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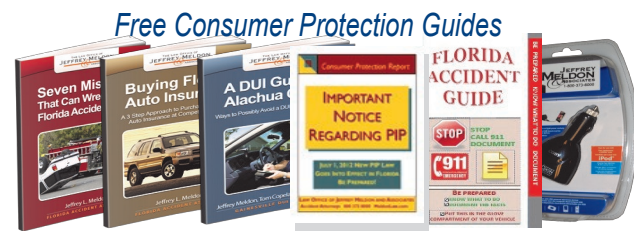
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Recipe of the Month: Deviled Egg Chicks

For Easter, dress up your deviled eggs by turning them into little chicks!



Ingredients:

- 10 Eggs
- 1 Tbsp Mayo
- 1 Tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 1 Tbsp Relish
- Matchstick Carrot Pieces
- Chopped Black Olive Pieces

Prep: 10 Min, Cook: 15 Min, Ready in: 25 Min.

Directions:

- Place the eggs in a pan covered with water and boil.
- Once boiling, continue to boil for 15 minutes.
- Shock the eggs with cold water, then peel.
- Slice in half and separate out egg yolks.
- In a bowl, combine the egg yolks, mayo, mustard and relish.
- Whisk until smooth.
- Cut the bottoms off of half the egg halves and the middle out of the rest.
- Pipe in the yolk mixture onto the bottoms, making sure to add more to the front.
- Top with the rest of the egg and add a carrot and two olive slices for the nose and eyes.

MELDON LAW TALK

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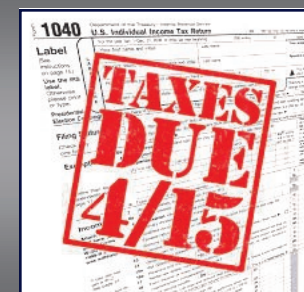
Criminal Defense



Income Tax Deadline Rapidly Approaching

In the spirit of the annual tax season, here are a few tax jokes meant to give you a laugh.

- "Two things you need to know about taxes. They've extended the deadline to April 15, and when you write your check, just make it out to China." –David Letterman
- "Tax day is the day that ordinary Americans send their money to Washington, D.C., and wealthy Americans send their money to the Cayman Islands." –Jimmy Kimmel
- "The government is really asking a lot of us this month -- first we're supposed to count how many people live in our home -- then we're supposed to count how much money we owe them. I actually got confused and accidentally sent a check to the census and a member of my household to the IRS. Sorry grandma." -Jimmy Kimmel
- "It's fitting that April 14 is National Pecan Day because today we recognize nuts. And tomorrow, on April 15, we pay our taxes to support them." -Craig Ferguson



A Tribute to Music Culture The Great Southern Music Hall of Gainesville

Originally founded as The Florida Theater, this venue opened on September 10, 1928. With the latest innovations in movie entertainment, it was the first Gainesville theater to offer sound movies, and years later it became Gainesville's greatest music venue.

The Great Southern Music Hall was founded on March 29, 1974 by Attorney Jeffrey Meldon and his law partner Peter Laird, (who now is a successful music

This was a time when Gainesville was perhaps the most liberal city in the southeast United States, and The Great Southern Music Hall had a culture all of its own. It was an optimum viewing venue to experience

music. The theater had an 800 seat capacity and exceptionally fine acoustics. Nationally prominent acts usually did an early and late show. In fact, Ray Charles once did four shows on a Friday and Saturday night. The theater also had a deli, wine cellar, and a local



Attorneys Jeffrey Meldon and Peter Laird in 1974

bar open all week called the Backstage Bar. Other well known names who performed at the Great Southern included B.B. King, Dave Brubeck, Patti Labelle, Muddy Waters, Waylon Jennings, Richie Havens, Randy Newman, Cheech and Chong, Ike and Tina Turner, Howlin Wolf, Minnie Ripperton, Bonnie Raitt, Bob Seger, Steppenwolf, Melissa Manchester and Greg Allman.

