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## Winter Year in Review

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Clients, colleagues, friends, and family,

A little over a year ago, I opened up this law practice in Old Town Alexandria. It was an easy decision, working amidst the streets lined with the shuttered windows, burning lamps, and American flags of Federal and Georgian style row houses. The formal but welcoming ambience of Old Town is a physical reminder of our noble American values of simple elegance and devoted citizenship. With the historical form of Old Town comes a certain primacy of Revolutionary war and Civil War era history, a primacy lending one to believe that its figures are as much neighbors and colleagues as figures cast in stone from a time long past.

While I have enjoyed many a walk over Old Town's undulating brick sidewalks to get coffee, lunch, or to go to the courthouse, I met the usual difficulties presented to solo practitioners and young attorneys. With the help of many people, including former law classmates, colleagues, experienced attorneys, friends, and family, I was able to weather these issues successfully –building a client base, becoming familiar with different courts and new areas of law, and meeting expenses on a monthly basis.

As a result, Obed Law has helped over 50 clients meet their goals efficiently and practically, while helping clients collectively recover or save hundreds of thousands of dollars from Judgments, settlements, and garnishments . I've had the opportunity to litigate and handle cases in 5 different county courts across northern Virginia, 3 different City courts, in addition to litigating in the US District Court in Alexandria. In addition, I have become a trusted "Of Counsel" litigator for 3 law firms and local counsel for a military rights' firm based on the west coast.

This second year for Obed Law begins with the addition of new Associate Michael "Misha" Gill from Penn State Law School, whose particular interests and experience allows the firm to offer Estate Planning services while strengthening our ability to counsel businesses. The heightened sense of optimism we have going forward this year includes a renewed pursuit of growth and success.

We remain committed to attention to detail, practical solutions to difficult issues, and zealous representation of our clients' interests in and away from court. We understand that much like our Old Town neighborhood, a successful law practice depends on a command of form and substance, governed by high minded principles and values. I am thankful for the help of all who have played a role in the growth of this practice and I look forward to a successful 2015.

Cheers,



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