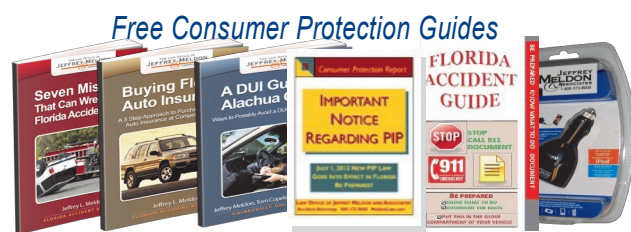


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Recipe of the Month: Mini Reubens

This mini appetizer is very easy and delicious!

Prep: 15 Min, Cook: 5 Min, Ready in: 20 Min



Ingredients:

- 1 (1 pound) loaf cocktail rye bread.
- 1 cup thousand island dressing.
- 1 1/2 pounds deli sliced corned beef.
- 1 (16 ounce) jar sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained.
- 1 pound sliced Swiss cheese

Directions:

- Preheat the oven's broiler.
- Arrange cocktail rye slices on a baking sheet. Top each one with about 2 teaspoons of thousand island salad dressing, then fold about 1/2 slice of corned beef to fit the bread, and lay over the dressing. Place a small amount of sauerkraut over the meat, then top with 1/4 slice of the Swiss cheese, or a slice about as big as the bread.
- Broil for 3 to 5 minutes, until cheese is melted. Serve warm.



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Personal Injury

Wrongful Death

Criminal Defense

Lawyer Joke ... Inspired by Bob Rose

-A very successful attorney parked his brand new Porsche 911 Turbo in front of his office, ready to show it off to his colleagues.

As he was getting out, a truck came barreling down the road, drifted right and completely tore off the driver's door. Fortunately, a cop was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the now door-less Porsche with his lights flashing.

Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the attorney started screaming hysterically about how his precious Porsche, which he had just purchased the day before, was completely ruined and no matter how any car body shop tried to make it new again, would never be the same.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disbelief, "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said, "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer.

The cop replied, "Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It was severed when the truck hit you!"

"OHH, MY GOSH!!!" screamed the lawyer. "My Rolex!"



St. Patrick's Day

The History of St. Patrick's Day.

People of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many other locations far from Ireland.

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became

ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Bet you didn't know: More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations. **Snakes in Ireland:** Legend has it that St. Patrick drove all of the snakes

out of Ireland, the story symbolized St. Patrick cleansing the island of Paganism. However, there were no snakes to begin with, as the Emerald Isle is surrounded by water that is too frigid for snakes to ever migrate there.

The color Green is associated with St. Patrick from his use of the shamrock, but the original color was known as "St. Patrick's Blue".

Diligence is the mother of good luck.
-Benjamin Franklin

Attorney Spotlight : Attorney Tom Copeland



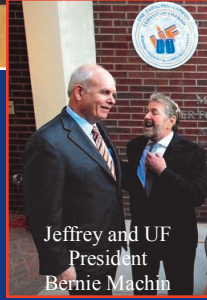
A Florida Trial Lawyer-Litigator since 1986. Tom concentrates his legal practice in personal injury, wrongful death, and other serious accident cases. Born and raised in Valdosta, Georgia, Tom moved to Florida in 1979 to attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando. In 1986 he was admitted the Florida Bar after graduating from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama. Many times Tom's unique perspectives on cases makes the difference between winning and losing for our firm's clients. To find out more about Attorney Tom Copeland, visit www.MeldonLaw.com



In the Community

Jewish Student Community Center Expands At The University of Florida.

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon had the honor of serving as the MC for the grand opening of the Tabacnic/Levin Center for Jewish Life and Learning at the University of Florida on February 9, 2014. Members of the Jewish community in the Gainesville area now have a new religious facility available to them as the center has now opened its doors to the public after a two year construction period. Mr. Meldon also serves as the Chairman of the Building Committee for the new community center and has actively worked with the building architects and engineers since the initial planning for the center began in 2008.



Jeffrey and UF President Bernie Machin

The new 23,000 square foot facility will serve as a haven to many students at University of Florida which has the largest Jewish student population in the country. The new center features a traditional synagogue along with separate kitchens for meat, dairy, and Passover to adhere to kosher Jewish dietary standards. Some other features include a kosher café, a study lounge, fitness center, and laundry room for students to use. For more information about the center or to take part in any of the services provided, please contact Rabbi Berl and Chanie Goldman (352) 336-5877 or visit JewishGator.com.

Photos from the Grand Opening Ceremony.



Spirit of Charity Gala 2014, Hosted by Catholic Charities of Gainesville.

The Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Gainesville will host its 28th Annual Spirit of Charity Gala on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center at the University of Florida. The event will include a special evening of fine dining, dancing, and Gainesville's premier silent & LIVE Auction! Catholic Charities of Gainesville was founded in 1975 and assists anyone in need by providing non-denominational human services. The Spirit of Charity Gala is the organization's main fundraiser for the funding of its programs which include Emergency Assistance Services, Weekend Hunger Backpacks and Rural Mobile Food Distribution. For more information about the Spirit of Charity Gala 2014, please visit www.catholiccharitiesgainesville.org



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!

