### **MELDON LAW TALK**

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Wrongful Death



#### Lawyer Jokes

A man walked into a lawyer's office and inquired about the lawyer's rates. "\$50.00 for three questions", said the lawyer. "Isn't that awfully steep?" asked the man. "Yes," the lawyer replied, "and what was your third question?"

Q: What's the problem with lawyer jokes?

A: Lawyer's don't think they're funny, and no one else thinks they're jokes.

#### Thanksgiving Jokes

An entrepreneurial turkey farmer was always trying to breed the perfect bird.

He knew everyone loved the leg portion for dinner, but there were never enough legs for everyone. After many attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends.

"Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted. "I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"

Q: What smells the best at a Thanksgiving dinner?

A: Your nose.



**Personal Injury** 



Whether you are listening to the news, weather, or your favorite pop music station, almost everybody has the radio on at work and on their commute! Attorney Jeffrey Meldon weighs in...

n the fall of 2002 I started broadcalled the show LAW TALK LIVE!. The concept was simple. I would incredible partner to work with. Many vant to my law practice as well as inter- remote location and the engineers at SKY view other lawyers in different areas of will patch me into the show seamlessly. law. We also interview doctors, insurance experts, and anyone else who could help listeners on air and from the many people educate our audience about how to protect I run into around town who tell me how and after an accident.

myself and attorney Steve Rothenberg you again for all your support! from Ocala. We had both worked on many cases together and it was a natural fit to discuss and review issues that we had dealt with in our work together as well as on cases we had worked on individually. Dr. Adrian Lewis from MEDIG was also a frequent guest who described what the treatment was like for people who suffered different kinds of injuries in a serious auto/truck crash. Tom Copeland and my son Carey Meldon have also filled in many times as hosts on the show.

We are now beginning our 14th year casting a live radio legal affairs on the air and the show is the longest concall-in show on WSKY.97.3FM. We tinuous running legal affairs show in the southeast United States. SKY has been an go on the air and talk about topics rele- times I will frequently call in from some

It has been a blast to hear from our themselves and their families, both before they are loyal listeners and look forward to LAW TALK LIVE every Saturday at The show was originally co-hosted by 10:30 am on the SKY 97.3 FM. Thank



Thank You For Your Referral: Anthony and Cheryl Reed of Ocala, FL



We would like to take the opportunity to recognize Anthony and Cheryl Reed of Ocala, FL for referring multiple cases to our office. Anthony and Cheryl are long-time friends of the firm, and as a special thank you, we will be making a donation to a charity of Anthony and Cheryl Reed's choice in their name.

- The Meldon Law Team

Anthony and Chervl Reed



## Small Business Spotlight...

The Hollow- Located in Ocala at SW 24th Ave, Suite 101





Espresso Milkshake

The Hollow's Logo

#### **About The Hollow**

The Hollow is an independent coffee and ice cream shop, addicted to delivering extraordinary service with every customer interaction. The core of The Hollow's culture depends on highly valued employees and a strong sense of local community. Expect The Hollow's excellence to energize your everyday – and spontaneous – adventures. *Fuel awesome. Be awesome.* 

#### **The Hollow Products**

+Ice cream: They custom blend your ice cream flavor, and the possibilities are only limited by your imagination. Start with our creamy vanilla, chocolate or vanilla yogurt, and choose from any of our ingredients -



desserts, fruits, nuts and topping options - to create your custom flavor. they offer milkshakes as well, including a popular espresso milkshake.

+Coffee and alternatives: Their Buddy Brew craft-roasted coffee is available as classic drip, cold brew, espresso lattes and cappuccinos, and more. They offer coffee alternatives as well, including hot chocolate, tea lattes and fresh-brewed ice tea.

#### A Gathering Spot for the Community

The Hollow provides spacious seating arrangements, including comfortable chairs and sofas – perfect for study groups and social gatherings. They also offer free Wi-Fi and outlet accessible tables.

For the latest on The Hollow, follow them at *thehollowcoffee.com* and on Facebook and Instagram at *thehollowcoffee*.



Strawberry Chocolate Cone



### Meldon Law in Washington D.C in Oct. 2015



Jeffrey with Ben Glass, Founder of Great Legal Marketing



Jeffrey with Congressman Ted Yoho at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington D.C.



Jeffrey with Tom Foster of Foster Web Marketing.



Jeffrey and Carey with friends at Blues Alley to see jazz superstar Roy Ayers.

### Jeffrey at the Gator Tailgate for the Ole Miss Game on Oct. 3



Buddy Hooten leading the "Ceremonial" before the Gator Game.



From left to right, Dr. Pete Indelicato (Gator Team doctor for 35 years), Jeffrey Meldon, Dr. Rich Macchia, and Chris Fragali (owner of Ballyhoo's).



Jeffrey with friends at the Gator tailgate.

