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Did you know we handle Auto Accidents & Workers Compensation Cases?

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and looking forward to a safe holiday season.

As most of you know, our middle son is in the military and has been deployed for the last eight months. He has been jumping around various countries in Eastern Europe and will be returning to the United States in the next few weeks. My wife organized a trip for us to travel to Budapest, Hungary to spend four days catching up with him and touring the city. I have enclosed a great picture of his mother and him on the first day we got together. It was a very happy day and we will be so glad when he returns safely to the United States. I never realized the burden that military family members endure while their loved ones are deployed to faraway places.

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The other photographs are of our recent trip to Washington DC where my wife and I attended an event inside the United States Supreme Court building. I am a member of the American Inns of Court for the workers' compensation section of the United States. It was an honor to be selected to attend this wonderful event and we took a tour of all the monuments around Washington D.C. I cannot tell you how exciting it was to be inside the United States Court as a lawyer.

Frank M. Eidson, P.A is doing great and thank you again for all your kind referrals for workers' compensation cases and automobile accident cases.

Stay safe









Pedestrians Hit by Vehicles

Some of the most serious accidents on the roadways involve pedestrians. There is no protection against a large vehicle coming at them even at a slow speed. Injuries sustained in pedestrian accidents are often severe, permanent or fatal.

Pedestrian-Vehicle Crashes May Be Deadly

Drivers are often distracted by their cell phones, a conversation with a passenger or even adjusting settings in the vehicle. It only takes a few seconds of losing their focus on the road for a person to walk out in front of the vehicle. If they don't see the person soon enough, they can't prevent an impact.

Because these injuries are severe, they often require extensive medical care. Multiple surgeries may be necessary and long-term rehabilitation through therapy and medication is often required. For those who won't fully recover, they must adjust their lives to accommodate their limitations. They may need home care or modifications to their home for their disability.

Why Pedestrian Accidents Occur

An accident where a vehicle hits a pedestrian can happen in seconds. It may be caused by a distracted driver or one who doesn't yield to the pedestrian. Accidents commonly happen in crosswalks, at intersections, and in parking lots. Drivers trying to speed through a red light, or even drunk drivers, can also easily injure pedestrians.

Sometimes the pedestrian was partly at fault by not paying attention to lights, the crosswalk, or other vehicles. However, the pedestrian may still be able to bring a claim against the driver of the vehicle if both parties were partly to blame.

If you or a loved one has been injured as a pedestrian in a car accident, you may be entitled to recover money for your medical expenses, lost wages and pain and suffering. Call our office today. We are here to help.

Creating Lasting Memories: **Thanksgiving Traditions to Cherish**

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude, togetherness, and reflection. Beyond the feast and festivities, it's an opportunity to establish meaningful traditions that bring family and friends closer while honoring the spirit of the holiday. Whether you're continuing longheld customs or starting new ones, here are some Thanksgiving traditions to consider that will help make this holiday truly special.

- **1. Gratitude Circle:** Gather your loved ones before the meal and take turns expressing something you're thankful for. This tradition fosters a sense of appreciation and reflection, reminding everyone of the blessings in their lives.
- **2. Volunteering Together:** In the spirit of giving, consider volunteering as a family or group of friends. Whether it's serving at a local soup kitchen, collecting donations for a food drive, or participating in a community clean-up, volunteering can create a sense of unity and purpose.
- **3. Friendsgiving:** Celebrate with friends who might not have family nearby by hosting a "Friendsgiving" gathering. Share stories, enjoy a potluck-style feast, and create lasting memories with your chosen family.
- 4. Family Recipe Exchange: Encourage family members to share their favorite recipes, whether they're cherished holiday classics or personal favorites. Compile these recipes into a family cookbook that can be passed down through generations.
- **5. Pie Contest:** Host a pie-making contest among family members or friends. Everyone can contribute their favorite pie, and the winner can earn the coveted "Best Pie Baker" title for the year.
- 6. Memory Jar: Have a memory jar on the table where everyone can jot down a special memory or something they're thankful for during the year. Open the jar the following year and reminisce about the past.

In the end, what truly matters is the time spent together, the bonds strengthened, and the memories created. Whether your Thanksgiving traditions are steeped in history or freshly conceived, they serve as a reminder of the importance of gratitude, love, and the warmth of human connection.

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Easy Apple Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 2 Granny Smith apples
- ► 1 lemon
- ▶ 1 C sugar
- ▶ 1⁄2 C butter
- ▶ ¼ tsp. vanilla extract
- 8 canned buttermilk biscuits
- 4 tsp. ground cinnamon

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Peel, core and slice the apples vertically into 8 slices each. Squeeze the lemon into a bowl of water and add the apple slices to keep them from turning brown. In a medium saucepan, mix 1 cup water, 3/4 cup of sugar, the butter and vanilla. Bring the sugar mixture to a boil over medium heat. Separate each biscuit into 2 layers. Wrap a biscuit layer around a slice of apple, stretching the biscuit slightly to overlap and seal on the bottom. Place the wrapped slices, sealed-side down, in a 9- by 12- by 2-inch casserole dish. Pour the hot sugar mixture over the apple slices. Mix the remaining 1/4 cup sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle the mixture over the tops of the wrapped apples. Bake until golden brown, 35 minutes.

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Social Media Evidence

Personal injury claims remain among the most common cases in civil litigation. Situations that require legal representation from a personal injury attorney happen every day. These can include car crashes, slips and falls, dog bites, workplace accidents and medical malpractice. Both pursuing and opposing legal teams are using social media as evidence to support, reduce or discredit personal injury claims.

Social media evidence refers to data documented from online platforms. They can be photos, posts, videos or other digital footprints a user leaves behind on social media networks.

People continue to communicate and share their experiences on their social media accounts. This information available online enables insurance companies to embrace social media research when investigating claims. Lawyers and judges also routinely examine them during a personal injury case hearing.

Any indication on social media contradicting your testimony could hurt your ability to obtain compensation. If you claim to be in severe pain, but your social media post portrays otherwise, an insurer or the defendant's attorney may use that information to argue your injuries do not impact your ability to undertake everyday living activities.