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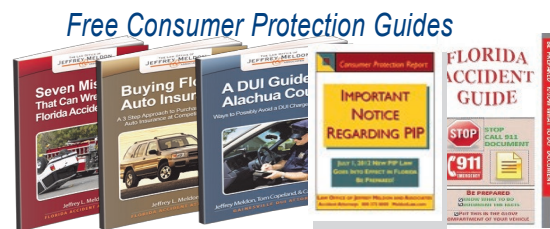
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Know Someone Who Needs Our Help? We are here for you...

Our best clients come from YOU– the folks who know us and trust us.

Serving the “Heart of Florida”, we are a team of experienced personal injury attorneys, trial lawyers, negotiators, litigators, case managers, and support staff that have been proudly working to get accident victims the justice they deserve for over 40 years in Gainesville, Ocala, Lake City, Inverness, and throughout the state of Florida. The types of cases we handle include, but are not limited to: accidents involving cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycle, or pedestrians, dog bites, slip and falls, medical malpractice and criminal defense. Feel free to contact our office to let us know how we can help you. Call us at (800) 373-8000 or visit us online at www.MeldonLaw.com today!



February’s “Trivial Pursuit” >>>

Questions:

1. What was St. Patrick’s name at birth?
2. In Ireland, the color green represents _____?
3. _____ is regarded as the most famous of all churches dedicated to St. Patrick.
4. Where was St. Patrick born?
5. What does leprechaun mean?
6. Where does the Blarney Stone come from?
7. St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated to commemorate which event?
8. When did the very first St. Patrick’s Day parade take place?
9. What year did the city of Chicago first dye its river green to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day?
10. According to legend, how did St. Patrick drive the snakes out of Ireland?



Answers: 1. Maewyn Succat, 2. Hope, 3. St. Patrick Cathedral of New York, 4. Britain, 5. A Fairy, 6. The Blarney Castle, 7. St. Patrick’s death, 8. Boston, in 1737, 9. 1962, 10. Pounding Drums.

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St. Patrick’s Day Humor

• Irish Priest-

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut.

The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest’s breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He’s done it again!"

• The Proposal-

An Irishman proposed to his girl on St. Patrick’s Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond.

The excited young lady showed it to her father, a jeweler. He took one look at it and saw it wasn’t real.

The young lady, on learning it wasn’t real, returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness.

"It was in honor of St. Patrick’s Day", he smiled.

"I gave you a sham rock."



Meldon Law Launches New iPad Tablet Program

Modern Technology Requires a Modern Solution.

As modern technology brings electronic documents, e-filing and records preservation to the forefront of the legal practice, Meldon Law is making great strides to keep up with the most modernized legal trends in personal injury representation.

As a part of our continuing effort to deliver the highest quality legal representation to our clients and obtain the best possible results for our client’s cases, Meldon Law is proud to announce the launch of our new iPad tablet program. Personal Injury clients will now have the opportunity to borrow an iPad tablet to use throughout their case, which will allow a direct connection to case managers, attorneys, and legal staff. The primary use of the iPad tablet will be to gather and document information, access medical records and notes from doctors, video conference, and calendar appointments. Clients can take “day in the life” videos and pictures to document how the injury has affected them. All data traffic on the device will be delivered from our firm’s secure network, ensuring privacy.



By implementing this new program within our personal injury practice area, we hope to enhance our client’s experience and present a more compelling case to the insurance companies. Mobile devices like the iPad have increased productivity and created an overall competitive edge in courtrooms throughout the state. While traditional computers, fax machines, and other office equipment are still in existence, we will now be able to serve our clients and handle many case related tasks while being mobile and away from a primary workspace. Our clients will also be able to access their records from their own computers and cell phones by using a cloud based service provided by our firm. This new program is just the beginning of what’s to come as we will continue investing in advanced business tools that improve lawyer-client communications with our firm.

Thank You For your referral...



M. Misty Allen - The Meldon Law Team

As with any business like ours, the greatest advertising we can have is word of mouth from a satisfied client. We would like to take the opportunity to recognize our client Misty Allen of Gainesville, FL for referring a case to our office and trusting us to handle the needs of a dear friend. As a special thank you for her referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of Ms. Allen’s choice in her name.

Know someone who needs our help? We are here for you.

Small Business Spotlight...

Moments By Megan Photography of Gainesville.



Word of mouth advertisement works well for Megan's small business. However, she does have an online portfolio for viewing.

To connect with Megan or to view her latest portfolio of work, please visit her website at www.momentsbymeganphotography.com or connect with her via facebook at www.facebook.com/momentsbymeganphotography.

Call (352) 514-8601 to book your photo session today!



Photographer Megan Connelley

Born and raised in the city of Gainesville, local photographer Megan Connelly is a relaxed and creative photographer with the attitude that great imagery is everywhere. From natural light sessions to outdoor effects, Megan sets no limits on where or how she captures your unique moments.

Megan shoots everything including family portraits as well as engagements, events, and weddings. A professional photographer for the past 4 years, Megan looks forward to offering her services to a growing clientele.

Photo happenings...



Meldon Law Legal Assistant Nicole Talcik and Attorney Tom Copeland speak to students during Career Day at the PACE Center for Girls in Gainesville.



Attorney Tom Copeland with Matt Wade, Operating Director of the new PDQ Restaurant of Gainesville, which held its Grand Opening on Feb. 8, 2015.

Community Events...

