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Wrongful Death

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Lawyer Jokes

How do you tell if it's REALLY cold outside?

A lawyer has his hands in his own pockets.

How many lawyer jokes are there?

Only three - the rest are true stories!

Graveyard Query

A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl's grandmother. On their way back to the car, the girl asked, "Mum, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?"

"Of course not, dear," replied the mother, "Why would you think that?"

"The tombstone back there said... 'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.'"

Diet or Regular?

The witch's black cat, Maurice, came in from outside.

Maurice: "Madam Le Spook, I am about to pass out from the heat."

Witch: "Would you like me to make you lemonade?"

Maurice: "Yes, please!"

Witch: "Poof! You are lemonade!"



As the school year gets underway, students are involved in more than just academics, and MeldonLaw is a big supporter of students who are able to excel both in the classroom and on the field! Attorney Jeffrey Meldon weighs in...

This year marks the 18th anniversary of the Meldon Law Scholar-Athlete Program. We have presented over 500 scholarships to deserving North Florida high school seniors since 1997. The program started when we were sponsoring the noontime sports talk radio show on WRUF 850 hosted by Larry Vettel. In the beginning, two high school seniors (one male and one female) were honored each month. Starting in 2000 we teamed up with TV-20/WCJB and really turned up the prominence of the program. We now present a scholarship and plaque every week to a deserving high school senior and the winner is featured on the 6 and 11 o'clock TV 20 news every Wednesday during the school year. At the end of the year all of the winners and their families and coaches are invited to the Meldon Law/TV20 Scholarship banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Gainesville. Last year there were over 200 in attendance. We honor each weekly winner individually and then we select one male and one female Scholar Athlete of the Year. The

big winners receive an additional \$1000 scholarship and a beautiful glass trophy. This year former Jeffrey Meldon Scholar Athlete of the Year Cornelius Ingram from Hawthorne was the keynote speaker. Mr. Ingram dazzled the crowd with an inspirational speech about preparing for the future and never giving up. He is now the head football coach at Hawthorne High School. The Meldon Law Team would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who has helped our law firm grow and give back to the community.



2015 Scholar Athletes of the Year, Kavarrius Hayes & Janiah McKay, pictured with Cornelius Ingram, Jeffrey Meldon, and Adam Solomon of WCJB TV20

Thank You For Your Referral: Eric Corley of Alachua, FL



Eric Corley

We would like to take the opportunity to recognize Eric Corley of Alachua, FL for referring a case to our office and trusting us to handle the needs of his friends. Eric works at the Mercedes-Benz of Gainesville. As a special thank you, we will be making a donation to a charity of Eric Corley's choice in his name.

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Community Spotlight...

University of Florida Hillel



Dating back to 1947, the University of Florida Hillel is one of the oldest Hillel Foundation organizations in the United States, and serves the large population of Jewish students that attend UF. When Rabbi Grossman became the new CEO of UF Hillel over a year ago, he began a complete overhaul of the programs offered. Rabbi Grossman refers to his initiative as the “three button approach,” modeled after the minimalist design of the Apple TV remote.



UF Hillel’s “three buttons” are Birthright, Career Growth and Leadership Development.

Birthright: UF Hillel sent 200 students to Israel, one of the highest student participations in the country. UF Hillel was selected as a BICEP (Birthright Israel Collaborative Enhancement Project) campus.

Career growth: UF Hillel strengthens Jewish communities in three distinct ways by 1) offering paths to employment through the UF Hillel Works initiative 2) restructuring UF Hillel’s internships to better prepare students for the professional world and 3) becoming a center for entrepreneurship.



Leadership Development: The organization offers a resource, learning and leadership center for students, and provides a space for individuals to find a home, a purpose and a future. UF Hillel aims to enhance students’ college experience and prepare them for their life post-college, motivate talented students to better their communities, and inspire students and communities alike.

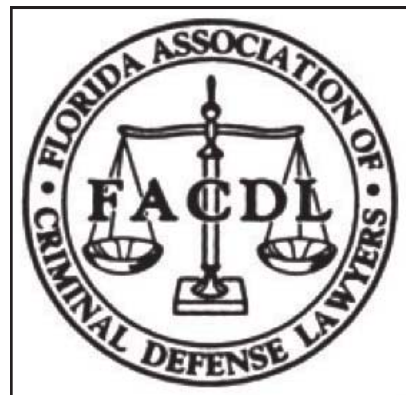
UF Hillel’s leadership development initiative seeks to incorporate a sense of balance into the entire spectrum of activities in one’s life, so that each person can become a leader, enjoy individual success and inspire others by example.



Jeffrey and Carey Meldon were honored to be asked to speak to over 250 attorneys at the recent Blood Breath and Tears DUI Seminar in Orlando, Florida on September 17-18.

The Seminar was sponsored by the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

They gave a presentation on whether or not to put your client on the stand in a DUI jury trial. Jeffrey and Carey have also lectured on 3 other occasions for the Florida Bar Association on topics such as Closing Arguments and Case Law Update. They are the only father and son team to do this in Florida.



