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**AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS | PERSONAL INJURY | WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

I cannot believe that it is almost summer of 2024. As always, I hope that my newsletter finds you and your family doing well and prosperous in the new year. The office has been extremely successful in obtaining spectacular results in our automobile accident cases and workers' compensation cases.

### Auto Accidents/Workers' Compensation Cases:

I cannot tell you how many times I have been with a client and they indicate they were injured on the job and / or in a motor vehicle accident and didn't know I did those types of cases. Please keep in mind that I do both. I cannot express how much I appreciate our referrals because I would not exist without them.

Besides keeping me in mind for automobile accidents and workers' compensation, please remember I want to be your "lawyer for life". "Lawyer for life" means that if a friend or loved one has any other type of legal needs (criminal cases, divorces, estates and trust, wills, real estate) I will be happy to find the right lawyer for you at a reasonable price.



**Family Pictures:** As many of you know, my middle son is serving as a special operator in the United States Air Force. My son has recently been deployed which raises all types of emotions for him and our family. I got everyone to travel to Colorado Springs where he is stationed before he was deployed. I have posted a great picture of the five of us as well as a photograph from when they were young. I cannot believe how fast they grew up. I urge you to cherish the time with your family. I know all too well how fast it goes by.

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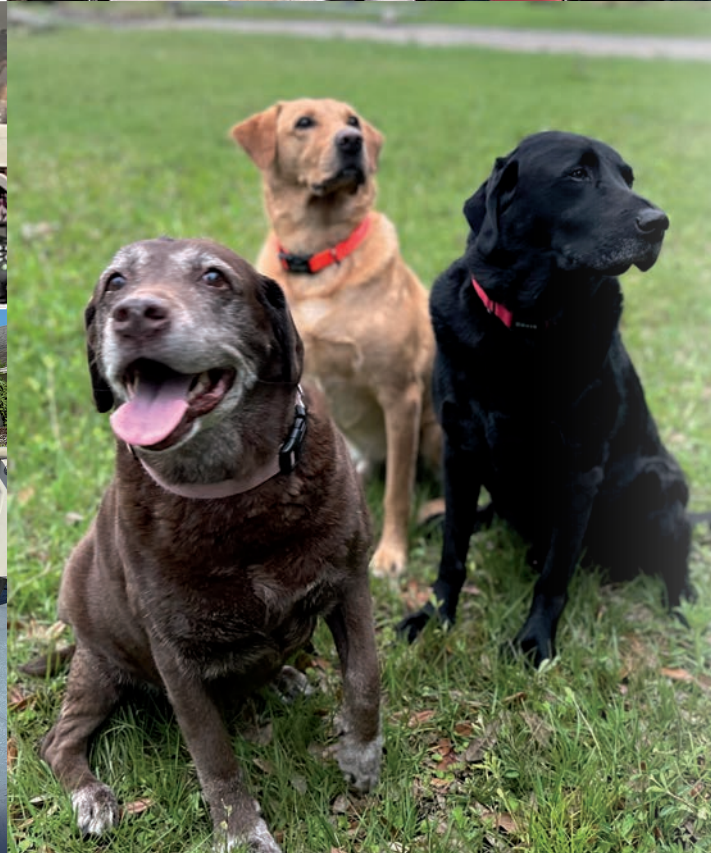


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**Office Pictures:** I have included a photograph from our Christmas Holiday Party which is always a ton of fun. Besides exchanging gifts, we do a Chinese auction where people trade/steal gifts from one another, which was a hoot. I have also enclosed a photograph of our sweet Jennifer who had a big birthday. Jennifer and I have worked together for over 25 years. The office would not function without Jennifer. Please tell her happy birthday if you ever call the office.



**Dogs:** Everyone knows how much I love my dogs and I take them to work every day. In fact, we refer to them as my "associates". I think it brightens up everyone's day at work to have Jimi and Tank lounging all over the office. It is especially nice during the winter months when I can take them around Lake Eola for a lunchtime walk. Unfortunately, the summer heat and humidity limit those long walks. The third dog is their good friend "Teddy" who is a brown lab.



**Conclusion:** Thank you again for everyone's support of my law firm. Please remember you all are always welcome to stop by if you are in downtown Orlando, Florida. I look forward to speaking to all of you soon.

Frank



## Pedestrian Accidents

More people are going outdoors even before spring temperatures arrive. State Park attendance has been increasing every year. With increased outdoor activity comes an increased risk of pedestrian accidents in areas where parks and trailways are abundant and also in metropolitan areas.