Staff Spotlight : Nicole Talcik



For over seven years Nicole has served as a Case Manager/ Legal Assistant in the Personal Injury Department here at Meldon Law, where she has worked closely with attorneys to achieve the best possible results for our clients. With over twenty years of legal experience, Nicole prides herself on her ability to make a real difference in the lives of others by being able to conduct in-depth research on each and every case she handles. Born in Derby, Connecticut, Nicole moved to West Palm Beach as a teenager and relocated to High Springs, FL in

2006. Nicole is the proud mom of a 21 year old daughter (Kayla), who attends the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and will be married this summer. To find out more about Nicole, please visit www.MeldonLaw.com

In the Community

Pledge 5 Foundation's Continuum 5K-9 Run

The Pledge 5 Foundation hosted the 5th Annual Continuum 5K-9 Run on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Gainesville, which featured both a 5K race and a one mile pup run for furry friends of all sizes!

Pledge 5 collected donations of pet supplies at the event to benefit pet charities throughout the Gainesville community, including the Gainesville Pet Rescue, and the St. Frances House Pet Care Clinic.

Attorney Carey Meldon was present at the event. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Pledge 5 Foundation, which aims to encourage public service and volunteerism within the local community by creating events and service socials geared towards charity.



Attorney Carey Meldon Crossing the finish line with his dog Charlie.



The Pledge 5 Foundation organizes goods, service, and education based charity drives for many local charity organizations within the Gainesville area. These non-monetary charity drives raise community awareness about the local organizations and provides everyone with the opportunity to lend a hand.

To find out how you can become involved with Pledge 5 foundation or take part in any of the community service opportunities the organization has to offer, please call (352)538-9645 or visit www.Pledge5.org.

Meet our Meldon Law K-9's



Champ, Betty Jane, Tango, Paige

Community Events...

-Saturday, April 5: Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival. Downtown Gainesville at 10 a.m. Come enjoy local entertainment on 2 stages, food vendors, Kids' art jungle, over \$20,000 in artist awards & \$10,000 in purchase awards, Friday evening set-up, Saturday evening dinner, booth sitters. 110,000 attendees expected.

-Monday, April 7: Million Dollar Quartet. UF Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Gainesville at 7:30pm.

-Saturday, April 26: Brick City Beer & Wine Festival. Downtown Ocala-Citizens Circle at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance online. \$35 at the door. Buy a ticket for two and get \$10 off! Want to party longer? Your festival ticket gets you in FREE to see Brett Eldredge LIVE the same night! Concert starts at 7:30pm at Citizens' Circle. All Proceeds benefit the Fort King Heritage Project in Ocala, FL.

This month's topic of interest: April 2014

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. Although we aren't always able to take every case we receive, there is always an opportunity to educate others. Here's a topic worth discussing.



Accident rates improving for older drivers. *The baby boomers are not going to be as dangerous as feared, a report states.* Safety researchers expressed concern a decade ago that traffic accidents would increase as the nation's aging population swelled the number of older drivers on the road. Now, researchers say they have been proved wrong. According to a study released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, today's driver's aged 70

and older are less likely to be involved in crashes than previous generations and are less likely to be seriously injured if they do crash. The institute states that vehicles are getting safer and seniors are getting healthier. The marked shift began taking place in the mid-1990's and indicates that growing ranks of aging drivers as baby boomers head into their retirement years aren't making U.S. roads deadlier.

Traffic fatalities overall in the U.S. have declined to levels not seen since the late 1940's, and accident rates have come down for other drivers as well. But since 1997 older drivers have seen bigger declines as measured by both fatal-crash rates per driver and per vehicle miles driven than middle age drivers defined in the study as ages 34 to 54.



Congratulations To Our Jeffrey Meldon/ TV20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the **Scholar Athlete Program** since 1997. Every week of the school year a high school senior in the North Central Florida area is chosen as the Scholar-Athlete of the Week and given a \$100 scholarship and a plaque. At the end of the school year we hold a banquet for all the winners and their families. Last year nearly 200 people attended the Scholar Athlete Banquet where one male and one female is chosen as **The Scholar Athlete of the Year**. The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement. Starting in 2003 the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with **WCJB TV20** to promote the event widely on **TV 20**.

Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

Feb. 6, 2014: Melton Sanders from Ft. White H.S. for Basketball— As the point guard, Melton leads the team in scoring, averaging 20 points per game since his sophomore year on the varsity team. Melton holds a 3.8 GPA and wants to attend UF majoring in criminal justice.

