MELDON LAW TALK

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Wrongful Death

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Lawyer Jokes

Bad Neighbors

A dog ran into a butcher shop and grabbed a roast off the counter. Fortunately, the butcher recognized the dog as belonging to a neighbor of his. The neighbor happened to be a lawyer.

Incensed at the theft, the butcher called up his neighbor and said, "Hey, if your dog stole a roast from my butcher shop, would you be liable for the cost of the meat?"

The lawyer replied, "Of course, how much was the roast?"

"\$7.98." said the butcher.

A few days later the butcher received a check in the mail for \$7.98. Attached to it was an invoice that read:

Legal Consultation Service: \$150



FLORIDA PIP SCAM DISCOVERED

Florida has had a law called *Personal Injury Protection (PIP)* since the early 1970's. It requires that every car owner purchase PIP insurance that pays 80% of your medical bills and 60% of your lost wages up to a combined limit of \$10,000.

In 2012 the insurance lobby convinced the Florida legislature to sign a bill into law reducing your maximum benefits from \$10,000

to \$2,500 (unless you have an emergency medical condition) and eliminating benefits for massage therapy and acupuncture with the stated goal of reducing our PIP premiums by at least 25%. Of course, this didn't happen. What did happen was that your premiums increased by an average of 14.6%, just in 2015! Since the law was passed, rates have increased by as much as 50% with some insurance companies. But guess what? Insurance companies had a profit of 100 million dollars (just on PIP) before the law was passed, and in 2015 they had a profit of 900 million dollars! Sounds like we are getting the short end of the stick.

Why did this happen? Insurance companies are big and powerful and have significant influence up in Tallahassee. They promised to cut premiums voluntarily. When they didn't there was nothing we could do but complain. PIP is compulsory and if you want to own a car and drive it, you have to suck it up. Sorry, but that is the cold hard fact.

I predict that in the next five years we will move away from a PIP No Fault Law and into a mandatory Bodily Injury Liability Insurance law. This would require that everyone has insur-

ance that pays the innocent victim of a crash for their losses including their out of pocket medical expenses and lost income. Most states already have this type of law in effect. The big question is how much Insurance will be required. I think it will probably be \$25,000 per person per accident and a maximum of \$50,000 per accident no matter how many claims are made.

MY TIP: Get at least \$100,000 in Uninsured Motorist coverage NOW! You are living in Florida, the wild west of the insurance industry. Protect yourself and your family in the event of a serious accident and injuries. You can get my FREE book "BUYING FLORIDA AUTO INSURANCE" by going to MeldonLaw.com or calling our office at (800) 373 8000.



Jeffrey Meldon



Thank You For Your Referral: Attorney Gregory M. Wagner

Gregory M. Wagner, is an attorney based in Daytona Beach, FL and has been referred multiple cases to Meldon Law over the years, knowing that it would be handled with the utmost professionalism. As a thank you for thinking of us when making this referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of Attorney Wagner's choice in his name.

In The Community...

Located at 2251 NW 41 Street #G, Gainesville, FL 32606 Phone: 352-373-4800 | Email: instmass@aol.com

Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Clinic is owned and operated by Joyce Dreyfus, AP and Keith Tillman, AP. Since 1984 they have been serving the Gaines-body, mind, and spirit which includes ville area by making alternative medicine and acupuncture available. They specialize in pain reduction; as well as treating musculo-skeletal conditions, headaches, digestive disturbance, immune enhancement and much more.

Joyce and Keith bring safe and effective natural medicine to the community by using holistic practices to balance the gentle acupuncture, acupressure, herbal therapy, magnetic treatments, electrostimulation, lifestyle suggestions, hair mineral analysis, qigong, diet therapy and much more.



Jovce Drevfus. AP and her two grandsons.

Community Events...

-July 5th: 9:30pm—11:59pm

The Most Awesome Ultimate Life Changing Super Happy Fun Fun Best Ever Karaoke Ever Ever

Court Of Hero's 2104 S.W. 34TH St., Gainesville, FL 32608

"With over 45,000 songs (so far) to choose from, the blessings of both the Dalai Lama and a Llama named Dolly, DJ Yurgiebear presents The Most Awesome Ultimate Life Changing Super Happy Fun Fun Best Ever Karaoke Ever Ever, a veritable smorgasboard of Karaoke shenaniganizations and tomfoolery. Bring your friends!"

For more info call: (352) 374-8629

-July 9th & 10th

Body Mind & Spirit Expo

Ocean Center, 101 N Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL.

Body Mind Spirit brings refreshed energy to the holistic movement in 2016. Join us for the latest in new thought presentations, the best advances in alternative health and, as always, the nations finest selections of psychics and mediums.

