounts, fee land – which is land not held in trust by the BIA – vehicles, etc.

Tribal Court probate is similar to the District Court probate. The two distinct differences are that the Tribal Court probate takes place in Tribal Court, rather than in District Court, and that Tribal Court probate generally applies to property which is owned within the confines of the reservation.

BIA probate is the process of determining the heirs for (1) land held in trust by the BIA; and (2) Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. The BIA must be provided with a death certificate. An employee at the BIA will be assigned the case and will put together a file on the decedent's estate and what needs to be distributed to whom. Once this is completed, a hearing is set. All heirs are notified of the hearing. Once the hearing has taken place, the Judge issues a written decision or order on how the estate is to be distributed.

The probate process is confusing enough when there is only one to worry about. At the Boppre Law Firm, we understand that juggling three probates at once can feel overwhelming and intimidating. Feel free to give us a call to discuss your potential probate – we're happy to assist you however we can!

**CHECK US OUT
ONLINE OR GIVE US
A CALL TO SPEAK
WITH ONE OF OUR
ATTORNEYS AND
LET US SERVE YOU.**

MINOT

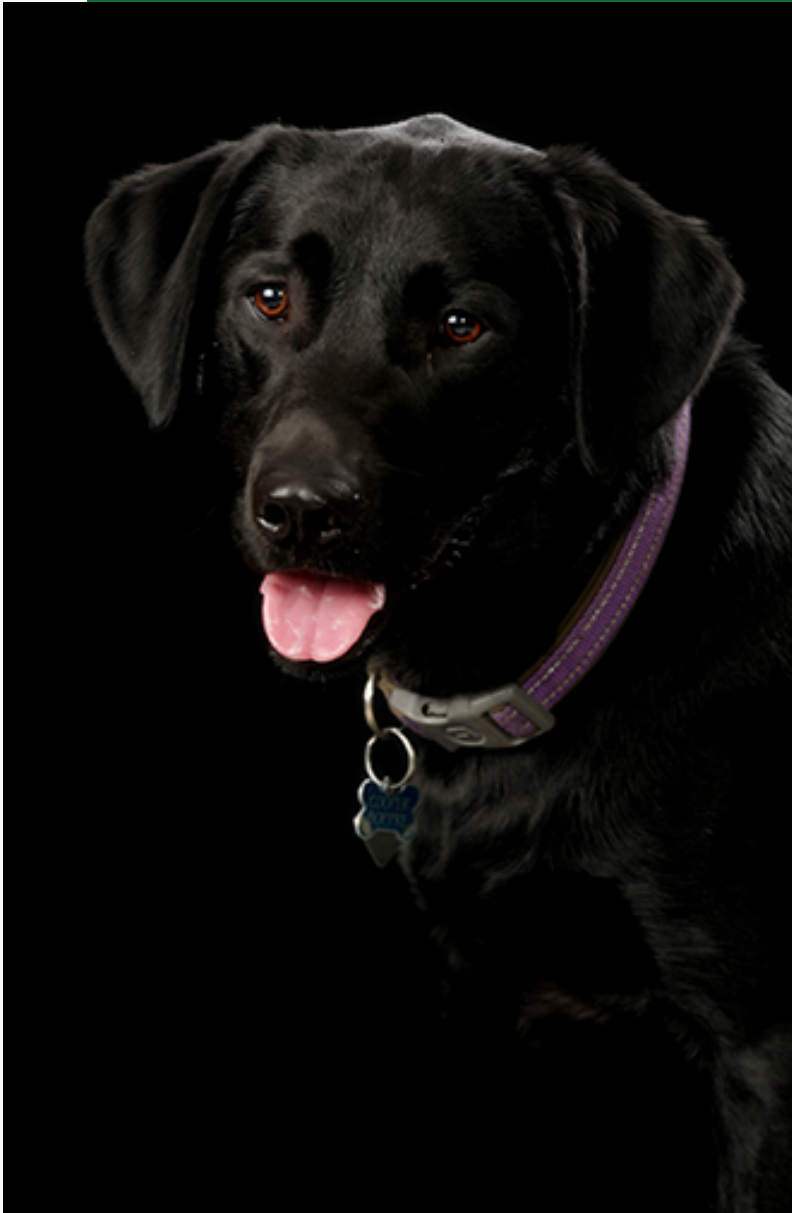
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TEAM SPOTLIGHT