Feb. 13, 2014: Bejai Fray from Lake Wier H.S. for Weightlifting— Bejai is the current weightlifting State Champion of the girl's 139lb weight class. Bejai holds a 3.7 weighted GPA in the IB program, and wants to attend LSU, Kentucky, or Louisville majoring in physical therapy.

Feb. 20, 2014: D'Kadrian Allen from Hawthorne H.S. for Football and Track & Field— D'Kadrian is a two sport star for the hornets. In football he plays wide receiver, running back, quarterback, and cornerback. On the track he specializes in the 100,200, 4x100,4x200,4x400, and long jump. D'Kadrian holds a 3.0 GPA and plans to major in sports management at FAMU, UAB, or Edward Waters College.

Feb. 27, 2014: Barry Johnson from Eastside H.S. of Gainesville for Basketball— Barry serves as a leader both on and off the court, averaging 14 points, 7 boards, and 3 assist per game. Barry makes sure his underclassman teammates get to class on time everyday, while holding 3.2GPA. Barry has received an athletic scholarship to Bethune Cookman University where he will play basketball for the BCU Wildcats next fall.

photo happenings...



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon pictured with University of Florida football Hall of Famer Fred "Catfish" Abbott, at the UF Hall of Fame induction banquet held on March 7, 2014.



Attorney Tom Copeland and wife Gracie attend the Daytona Beach Bike Week on Saturday, March 15th 2014



Meldon Law Legal Assistants/ Case Managers Lisa Allen and Nicole Talcik, participated in the First Annual Clint Lacinak/ St. Patrick's Shamrock 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, March 15, 2014

Office Highlights

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon attends the 2014 AIPAC Policy Conference held in Washington D.C. March 2nd -4th.

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon attended the 2014 AIPAC Policy Conference held in Washington D.C. which is the nation's largest gathering of America's pro-Israel community.

AIPAC is an American Israel Public Affairs Committee, whose overall mission is to strengthen, protect, and promote the U.S. -Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of the United States and Israel.

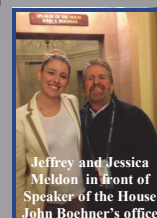
Attorney Jessica Meldon— Nessim (Jeffrey's daughter) serves as the Florida Deputy Political Director for AIPAC and handles the daily task of government relations with all of Florida's U.S. Congressman and Senators on the organization's behalf.

During his trip, Jeffrey was among the many (More than 14,000) conference attendees who were able to experience the full scale of pro- Israel activism in just three days. Jeffrey also had an opportunity to take a private tour of the Capitol hosted by U.S. Congressman Ted Deutch.

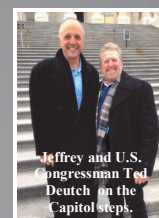
To learn more about AIPAC or to find out how you can become involved, please visit www.aipac.org



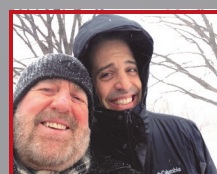
Attorney Jeffrey Meldon pictured with Congressman Ted Yoho and student representatives from the University of Florida, at the 2014 AIPAC Conference.



Jeffrey and Jessica Meldon in front of Speaker of the House John Boehner's office



Jeffrey and U.S. Congressman Ted Deutch on the Capitol steps.



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon and son-in-law Alan Nessim smile as they experience the 6 inches of snow during the 2014 AIPAC conference in Washington D.C.

Ask the Attorneys...

Q: After an auto accident, How Do I Get My Medical Bills Paid, Lost Wages Recovered and Vehicle Fixed?

A: Under Florida law, vehicle owners and drivers are required to have \$10,000 of Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and \$10,000 of Property Damage insurance. PIP pays 80% of medical bills and 60% of lost wages, up to \$10,000.

For more information on this topic, please call to request our free book on [Auto Accidents](#) today!

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April's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. Which country brought us the tradition of Easter eggs?
2. Which Jewish religious event always coincides with Easter?
3. When was the first Easter egg roll held at the White House?
4. How long does Lent last?
5. What is the most popular symbol on Hallmark's Easter cards?
6. Americans spend _____ on Easter candy per year.
7. What is the most popular jellybean flavor?

Answers: 1. Germany, 2. Passover, 3. 1878, 4. 40 Days, 5. Eggs, 6. \$2 Billion, 7. Cherry