What if a car hits you while you're enjoying the outdoors? What if you are the driver who hits a pedestrian coming out of a trailway or at a crosswalk? Can you sue a driver if you're hit while walking?

Drivers must abide by the state's traffic and vehicle code, speed limits, traffic signals, etc.. If you are hit by a driver who violates any of these he or she could be liable. The driver could face reckless driving charges or careless driving penalties if you are injured. Insurance varies from state to state but most have requirements for personal injury protection (PIP) coverage.

### Should you get a lawyer if you're hit by a car as a pedestrian?

Yes. If you or your loved one has been hit by a driver you should seek legal help. If personal injury is involved and the driver was negligent you could be entitled to compensation.

A personal injury lawyer can fight for your rights and see that you get reimbursed for physical and/or economic damages. While a financial settlement might not be the first thing that comes to mind in these situations it may be a crucial factor in your full recovery.

Call our office as soon as possible to make sure your rights and options are protected. Let us help you fight for compensation for pain and suffering, medical expenses, lost wages and other related damages.





# Social Security Disability Benefits & Workers' Comp: What You Need to Know

You're entitled to workers' compensation if you're injured on the job. But can you also collect Social Security Disability (SSD) if you receive workers' comp?

Here is everything you need to know.

## When to Use Workers' Compensation

Worker's comp provides medical treatments, permanent disability, death benefits and wage replacements to employees injured at work.

## When to Use Social Security Disability

Social Security Disability is a federal program that provides monthly payments to people with disabilities that prevent or limit their ability to work, regardless if they were injured on the job. Benefits may also cover physical rehabilitation and medical expenses.

## Can I Use Both?

If you receive workers' compensation, you may also qualify for Social Security Disability if you are disabled for long periods. If this is the case, you might be tempted to double dip. However, there are systems in place that keep you from receiving benefits beyond a certain point.

Workers' comp covers about 66% of your average current earnings. If you are approved for Social Security Disability, your SSD benefits will be added to your workers' comp. Amounts that exceed 80% of your average current earnings will be deducted from your SSD benefits. In the most extreme cases, this can reduce your Social Security Disability benefit to zero. Using both can also affect your taxes.

## Expert Legal Guidance for Workers' Comp Claims

Were you injured at work and need help navigating the complex workers' compensation system? If so, contacting an attorney may be in your best interest. Our office will provide trustworthy guidance to ensure you receive maximum benefits. Call us today.



# Pineapple Salsa

## Ingredients:

- ▶ 2 plum tomatoes
- ▶ ½ small red onion
- ▶ 1 small seedless cucumber
- ▶ ½ C cilantro leaves
- ▶ 1 jalapeno
- ▶ 1 ½ C fresh pineapple, diced
- ▶ 1 lime
- ▶ ½ tsp. salt

## Instructions:

Dice tomatoes, red onion, and cucumber. Combine. Chop cilantro and add it into vegetable mixture. Remove seeds from jalapeno and finely chop, then add pepper into vegetable mixture. Add in diced pineapple and 2 T. lime juice. Mix until combined, serve with tortilla chips.

## Spring Word Search

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 GRADUATION  
 PASTEL  
 RAINY  
 DAFFODIL  
 POLLEN





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## Referrals

A referral is the greatest professional compliment we can receive. If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who is in need of legal representation, please consider referring them to our firm. We will do our best to provide the highest possible level of service and deliver winning results.



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# The Importance of Preserving Witness Testimony

A car accident case is usually a dispute between two drivers. Each driver often has a different account of what happened. Some drivers may even lie about the crash to try to avoid blame.

Crash victims should gather other evidence in addition to their own account of what occurred. Witness testimony may back up your statement about the crash which could help your case.

The problem is that witnesses may forget important information as time passes. You can prevent losing vital testimony for your claim by hiring an experienced lawyer.

Eyewitnesses can provide a lot of detail about what happened in a car crash. They may have seen things that neither driver saw because they had a better view and were not involved.

Witnesses may also be able to back up the victim's statements about what happened in the crash. This type of testimony is particularly powerful when the witness has no connection to the victim and is a credible witness. The witness is viewed as an objective third party.

It does not take long for memories about a car crash to begin to fade. Preserving testimony is also important in cases where the witness cannot physically attend a deposition or courtroom trial.

One of the benefits of hiring a lawyer is that he or she can preserve witness testimony for you. The aftermath of a car crash is a difficult time for injured victims. It is very physically and emotionally trying. A victim should focus more on recovering from injuries rather than trying to navigate the complex legal process.

Your lawyer can take multiple steps to preserve witness testimony on your behalf. If you are ever injured in an accident, call our office immediately. We are here to help.