Saturday, March 14, 2015:



The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off at 10 AM from Francis Field in St. Augustine, follows the bayfront to the Bridge of Lions, takes a right down Cathedral Place, and returns to its origin via Cordova Street. This event is free with viewing along the sidewalks of the parade route. Register to participate in the parade at www.celticstaugustine.com.

Saturday, March 21, 2015:

Ocala Farmer's Market, 9am-2pm.

Abundance! Visit the market on Saturdays to reap locally grown farm fresh seasonal produce, homemade jellies and jams, delicious kettle corn, boiled peanuts, homemade crafts, and plants. The Ocala Farm Market is open every Saturday, held in the downtown square of Ocala. For more details, please call (352) 426.8244.

This month's topic of interest: March 2015

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.



Motorcycle Insurance Laws in Florida: Are you properly covered?

Florida has unique laws when it comes to motorcycles. In most states you have to have the same coverage on your motorcycle as you do on your car or truck. Not so in Florida. In fact, the only insurance you are required to have in Florida is \$10,000 in Medical Payments insurance if you are over 21 and want to ride without a helmet. What is strange about this is that Motorcycle riders need high limit insurance even more than auto/truck driver/owners do because of the significant risk of injury.

We recommend having at least \$100,000 in Uninsured Motorist Coverage and property damage liability coverage of at least \$25,000 as well as Medical Payments Coverage of \$50,000 or more.

Since Florida has one of the highest rates of uninsured drivers in the country, the chances are that the careless driver that pulls out in front of you or runs into you and causes you serious injuries will not have adequate insurance.

Remember your auto/truck insurance policy will have an exclusion for any accidents while you are on your motorcycle so you cannot rely on this insurance policy. You need a separate motorcycle policy.

We advise that you consult your own local insurance agent for recommendations customized to your needs. Do not rely on the internet or some toll free insurance sales operator to get you the kind of motorcycle insurance you need.

We also have articles about motorcycle insurance and other motorcycle issues on our website at MeldonLaw.com.

Office Highlights...

Download Today!



Have you downloaded the Meldon Law Help App?

Did you know Meldon Law has an app that you can download on your smart phone to use in the event of an emergency?

The Meldon Law Help App offers a number of resources including an electronic version of our Florida Accident Guide, a Hospital Locator, Taxi Cab contact feature, and many more useful functions.

At Meldon Law we realize the benefit of providing an accessible, easy-to-use platform to deliver content to our clients and the general public.

Set Sail...

Attorney Jeffrey Meldon and friends set sail on the *Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise* this past January.

The trip covered destinations including Mexico, Honduras, and Grand Cayman along with twenty five blues bands including Taj Mahal, Kebmo, Tab Benoit, Bobby Rush, and Charlie Muscwhite who were on board. A good time was had by all. This was Jeffrey's 7th year on the cruise.



"It's all about the crew at the back of the boat"

Community Spotlight: Junior League of Gainesville Gives Back to Girls.



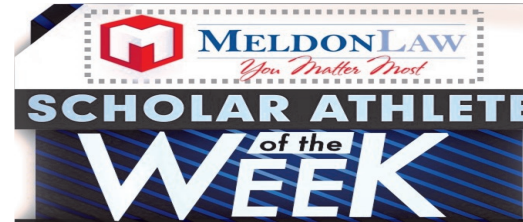
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GAINESVILLE
Women building better communities

Gainesville, FL- On February 17th, 2015 the Junior League of Gainesville's new member class partnered with the Belk department store at the Oaks Mall to hold the 10th Annual PACE Fashion Show benefitting the PACE Center for Girls. PACE serves as a delinquency prevention program for girls in Alachua County and statewide, while targeting the unique needs of girls ages 12 to 18 who are in need of academic skills and provides a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Every girl at PACE sets individual educational and social goals that are focused on earning a high school diploma or GED, re-entering public school, attending college, getting vocational training, joining the military or entering the private workforce. After program completion, PACE continues to monitor each girl's educational and personal development with three years of follow-up case management.

Girls from PACE who met certain criteria set by their teachers had the opportunity to participate in the fashion show. They had their make-up done at Belk and modeled outfits of their choice for the women of the Junior League and their friends and family.

It was a special event for the PACE girls and for the entire Junior League. Funds raised at the event through a raffle and "catwalk contributor" sponsors are used for projects at PACE. For more info on ways you can help the Junior League of Gainesville in their community efforts, please visit www.gainesvillejrleague.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!

January 15, 2015: Bryan Chalifoux from **Buchholz H.S.** for Basketball. Bryan is the only Senior on the Bobcats basketball team. He leads the team with an average of 21 points and 6 rebounds per game. Academically Bryan holds a 3.9 weighted GPA with his favorite subject being math. Undecided on where he wants to attend college next fall, he does know he wants to continue to play basketball.

January 22, 2015: Bianca Irizarry from **Santa Fe H.S.** for Women's Soccer. Bianca leads the team in defense and has helped the team shut out opponents 15 times so far this season. Bianca holds a 4.2 weighted GPA and hopes to attend the University of West Florida where she will major in psychology next fall.

January 29, 2015: Kaleb Warner from **Columbia H.S.** for Wrestling. Kaleb has wrestled for 7 years with his dad as his coach. He holds a career record of 150 and 25, and a 3.43 GPA of which he will take with him to Campbell University in North Carolina, where he plans to major in homeland security.

February 5, 2015: Sadie Cannon from **Vanguard H.S.** for Women's Weightlifting. Sadie has been a weightlifter since freshman year. She also plays volleyball for the Knights and loves music. Sadie took the top spot in the sectionals meet this past January and holds a 4.56 GPA. She hopes to attend the University of Florida or Florida State University and major in business with a minor in music.