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Lawyer Jokes

I busted a mirror and got seven years bad luck, but my lawyer thinks he can get me five.

~ Stephen Wright

Dwayne is recovering from surgery in St. Peter's, Chertsey, UK, having had a local anesthetic when a nurse asks him how he's feeling. 'I'm OK, but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery.'

'What did he say?' asks the nurse.

'OOPS!'



Dan Weisman, Jeffrey Meldon, and Carey Meldon

19th Annual Scholar Athlete Banquet Class of 2015-2016

The 19th Annual Meldon Law/TV20 Scholar-Athlete Banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel in Gainesville on May 17th, 2016. We presented 34 Senior Scholar-Athletes with their weekly scholarships of \$100 each as well as a trophy to commemorate their achievements. Over 175 people were in attendance including parents, siblings, grandparents, coaches and other friends and family members.



The keynote speeches were presented by Cornelius Ingram, the current head football coach at Hawthorne High School and by Jeffrey Meldon. Mr. Ingram was a former Jeffrey Meldon/TV20 Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2004. He went on to become a star for the Florida Gator football team as a tight end and was part of the 2006 Gator's National Championship team. He later had a NFL career that was cut short by a serious knee injury. Mr. Ingram stressed the importance of academics emphasizing that you will be prepared no matter what happens to you in your athletic career.



Left to Right: Jeffrey Meldon, Katie Chronister (Female Winner), Freddie Swain (Male Winner), Cornelius Ingram, and Brandan MaCalla

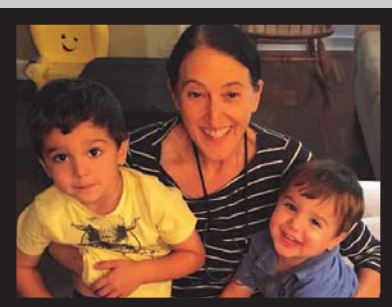
After the Scholar-Athlete of the Week awards were presented to each recipient, one male and one female were selected for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award and presented with a beautiful glass trophy and an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

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Thank You For Your Referral: *Joyce Dreyfus*

Joyce Dreyfus, of Gainesville, is one of our favorite clients. She recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, 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 Joyce Dreyfus' choice in her name.

- The Meldon Law Team



In The Community...

Kimberly's Center – Located at 2800 NE 14th St, Ocala, FL 34470 | Phone: (352) 873-4739

Kimberly's Center is Marion County's compassionate response to the trauma of child abuse in a safe and child friendly environment.

In 1996, a task force of professionals and community leaders formed to consider a better, more sensitive ways to respond to children who had been the victims of physical or sexual abuse. These individuals envisioned a place where hurting children would have a safe, child-friendly environment to talk about their abuse. Out of this commitment the Mar-

ion County Children's Advocacy Center, Kimberly's Cottage, was formed. Kimberly's Cottage is now known as Kimberly's Center for Child Protection.

Kimberly's is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and relies solely on grants and community donations to provide the specialized, compassionate response to child abuse. Kimberly's is host to an annual 5k. They raised over \$19,000 for the last race, and will hold the next annual race in April of 2017.



Community Events...

-June 27th—July 1st

2016 VBS's "I've Got Talent: Showcasing Our Work For Jesus"

*Greater Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
515 NW 6th Terr, Ocala, FL 34475*

Come and explore how your talents, gifts, skills, and interests can be used in your work for God. Their course will feature Bible characters and the work they did as well as related contemporary jobs and people who do them. We also have lots of crafts, games and music to engage students of all ages.

For more info contact: Sister Lisa Coleman at 352-875-8998 or Sister Loretta Jenkins at 352-622-3532



19th Annual Scholar Athlete Banquet (Continued)



Left to Right: Carey Meldon, Dan Weisman, Katie Chronister, Freddie Swain, and Jeffrey Meldon

This Year the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year Award went to North Marion High School's star wide receiver Freddie Swain. Freddie is an early enrollee at the University of Florida and has already seen playing time this Spring in the Orange and Blue game. He also excelled in the classroom with a 3.8 GPA.

The Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year was Katie Chronister from the State Champion Gainesville High Softball team. Katie was the 7A Florida Dairy Farmers Player of the Year and had a .53 ERA as a star pitcher. Katie is also going to the University of Florida to pitch for the top ranked Gator softball team. Katie had a 4.6 GPA at GHS.