For more info contact: Marcella Goodman P: (541) 482-3722 | E: marcella@bmse.net

Recipe: Chicken Salad Croissants with Candied Pecans Provided by: Charles E. Boyk Law Offices (A friend of Jeffrey Meldon's from Toledo, OH)

Ingredients:

Chicken Salad:

- ♦ 5-6 chicken breasts, cooked and cubed
- ♦ 1 cup grapes, sliced in half
- ♦ 1 medium sweet Vidalia onion, finely diced
- ♦ 4 stalks celery, chopped
- ♦ 1 cup mayonnaise
- ♦ 1/3 cup creamy Poppy seed dressing
- ♦ 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- ♦ Pinch of salt & pinch of pepper

Candied Pecans:

- ♦ 12 oz pecans, whole or pieces
- ♦ 1/2 cup white sugar
- ♦ 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt

Instructions:

- 1. In large bowl, mix together mayonnaise, poppy seed dressing, lemon juice, and pinches of salt & pepper.
- 2. Add chopped chicken, grapes, onions, and celery. Refrigerate until serving. May be made up to 48 hours in advance if stored in airtight container.
- 3. Serve on croissants, with Ritz crackers, or on beds of lettuce. Makes approximately 10 servings of 4 oz. each.
- 4. Optional: Just before serving chicken salad, mix in candied pecans.

For Pecans:

- 1. Place pecans in single layer in a large frying pan and sprinkle them with sugar and one tablespoon of salt. Turn the heat on medium low and allow pecans to toast and sugar to melt, approximately 3-4 minutes. Do not stir pecans and do not leave them unattended—they can burn very easily and very quickly!
- 2. As soon as the sugar starts to caramelize, continuously stir pecans until evenly coated and sticky, about 2 more minutes. Remove from heat while still hot and sticky and scrape them onto a plate in an even layer. Sprinkle on remaining sea salt before hardening. Allow to cool before adding to chicken salad.





Meldon Law In The Community



ARC of Marion's 3rd Annual Ocala Bike Fest June 3rd—5th, 2016

Meldon Law was a proud sponsor of the

3rd Annual Ocala Bike Fest! The event was presented by The ARC of Marion in partnership with Rat Holes and War Horse Harley Davidson the first weekend of June. During the three-day event there was live music, food vendors, and non-food-vendors showing their support for ARC. ARC creates opportunities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ocala and Marion County to live, work and play to the fullest of their capabilities.

The Meldon Law booth provided attendees with the opportunity to sign-up for our AMAZING monthly newsletter while also receiving one of our FREE Meldon Law gift bags; which included hats, sunglasses, Mr. Meldon's book on "Buying Florida Auto Insurance," and accident kits. Our employees were able to educate them on who Meldon Law is and how our free materials can benefit them now and in the event of an accident.

To receive our FREE Meldon Law Gift Box, as well as sign-up for our FREE monthly newsletter please contact our office at:

P: 352-373-8000 or E: Marketing@MeldonLaw.com

Or visit our website at www.MeldonLaw.com

For more information on The ARC of Marion and their annual events please

visit: www.MCARC.com



Pictured: Jess Roberts—Marketing Director, Loriann Traino—Legal Assistant, & Belinda Pitt—Director of Client Relations





ARC set up a food tent where all proceeds went to The ARC of Marion.



Casino Royale 007 Charity Night

May 20th, 2016

Kick off event for Spirit of The Automobile to help raise money for Halifax Neo-Natal Unit!







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Bikes for Kids: May Winner

Emperia Hampton, 15, from *Gainesville* is the May winner of Bikes for Kids! Emperia was nominated by her mentor, Charolttee Mellsaps-Hermann. She comes from a single-parent home and has shown to be a strong role model to her younger brother while helping out at home. *CONGRATULATIONS!*

Schwinn Bike and Helmet were provided by: *Schwinn Shop, Inc.* Located in Gainesville, FL (1225 W. University Ave.)

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

- 1. In the early '60s, lawn darts were introduced. Under what brand name were these horseshoe substitutes sold?
- 2. You could easily spend a summer afternoon tossing the ol' Frisbee back and forth. From where did the name "Frisbee" come?
- 3. Remember reaching down into the bright red cooler to grab an icy cold bottle of root beer. Which brand name is associated with this summertime treat?
- 4. Stickball remains a summertime favorite, especially in cities where space is limited. A broomstick is used as the bat, but what is the ball called?
- 5. Using clothes pins to attach baseball cards to your bike was a popular summertime activity. What was the purpose of doing this?
- 6. The month of July was named for what historical figure?
- 7. According to U.S. agricultural statistics what three fresh fruits outsell all others during the course of summer?
- 3. Before the advent of artificial dyes, the most popular way people put the pink into pink lemonade was by doing what to the drink?
- 9. What summer blockbuster film was the first to be promoted to the public by a blitz of expensive television advertising?
- 10. Of these "summer-time" smells which one do social researchers say is most often found to stimulate pleasant memories in human beings?