COOPER

OFFICE GREETER

Cooper holds a certificate of completion for learning all the skills he needs from Aloha Pet Services. He joined the firm as a puppy in the beginning of 2019 and takes his job very seriously. What's better than being greeted by a wagging tail? He makes sure everyone is comfortable and will goof around until he gets a smile from you. This helps the attorneys, staff, and clients' morale – no matter the discussion topic. Of course, he does not work for free and expects to be paid in pets and treats! To which we all happily oblige.



PRO-MOTION
CANINE

We want to thank Pro Motion Canine's Jessi Widdel for managing Cooper's weight—we highly recommend her services!



NEW EMPLOYEES



ALYSSA

LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT INTERN

Meet Alyssa Ternes, our legal administrative assistant intern!

She was born in Arizona and moved to North Dakota to be close to her family when she was young. She's also lived in Minnesota for a couple of months. She's lived in various towns in North Dakota, but she graduated from Minot High in 2022 with highest honors. She is currently enrolled at Hutchinson Community College in their paralegal program with a projected graduation date of spring 2024. She just finished her first year of college on the vice president's honor roll, and has started summer classes.

In her spare time, she likes to hangout with her family and friends and get ahead of her homework. In the summer, she enjoys time on the water and visiting her family in Bismarck and Watford.

HAYLE

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Meet Hayle Guy, our executive assistant!

Her duties include managing office marketing information flow, updating the website to assist in Search Engine Optimization (SEO), posting on social media, and coordinating graphic functions for marketing needs.

She was born in South Dakota and has lived in various states in the US before moving to North Dakota in 2015. She graduated from Surrey High in 2018 and from Minot State University in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business and Marketing.

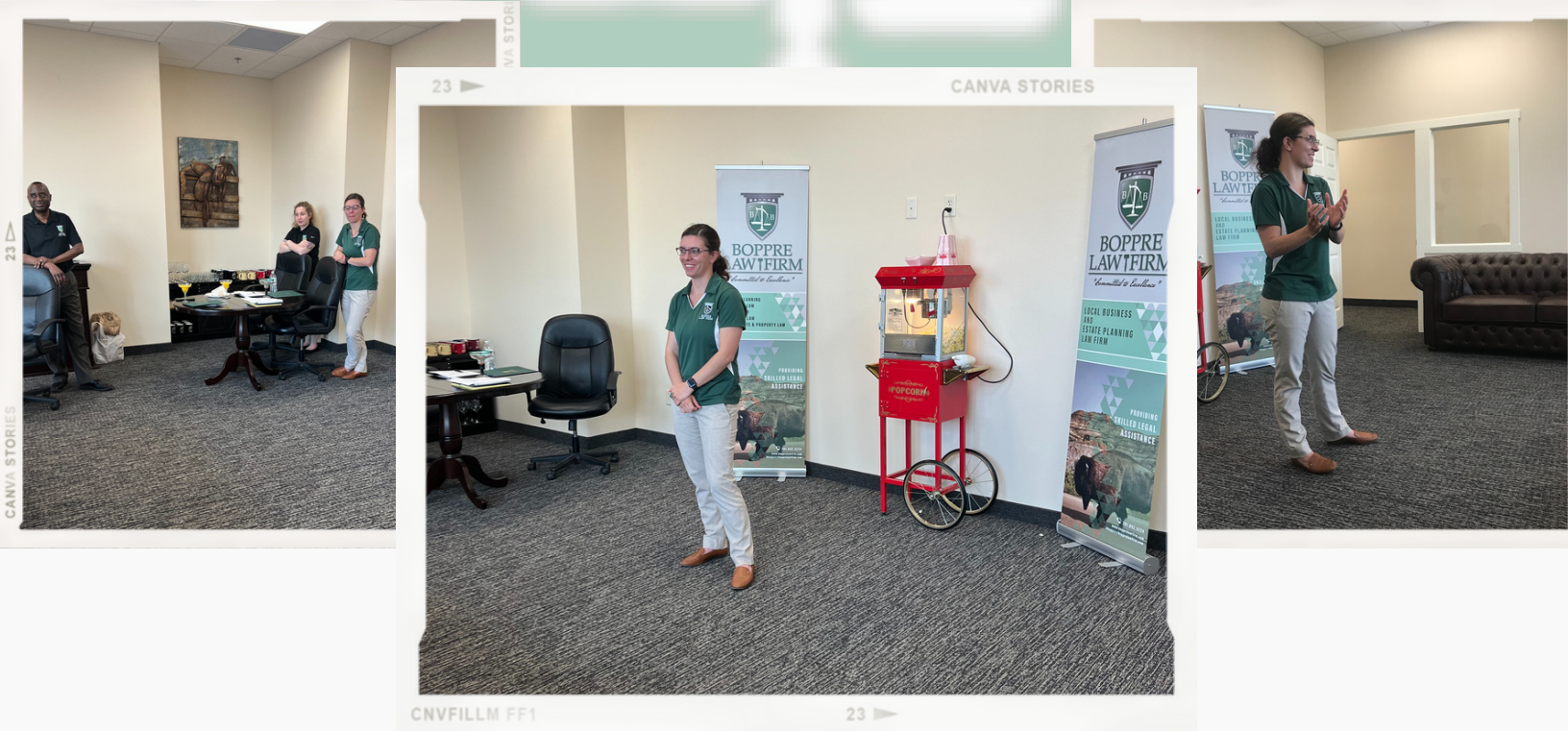
In her free time, she likes to spend time with family and friends, listen to music, and play with her cat.