# *This month's topic of interest: November* 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.

### Driving in Heavy Storms

Last June, Florida entered the 2015 Hurricane season. During the Summer months, Florida receives rain, rain, and more rain. Gainesville rainfall in July was more than two inches above normal. In August it was almost four inches above normal.

In Gainesville, some locations that are likely to flood are the entrance to the Robinlane subdivision in the 7500 block of Northwest 39th Avenue, the nearby Heatherwood subdivision and Northwest 69th Terrace, west of North Florida Regional Medical Center on Newberry Road. In Ocala, some locations that may experience problems are NE 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of Bonnie Heath Boulevard, Heritage Hills, and SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street between 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

During heavy rainfall, the likelihood of flooding increases since rainfall will not be quickly absorbed into the ground. Additional rain becomes runoff, which leads to flooding, usually mostly in lowlying areas. It is extremely important for all Florida drivers to understand not only the implications of heavy rains, but also the safest way to operate a vehicle when driving in stormy conditions.

Florida law requires drivers to turn

headlights on when it rains. Using headlights increases visibility on the roads. Motorcycle riders are required to keep their headlights on at all times. All drivers are encouraged to turn on their headlights even in light rain.

A little known fact is that, under Florida law, drivers may only turn on hazards if the driver has pulled over on the side of the road or stalled. Many drivers turn on their hazards when driving in heavy rains because they believe it will aid other drivers in seeing them. NEVER DO THIS! Hazard lights disable turning signal lights and make it difficult for drivers behind you to see your brake lights. If you feel unsafe driving in the rain, you should pull over to the side of the road. Once you are stationary, you may use your hazard lights.

In addition, be aware of the traction limitations caused by even light rain. If you are driving in the rain, leave room for extra braking time. Never drive if you are uncomfortable with driving conditions. In severe weather, it is best to wait before getting in the car. Meldon Law says stay dry and stay safe!



### **Recipe of the Month: Caprese Salad**



#### Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 3 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 1/4 lbs. tomatoes
- 6 oz. mozzarella cheese
- 2 tbsp thinly sliced basil leaves

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Whisk lemon juice, salt and pepper in medium bowl.
- 2. Gradually whisk in the oil to blend.
- 3. Cut tomatoes into 1/4 inch slices.
- 4. Arrange cheese and tomatoes on a platter, and drizzle the dressing over them.
- 5. Sprinkle with basil and additional salt and pepper.
- 6. Serve.

Special thanks to Jim Dodson Law for the recipe



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB 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 are chosen as **The Scholar Athletes of the Year**.

The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship

#### **Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!**

**October 21st, 2015**: Nick Oelrich from Newberry H.S. for Football. Oelrich is the Senior captain of the Newberry High Football team, and has been the starting QB for the past 2 years. Oelrich holds a 4.6 GPA.

**October 14th, 2015: Connor Feagle** from **Ocala Forest H.S.** for Football. Feagle has been the starting QB for the last 3 seasons. In the classroom Feagle holds a 4.3 GPA and hopes to attend either UF or FSU.

**October 7th, 2015**: **Sammy Mueller** from **PK Yonge H.S.** for Volleyball. Mueller serves as the starting setter and has been referred to by her coach as "the best setter in 20 years." In the classroom Mueller holds a 3.8 GPA and earned a scholarship to the University of Tampa where she hopes to pursue a career as a veterinary doctor.

September 30th, 2015: Jacob Floyd from Bell H.S. for Football. Floyd is a true leader on and off the field, having already accumulated 125 community service hours while being dual-enrolled. In the classroom Floyd holds a 4.14 GPA and hopes to attend UF, followed by medical school.

September 24th, 2015: Eric Geunes from Gainesville H.S. for Swimming. Geunes is ranked 17th in the state and will be taking part in the Olympic trials in Omaha. He has several options when it comes to his education, and is considering the University of Wisconsin, Penn State, the University of Minnesota, or UNC-Chapel Hill. According to his coach, "whatever he ends up doing, it's going to be a podium finish."



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# It's a boy!

Jeffrey was blessed with his first grandchild Noah Shalom Nessim. He was born on September 27th, 2015 and weighed 8 lbs and 5oz. Jeffrey's daughter Jessica has been an amazing mother both before and after Noah's birth. As you can tell by the picture on the right, he's already a huge Gator fan!



### October's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

### Questions:

- 1. Who was the Captain of the Mayflower?
- 2. Who was the Native American Chief at the First Thanksgiving?
- 3. What year was the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
- 4. Why is a male turkey called a Tom?
- 5. Who was the first president to pardon a turkey?
- 6. Where do pardoned turkeys live?
- 7. What is the longest balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
- 8. How many pilgrims were on the Mayflower?
- 9. How fast can a turkey run?
- 10. How many feathers does a turkey have?



7. Superman 8. 105 9. 25 mph 10. 3,500

Answers: 1. Christopher Jones 2. Massasoit 3. 1924 4. After Thomas Jefferson 5. Harry Truman 6. Frying Pan Park