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Lawyer Jokes

(Inspired by the SKY's Bob Rose)

A **millionaire** informs his attorney, "I want a stipulation in my Will that my wife is to inherit everything, but only if she remarries within six months of my death." "Why such an odd stipulation?" asked the attorney. "Because I want someone to be sorry that I died!" he replied.

After his **motion** to suppress evidence was denied by the court the angered attorney spoke up. "Your Honor," he said, "what would you do if I called you a stupid, degenerate, old fool?" The Judge, now also angered, replied, "I would hold you in contempt of court and seek to have you suspended from practicing before this court again!" "What if I only thought it?" asked the attorney. "In that case, there is nothing I could do. You have the right to think whatever you want." "Oh, I see. Then, if it pleases the Court, let the record reflect, that I 'think' you're a stupid, degenerate, old fool."

"**You seem to** have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background," sneered the lawyer at a witness on the stand. "If I wasn't under oath, I would return the compliment," replied the witness.

An **attorney**, addressing the jury about his client who recently killed his parents: "Dear ladies and gentlemen, please take mercy and release this poor orphan."

December—Winter Solstice Time!

Winter Solstice, December 21, 2012 at 6:12 A.M., marks the beginning of winter, the solar new year, and is the shortest daylight day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Centuries before the arrival of Jesus, Europeans celebrated light and birth of the new year on the darkest day of the year, the Winter Solstice.

Winter Solstice time has also been known as Christmas, Yule, Saturnalia, and many other holiday names around the world.

So, if you are bah-humbug-ish about traditional holiday celebrations or just don't like the decreased daylight hours, you can always celebrate the days getting longer and brighter. Because, "**A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.**" ~ Steve Martin

"**May the Holiday Spirit of peace and good-will be with you this season and throughout the new year, (no matter what or how you celebrate).**" ~ The Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon and Associates



Jeffrey's Holiday Note

Dear Friends, Thank you for your support and referrals over the past year.

Weekly, I receive letters, emails, and calls from our readers thanking me for our informative newsletter and/or our accident kit and guides. It is my pleasure to educate and also my way of staying in touch with you even if you don't need our legal services. I appreciate you being a part of our Meldon Law family and enjoy keeping you up to date with what is going on in and out of the Office. I also take great pleasure in receiving calls or emails asking for advice from our readers or their friends and family and helping them solve their problems.

The best part of my "job," in addition to negotiating with insurance companies, is working with my great associates and staff and talking or meeting with clients: past, present, and potential.

That being said, at this holiday season, the only thing else I can think to say is, **THANK YOU ALL** for being in my life and helping me help others.

May your holiday season be illuminated and your new year healthy and prosperous. Jeffrey

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* To all who referred friends and family or have gone out of their way to send notes of appreciation, I thank you! **Jeffrey Meldon**



The Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon & Associates is dedicated to public safety & education. We are always on the look-out for timely safety news and reminders to pass along to our readers.

“AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!” *Ben Franklin*

Safety Reminder—Anti-lock Brake Systems—no need to pump

Anti-lock brake systems (ABS) provide an important layer of safety to your driving. ABS lets you maintain vehicle stability and directional control during hard braking, especially on wet and icy roads. **However, for the system to work properly you have to allow your ABS to do its job:**

- **Do not pump the brakes**—the ABS will do that for you during a panic stop to prevent your wheels from locking up and losing control of your vehicle.
- **Apply firm pressure to the brake pedal**—do not take your foot off the brake until your vehicle comes to a complete stop. Just brake and steer.
- **When your ABS is working**, you may notice the brake pedal vibrating or pulsing and hear a grinding noise. These are normal signs that the ABS is engaged.

Note:

- ABS does not mean that it is safer to speed, tailgate, or drive unsafely.
- If your ABS is not working or you do not have ABS, you must pump your brakes in a panic stop.

Please visit National Safety Council at www.NSC.org (Tips for Driving with ABS) for more information.

