

Sunday, July 27, 2008

Come visit my new digs.

Â On July 24, I wrote of the July 28, 2008, opening of my new law firm, Jon Katz, P.C.Â The move was completed this weekend, and my new law firm's doors are open, at 8720 Georgia Avenue,Â Suite 703, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 495-7755 and fax (301) 578-7733.Â My work will remain unchanged, except for now being solo -- with the same and expanded staff -- where before I partnered with Jay Marks, who primarily practices immigration law. Â My new firm is just three blocks from my old one, in downtown Silver Spring. If you are in the neighborhood, I will be delighted if you stop by to say hello and to show you the office. Â Fortunately, through the beauty of technology, I will be as easy to find as ever. As provided in the partnership agreement for my former law firm, anybody calling the former firm's main phone number will receive a message telling of the whereabouts of me and my former law partner Jay Marks. By agreement, I have taken the website and Underdog blog with me. People emailing me at my old e-addressÂ will have their email forwarded to my new one. My web sitehost is in the process of getting my new email address up and running this weekend, and to have automatic edits updating my website to reflect my new law firm's nameÂ andÂ address. Â Recently I spoke with another local lawyer who, upon learning that my split with Jay is an amicable one, remarked at such fortune, and about the ugly partnership split he underwent a few years ago. In any event, it is critical that law partners enter a comprehensive and well-written partnership agreement. It is an essential pre-nuptial agreement, and Jay and I had one drafted by a get-things-done business lawyer that served us well in navigating an easy roadmap to our split. Â Jay and I had ten very good years together. Early on, we each expected to be spending substantial time advocating for injury victims,Â but then, to our delight, found we could be successful doing what we love doing most in law practice, which is criminal defense for me and immigration for Jay. Jay and I go back to 1969, when we first met at a mutual friend's birthday party in Monroe, Connecticut. The bonds we forged do not simply disappear with the birth of our new law firms. Going into practice with Jay made it less scary than if I had started solo. Eventually we both learned that we each can doÂ good and do wellÂ as solo practitioners. We have been encouraging each other on the road to ongoing success, and will continue doing so.

Posted by Jon Katz in Jon's news & views at 00:00

Congratulation Jon. Best of luck to you and Jay as you continue to fight the good fight.
Anonymous on Jul 28 2008, 06:13

Congrats on going out on your own! It sounds like your niches have grown to be very different and therefore it likely will serve you both to have sole practices. Good luck!
Anonymous on Jul 29 2008, 23:25

Congrats on launching your own practice. Don't forget to update your Avvo profile with the new office info.
Anonymous on Jul 31 2008, 13:46

Thanks, Scott, Laurie, and Shalini for your good wishes.

In the process of completing my move last Saturday, I cleared out the vast majority of ten years of accumulated clutter. The feng shui flows nicely at my new office at with my new practice.

Have a great weekend. Jon
Anonymous on Aug 1 2008, 12:20