TV20 was well represented with Sports Director Adam Solomon and Assistant Sports Director Brandan MaCalla. Both Adam and Bran-

dan addressed those in attendance and explained how important high school sports are to the TV20 mission of reporting on the sports world throughout North Central Florida. The Scholar Athletes completed the night with a "team photo" and interviews of Freddie Swain and Katie Chronister that were broadcast on TV20.

The Meldon Law family is proud to be able to give back to the community and recognize these amazing young people who have accomplished so much in a relatively short period of time. We look forward to celebrating our 20th year anniversary for the program starting this September. Please help us recognize the brightest and the best senior scholar-athletes next year by sending your nominations to Brandan MaCalla at TV20, (352) 416-0646.

[View the banquet photos at:](#)

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This month's topic of interest: June 2016

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest. Here's a topic worth discussing.

FLORIDA DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASHES SOAR!

Since 2011, crashes in Florida have soared by 63.1% and injuries caused by crashes have gone up by 33.6%! Distracted driving is defined as "anything that causes a motorist to divert his or her attention from the road or his or her mind off driving." More than 45,000 crashes in Florida alone were caused by distracted driving in 2015 resulting in over 39,000 injuries and 200 deaths.

Drivers ranging in age from 15-29 are far more likely to cause distracted driving accidents than any other age group. Teens cause 2.5 times more crashes than any other driving age range. This is why insurance companies charge so much for you to insure your kids. It is hard for your brain to do more than one thing at a time, and young people are more likely to try to multi-task than others on the road.

However, older drivers are also texting, talking, playing with the stereo, and trying to connect to navigation screens and Bluetooth. This has caused a perfect storm for accidents to occur. What should we do about it? The only way to effectively combat this yourself is to set all your devices before you start driving and leave them alone while you're driving. Pull off to the side of the road if you have to reset your navigation, take a phone call, or use your phone.

Most of us will answer calls coming in to our cell phones while driving, but be very careful not to let it cause you to drive erratically. There is no safe way to drive and operate devices at the same time. You also need to be extra attentive; assume everyone else around you is driving distracted as well! So be safe and do one thing at a time. Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road!

THE THREE TYPES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

 VISUAL	 MANUAL	 COGNITIVE
		
Keep your eyes on the road. Pull over to read directions. Put your phone in "Do Not Disturb" mode.	Keep your phone out of reach. Make all adjustments before driving. Don't reach for items while driving.	Avoid phone calls, even hands-free. Stay focused on the road. Keep your emotions in check.

MENTAL DISTRACTION RATING SYSTEM

Even with your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel, mental distractions dangerously affect drivers behind the wheel.

 Mild Danger Reaction time is reduced up to 8 percent. Example: Listening to the radio or an audio book	 Moderate Danger Reaction time is reduced up to 16 percent. Example: Talking on a hand-held phone or a hands-free phone	 High Danger Reaction time is reduced up to 25 percent. Example: Using voice-activated texting or email feature
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AAA.com/distraction

DID YOU KNOW?

71% of young people say they have sent a **text** while driving.

Reaching for a phone, dialing and texting increase your **crash risk** by three times.



Texting and driving is ILLEGAL in Florida



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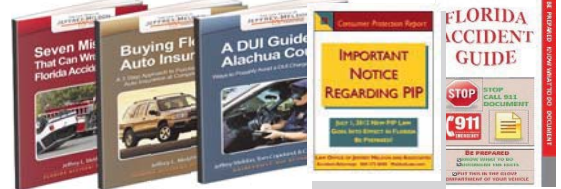


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Bikes for Kids: April Winner

Clifford Robinson, 11, from *Ocala* is the April winner of Bikes for Kids! Clifford was nominated by his mother for always putting others before himself. He has done so many selfless acts in his young life and we are proud to award him with a brand new bike & helmet to help him enjoy his childhood!

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. When does the astrological summer start?
2. Many countries around the world celebrate the 1st of June as _____.
3. Who wrote the book, "A girl named June"?
4. The first day of June in Iceland is Fisherman's Day. Who is the saint patron of fishermen ?
5. June was named after the Roman goddess Juno. She was the goddess of what ?
6. What cartoon character made his film debut on June 9, 1934?
7. What holiday was first celebrated on June 19, 1910 ?
8. What president signed legislation providing for an 8-hour work-day applicable to federal employees on June 25, 1868?
9. What soap opera moved from radio to television on June 30, 1952 ?
10. What is the flower of June?



Answers: 1. June 22 2. Children's Day 3. Ernestine J. Tebo 4. Saint Peter 5. marriage and household 6. Donald Duck 7. Father's Day 8. Andrew Johnson 9. Guiding Light 10. Rose or Honeysuckle