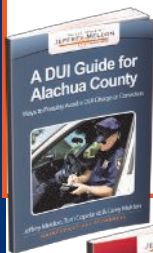
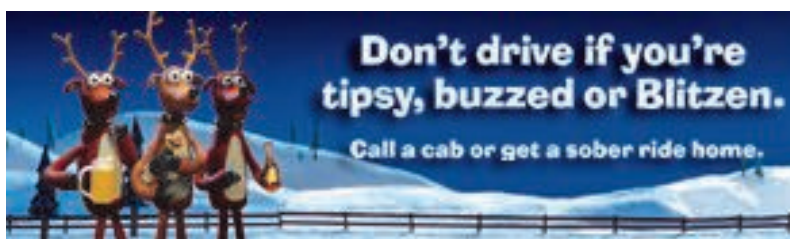
Jeffrey Meldon/TV 20 Scholar-Athletes-of-the-Week Winners

The Jeffrey Meldon/TV 20 Scholar Athlete Program is celebrating its 16th year! Every week during the school year, a deserving high school senior is awarded the title, a \$100 scholarship, and a plaque. The award is announced on TV 20's Thursday evening sports news at 6:00 p.m. The year ends with a sports banquet honoring each scholar athlete, at which a male and female "Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year" are selected and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and trophy. **This is one of Jeffrey's favorite community services!**

Here are the recent winners—congratulations!

- Oct. 25—**Angela Gaines** from Forest High for Golf—**"Angela medaled in all her matches while earning her AA degree by graduation."**
 Nov. 1—**McKenna Foster** from Vanguard for Volleyball—**"McKenna is a winner on the court while maintaining a 4.3 GPA in the IB program."**
 Nov. 8—**Kathryn Gagnon** from Buchholz for Golf—**"Kathryn's 80 average is best on the team, and she maintains a weighted 4.5 GPA."**
 Nov. 15—**Grant Wiles** from St. John's for Football—**"Grant is the do-it-all player on the team, earning an athletic scholarship to Mercer."**

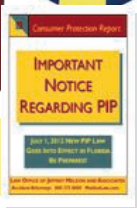
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News Alert—Used car buyers beware of flood damaged vehicles!

Hurricane Sandy caused major flooding along the east coast. As recovery and restoration take place in these areas, it is very important for consumers to be aware of the safety impact flooding has on vehicles. Severe water damage can make a vehicle's electrical system malfunction and render it unsafe.

How can this affect you? After Hurricane Katrina, for example, truckloads of flooded vehicles were taken out of Louisiana to states as far away as the upper Midwest, where they were dried out, cleaned, and sold. Purchasers of those vehicles may not have known that the vehicles had endured a saltwater flood that damaged their electrical systems.

What can you do to protect yourself? Make sure you obtain an independent vehicle inspection and have all the information about a used vehicle before purchasing it. The **National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)** is designed to protect prospective buyers of used vehicles from concealed vehicle histories. Created by federal law, NMVTIS is the only publicly available system in the country that requires all insurance carriers, auto recyclers, junk and salvage yards, and states to report vehicle history information. A NMVTIS vehicle history report provides information on the five key indicators associated with preventing vehicle-related fraud and theft.

Shop smart! Don't Be Fooled. Protect Yourself. Consumers can use NMVTIS to access important vehicle history information.

For more information on NMVTIS or to check a vehicle's history, go to www.vehiclehistory.gov



December "Trivial Pursuit"— Do you know your Holiday celebrations?

Q: Also known as the Festival of Lights, _____ is an eight-day _____ holiday marking the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after its desecration under Antiochus IV. During this celebration, a candle is lit each night until all eight candles on the candelabrum called a _____ are burning. Spiritually, this holiday also commemorates the Miracle of the _____.



Q: Created in 1966, _____ is a non-religious week-long celebration in the U.S. and Canada honoring African Canadians' and African Americans' heritages and cultures. Each of the holiday's seven days honors a different principle, which are believed to be the key to building strong, productive families and communities in Africa. There are also seven symbols of this holiday, one of which is a candleholder which holds _____ candles. This colorful celebration is always Dec. 26 to Jan.



Answers: Hanukkah, Jewish, Menorah, Oil, Kwanzaa, seven,



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They never gave up. We felt like someone actually cared about the tragic events we were going through. They certainly made a very tragic event a little more bearable."

Thank you, Marty and Terry, The Villages.

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Merry Christmas in Legal Terms

Please accept without obligation, express or implied, these best wishes for an environmentally safe, socially responsible, low stress, non addictive, and gender neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday as practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice (but with respect for the religious or secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or for their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all) and further for a



fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated onset of the generally accepted calendar year (including, but not limited to, the Christian calendar, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures).

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