Jan. 9, 2014: D'onte King from Williston H.S. for Basketball– D'onte is the captain of the Williston men's basketball team. He holds the position of the defensive specialist, guarding the opposing team's top guard. D'onte holds a 3.625 unweighted GPA and hopes to major in graphic design.

Jan. 16, 2014: Zak Woodward from Gainesville H.S. for Soccer– Zak has played Varsity soccer for the Purple Hurricanes since 9th grade. In the classroom Zak is just as impressive with a 4.6 weighted GPA which he will take with him to Florida Tech to study aerospace engineering and continue playing soccer.

Jan. 23, 2014: Aariel Fort from PK Yonge for Basketball– Having missed about 2.5 years of playing high school basketball for PK Yonge while dealing with knee injuries, Aariel has overcome her fair share of adversity in her four years of playing varsity basketball but never considered giving up on the game she loves. In the classroom Aariel maintains a 3.3 GPA. and wants to major in computer engineering in college.

Jan. 30, 2014: Katherine Kelly from Trinity Catholic H.S. for Soccer– Katherine anchors a Celtic defense that has only allowed 18 goals all season long, and as sweeper she serves her role as a team captain by being a vocal leader of a team that is preparing to play in the regional finals on their quest to win back to back state titles. Katherine stands out in the classroom with a 4.2 GPA and will play for Nicholls State University next year on a soccer scholarship.

This month's topic of interest: March 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.



Uninsured Motorist Insurance Coverage in the State of Florida.

Uninsured motorist (UM) coverage provides protection of your personal finances when there is no insurance or inadequate insurance on the part of the at-fault person to compensate you for your damages resulting from an accident. This also includes protection from hit and run drivers, and protection if you are injured as a passenger in someone else's vehicle.

We strongly recommend that you protect yourself with uninsured motorists coverage because the State of Florida only requires the other at fault driver to have Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance and property damage coverage(that protects the other driver if you are at fault).

If you are in an accident caused by an uninsured/underinsured driver, you have the right to recover from your own insurance company, and if they refuse to pay you what you are entitled to, you can file a Civil Remedy Notice with the State of Florida and you may recover even more than your insurance policy limits. This is an important weapon to use against the wealthy and powerful insurance companies.

Ask the Attorneys...

Q: What type of automobile insurance is required in the state of Florida?

A: Personal Injury Protection (PIP) to pay for some of your medical bills and lost wages, no matter who is at fault for the accident, since Florida is a "no fault" state. Property Damage coverage of \$10K is also required to pay for the other person's property. For more information on this topic, please call to request our free book on [Buying Florida Auto Insurance](#) today!

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March's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated to commemorate which event?
2. Where does Blarney Stone come from?
3. What does leprechaun mean?
4. Where was St. Patrick born?
5. _____ is regarded as the most famous of all churches dedicated to St. Patrick.
6. In Ireland, the color green stands for _____.
7. What was St. Patrick's name at birth?

Answers: 1. St. Patrick's Death, 2. The Blarney Castle, 3. A Fairy, 4. Britain, 5. St. Patrick Cathedral, Dublin, 6. Hope, 7. Maewyn Succat.



photo happenings...



The Meldon Law team goes Red for National Wear Red Day on February 7, 2014! Showing our support to raise awareness about heart disease.

Attorney Carey Meldon tries out his cooking skills by preparing an egg and sausage breakfast for the office staff.



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon pictured with Florida Congressman Ted Yoho at the Grand Opening of the new UF Jewish Center.



Office Highlights

Meet our office runner Max Frost and Max's Miracle Child Nate, an adorable four year old who is treated locally at the UF Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville,

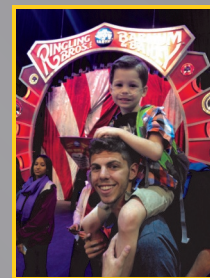
Max is a sophomore at the University of Florida majoring in accounting and currently works in the afternoons as a runner at Meldon Law. Max handles daily errands for our attorneys and staff including trips to the courthouse, post office, and the State Attorney's office.

In addition to being a full time student, Max serves as the Families Captain for Dance Marathon, a UF event which benefits the Children's Miracle Network and the families UF Health Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville.

Nate and his family have been partnered with Max since the fall of 2013 and now the two are inseparable. Max and Nate spend their time together taking part in various activities, including their most recent trip to the circus and a Zumba class.

Each year more than 800 UF students stay awake and on their feet to raise money and awareness for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In the 19 years of Dance Marathon at UF's existence, more than \$6.4 million has been donated, making it the most successful student-run philanthropy in the Southeastern United States.

To learn more about Dance Marathon UF, the Children's Miracle Network, or to make a donation to the cause, please visit www.floridadm.kintera.org/maxfrostneedsyourhelp



Photos from Max and Nate's most recent adventures.