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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Joe and Michelle Shannon celebrate their 30th anniversary this month.

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30 YEARS AND COUNTING



Dear Michelle,

Thirty years ago, on Nov. 24, 1990, I waited at the altar of St. Anne's Church in Barrington as your father walked you down the aisle. When you arrived, your dad looked me straight in the eye and said: "You are the luckiest man in the world." Your dad knew exactly what he was talking about. On that day, my life got a billion times better. Thirty years and all our beautiful children later, I know that I have been blessed beyond belief.

Every family has struggles, and ours has been no exception. A steady dose of curveballs and sliders have been thrown our way. We've also been hit by our share of 100-mph fastballs. All I know is that throughout these last 30 years, you have been the constant source of grace, joy, and goodness in our family's world.

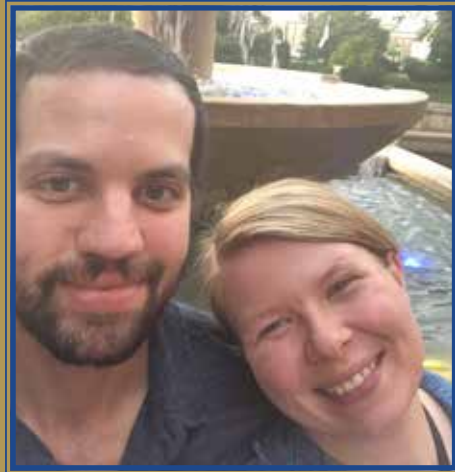
When we started our little family, we made the decision that one of us would always stay home with our children. Even though you were a better (much better!) law student, you were unanimously elected to raise the most important investment in our portfolio, our children. We both knew (although I could not have articulated it at the time) that parents are the primary educators of children. (Don't believe me? Ask Johnny!) Knowing how demanding it is to live 24/7 with irrational little people full time, you never asked for any change to that arrangement. Even the steady dose of teenagers in our household has not worn you down. Every day, you live your vocation with grace and class. You should write a book about it because it would be brilliant and funny. You have always put God first in our family, family and everyone else but you second, and your needs always last.

I am grateful to be your husband. I am grateful you are the mother of our children. I look forward to each day with you. I truly am the luckiest man in the world and have been for the last 30 years.

I love you Michelle!

The Luckiest Man in the World

THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL



Thanksgiving's my favorite holiday. It's a rare time when you gather with family and friends and practice gratitude. When I think about Thanksgiving, I remember my grandma Bingham getting up at the crack of dawn every year to make an amazing feast for us, or watching Macy's Thanksgiving

Day Parade with my sister and cousins. No presents or frantic shopping. Just spending time with people who matter most.

I thought I'd take some time to reflect on what I'm thankful for this season. Above all, I'm grateful for my amazing friends and family — especially my parents, Glenn and Sherry; my siblings, Amanda and Zach; and my grandparents. Thank you for always being there, no matter what. I'm also grateful for my incredible partner Adam and our two cats, Christopher and Charlie — all of whom make me laugh every day.

I'm very thankful to have grown up in Newark, IL — a rural town of about 1,000 folks who know too much about each other. I grew up on a farm outside of town in the country. My grandpa and grandma Bingham lived next door. We didn't have a fence in our backyard — just a cornfield that stretched for miles. My sister and I would play outdoors. Every night, it was dark enough to see the stars. Coyotes howled in the distance. It was peaceful.

I'm grateful to have graduated from Newark Community High School. The teachers really cared about their students, and it's only improved since I left. I'm thankful to have graduated from college and achieved my undergrad in English as well.

Last but not least, I'm grateful to have been with Shannon Law Group for three years. It feels like yesterday when I first met Joe, Pat, and Kate back at our old cozy office. In the past three years, I've grown from a marketing intern to a marketing specialist. I'm so grateful to be a part of the SLG family. Thank you, Joe, for bringing me onboard and giving me opportunity after opportunity to grow.

And thank you for reading this! I hope you eat all the pumpkin pie and spend time with your family this holiday season. Take care and stay safe.

Brittany Peterson

HOW YOU CAN HELP FIGHT THE IMPENDING SIRVA RULE CHANGE

During the middle of a global COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is taking quick action to stop compensating people for some vaccine injuries in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. This is wrong. We need your help to stop it.

In our September newsletter, I discussed how the Secretary of Health and Human Services initiated the process of removing a type of reaction called Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA) from the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). **HHS's proposed rule change would also stop the automatic addition of COVID-19 vaccines to the VICP.** Lastly, it would eliminate coverage for injuries caused by losing consciousness after a vaccination (syncope).

Who supports this change? Why is HHS doing this in the middle of a pandemic? HHS won't say.

The VICP is a no-fault federal program that provides people injured due a vaccine a path to compensation without having to pursue legal recourse against their doctor or pharmaceutical companies. Victims are compensated fairly without inhibiting vaccine manufacturers and doctors from providing vaccines to the general public.

We represent people across the United States who have experienced adverse side effects like a SIRVA injury. These SIRVA injuries can have devastating effects, including chronic pain, loss of function, and interference with work and life activities. We help these folks by getting them the compensation they deserve through the VICP.

How can you help? If you have experienced an adverse reaction to a vaccine like SIRVA, let your voice be heard by submitting an online comment on this proposed rule at [Beta.Regulations.gov/comment/HRSA-2020-0002-0001](https://www.regulations.gov/comment/HRSA-2020-0002-0001). To be most effective, please be respectful and use plain English (avoid legalese). Please include:

1. Your city or region and state.
2. Discuss why you chose to be vaccinated.
3. Tell your story: Describe how your adverse reaction changed you and your family's lives.
4. The importance of compensation: Explain why monetary compensation is crucial to someone after a severe vaccine injury.

Even if you haven't experienced an adverse reaction to a vaccine, please consider submitting a comment opposing this rule change. The purpose of the VICP is to provide fair compensation to those unlucky enough to be injured by a vaccine. In doing so, the VICP promotes vaccine health and safety by encouraging vaccinations and providing a safeguard in the rare case of injury. We all benefit from the VICP, and it is essential as we get nearer to the release of the COVID-19 vaccine.

You must submit your comment before **Jan. 12, 2021**, so please do not delay. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (312) 578-9501 or JSvitak@ShannonLawGroup.com. Thank you for your help!



Jonathan Svitak

CHARITIES THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Our Christmas gathering last year was a lot of fun. At last year's gathering, **together we raised over \$30,000 for St. Joan of Arc Adopt a Student Fund as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Chapter of St. Joan of Arc Parish.** (Both of these great organizations are 501(c)3 charities and are fully deductible.)

Although pandemic restrictions limit our ability to gather this year, the needs of the poor and the financial needs of parents who want a great Catholic education at St. Joan have not gone away. In fact, the need has grown greater. Please consider donating to these great charities.

Please make the checks out to either the **St. Vincent de Paul Chapter of St. Joan of Arc** or **St. Joan of Arc Adopt a Student Fund** and mail them directly to the following address:

St. Joan of Arc Church
Attn: Lynne Passarella
820 Division St.
Lisle, IL 60532

Thank you for your generosity!

Joseph Shannon

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Text me at my personal number: **312-847-2428.**



SLG PATAGONIA PULLOVER GIVEAWAY: ENTER NOW!

Thanks so much for reading our newsletter every month! We're grateful for folks like you. That's why we're giving away an SLG Patagonia pullover this month. These sweaters are super cozy — perfect for working remotely or relaxing on the weekend. For a chance to win, text **PATAGONIA** to (312) 847-2428. by **Dec 19.**