Meldon Law/WSKY Bike Giveaway!

In this month’s newsletter we are pleased to announce the launch of the monthly “Meldon Law/WSKY Bike Giveaway”

Each month we will be selecting a nominee between the ages of 6-18 who has done something extraordinary for either the local or global community.

Please keep an eye out for our first winner next month. If you know someone deserving, please contact our office to submit their name for entry into the contest

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Community Events...

October 22, 2015:

Pumpkin Painting Party:

Located at the Freedom Public Library at 5870 Southwest 95th Street, Ocala, FL 34476. Event starts at 5:00 p.m.

October 31, 2015:

Fairy Tale Festival:

Located at the Ocala Public Library at 2720 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL 34470. Event starts at 3:00 p.m.

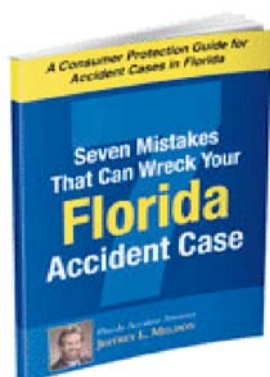
October 31, 2015:

Trick or Treat at Kimber Hollow Haunted Graveyard:

Free Admission. Located at 2700 NW 50th Place Gainesville, FL 32605

This month's topic of interest: **October 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.



Revisiting 7 Mistakes that Can Wreck Your Florida Accident Case:

1. Waiting too long to seek medical attention:

If it is inconvenient to go to ER, you can go to a walk-in clinic. It is important to note there is a 14 day time limit for a visit to the ER for purposes of PIP claims.

2. Not calling the police/Not gathering sufficient information at the scene:

Police document evidence at the scene and determine who is at fault, document who the witnesses are and get their information as well as the information about the other driver and the vehicle they are driving. Take pictures of your car AND the other vehicle at the scene – including the debris – before moving vehicles if it safe. Take the names and numbers of any witnesses.

3. Giving too much information to the at-fault driver's insurance company after an accident:

You are **NOT** required to speak with them after an accident. Give them your attorney's contact information or have your attorney call the insurance company directly.

4. Waiting too long before hiring a lawyer:

If too much time passes, any evidence may get cold. Your witnesses might move or will no longer clearly remember the accident. The sooner we are on a case the better it is for you – we can start gathering documentation, talking to witnesses, and investigating any issues that may arise.

5. Hiding past accidents and injuries from their lawyers and doctors:

Giving doctors an accurate history will help them provide better treatment for you and makes it easier to differentiate your injuries and complaints. You are entitled to be compensated for aggravations to preexisting conditions in Florida.

6. Failing to show up for medical appointments or having gaps in treatment:

The insurance company will claim: 1) If you were hurt you would be going to your medical appointments, and/or 2) if you are still hurt and not going to your medical appointments, then you are still hurt because you failed to follow your doctor's advice. Either way the insurance company will take the stance that the claim is worthless.

7. Misrepresenting your level of activity:

You must be honest with your physicians and your lawyers about what you can and cannot do. There is a difference of NOT being able to do something AT ALL and being able to do something with difficulty. On the other hand, don't tell your doctor that you are feeling fine when you are not – don't be the tough guy – **be honest about your pain levels.**



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 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.



2015 Scholar Athlete of the Year, Kevarrus Hayes being interviewed by TV 20. Kevarrus will be playing for the Gator Basketball Team this year.

How to nominate an athlete?

To nominate someone for Scholar Athlete of the week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor in his or her sport, and a high school senior. We'll need the name of the Scholar Athlete nominee, his or her school, and as much contact information as you can give us on him or her and the coach.

Please send your nominations to WCJB-TV20 Sports Reporter Brandan McCalla via email at **BMcCalla@divcom.com**, or you can call Brandan at (352) 416-0646.



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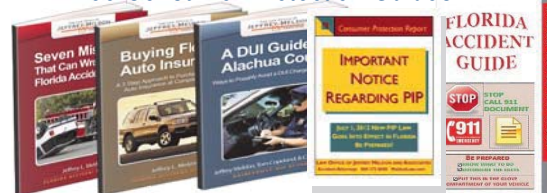


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October's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. October was what month in the early Roman Calendar?
2. Which Holiday is the second Monday in October?
3. Which Holiday is the last night of October?
4. What is the flower for the month of October?
5. Which President was born October 1st, 1924?
6. Where did the U.S Naval Academy open on October 10, 1845?
7. What famous landmark was dedicated October 28, 1886?
8. What state became the 36th State on October 31, 1864?
9. What is the birthstone for October?
10. What vegetables were the first to be used as Jack-O'-Lanterns?



Answers: 1. The eighth 2. Columbus Day 3. Halloween 4. The Calendula 5. Jimmy Carter 6. Annapolis, MD 7. Statue of Liberty 8. Nevada 9. The Opal 10. Turnips and Beets