Deb and Morgan at Trinity Health Foundation's Building Hope Golf Tournament.



OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



We had our Wills & Margaritas event at our office.


We supported Minot's newest baseball team the Hot Tots.



SPONSORSHIPS



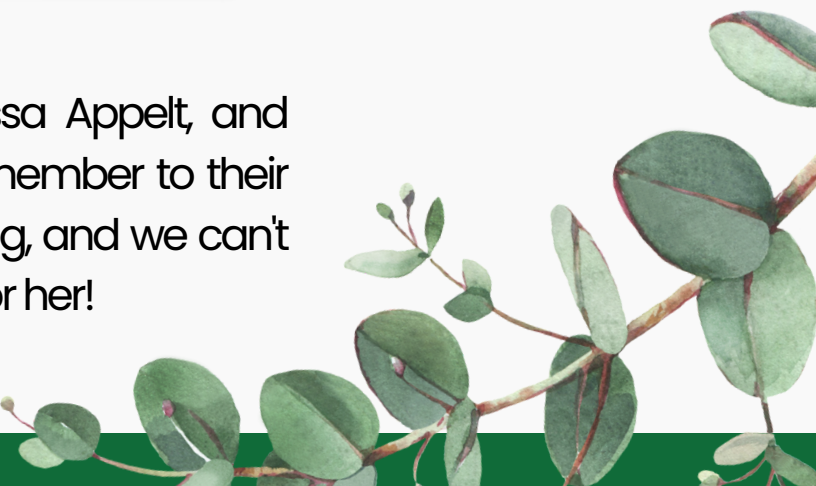
We supported the MAFB at the second annual Commander's Cup.



CONGRATULATIONS ALYSSA!



Our legal administrative assistant, Alyssa Appelt, and her husband welcomed the newest member to their family: Briar. She's the sweetest little thing, and we can't wait to see what the future has in store for her!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Indian Wills

Join us for food, drinks, and a discussion about Indian Wills and Estate Planning.

July 20th from 6–8pm at the Radisson Hotel


20 JULY


6 PM

INDIAN WILLS EVENT

The seminar will focus on how important it is to have an Indian Will as a part of your overall Estate Planning for Native Americans and how it can benefit you for your Trust land. Free drinks and food will also be provided. Seating is limited, so please RSVP today!



Radisson Hotel
605 E. Broadway Ave
Bismarck, ND 58501

Registration :
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UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

September 4th: Our office will be closed for Labor Day.

Our hours of operation are Monday – Thursday from 7:30am – 5pm and Friday from 7:30am – 11:30am



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