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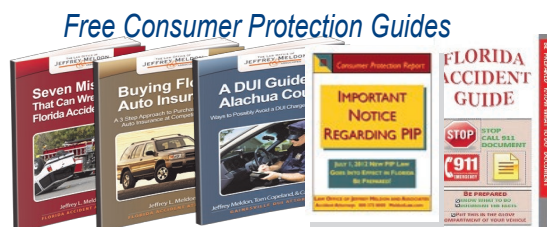
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Lisa Fernandez

Thank You For Your Referral: *Lisa Fernandez of Ocala*

Lisa Fernandez of Ocala is one of our favorite clients. Always friendly and cooperative and willing to go the extra mile to help family and friends. 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 Lisa's choice in her name.

- *The Meldon Law Team*

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

- USA acquired Alaska from the country of _____.
- M&M's actually stands for _____.
- Blueberry jelly beans were especially made for which president _____.
- Which mosquitoes sting people: males or females?
- The 3 Musketeers bar was originally split into three pieces with three different flavors. What were the flavors?
- Two thirds of the world's eggplants are grown where?
- What are the only mammals that can't jump?
- Which country has the most volcanoes?
- What do you call the rear of a ship?
- The decathlon consists of ten events, six of which are running and jumping; the other four make use of physical objects. What are they?



Answers: 1. Russia 2. "Mars & Murrie's," 3. Ronald Reagan 4. females 5. vanilla, chocolate and strawberry 6. New Jersey 7. Elephants 8. Indonesia 9. Stern 10. shot put, discus throw, javelin throw and pole vault

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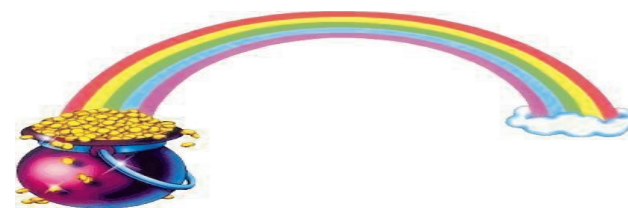
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Lawyer Jokes

• The Judge and the Fine

In Fort Worth, Texas a man was hauled before the judge for driving with an expired license plates. The judge listened attentively while he gave him a long, plausible explanation.

Then the judge said with great courtesy, "My dear sir, we are not blaming you—we're just fining you."

• Two Attorneys Walk into a Diner...

Two attorneys went into a diner and ordered drinks. As soon as the waiter left, the lawyers opened their briefcases and each pulled out a sandwich and started to eat.

The owner quickly marched over and exclaimed, "You can't eat your own sandwiches in here!" The lawyers shrugged their shoulders, and exchanged sandwiches.

MELDON LAW TALK IS 9 YEARS OLD!

I would like to thank everyone who receives our Meldon Law Talk newsletter for your support during the 9 years it has been published. Every month for over nine years we have faithfully provided you with lawyer jokes, trivia, office happenings, events in the community, recipes, referral partners, Meldon Law TV 20 Scholar Athlete winners, community businesses, and of course every once in a while we talk about a legal topic.

We received an excellent response last month from our article on how to protect you and your family with proper auto insurance coverage. Our subscribers are the best: they write us, call us, and regularly tell us how much they enjoy getting our newsletter. The highest form of compliment is all of the referrals we get from our 10,000 subscribers to Meldon Law

Talk. We have all of our present and past clients getting our newsletter as well as everyone else who has requested it. We always make sure to take care of you and your family and friends whenever they have a legal need.

We will do our best to help them out, even if we don't specialize in their particular case. We often can help point them in the right direction with a simple phone call. And if it is an area of law we don't handle, we will be glad to bring in a specialist in that area of law who can help them. So don't be shy about sending anyone our way.

We have served the North Central Florida community since 1971 and handle cases all over Florida and the United States. Thank you again for being part of our family.

~Jeffrey Meldon



Carey Meldon on the FRONT PAGE of the Gainesville Sun!!

Gainesville Sun—February 10, 2016: *GPD Breath Test Videos at Center of Legal Storm*

Carey Meldon represents a lot of DUI defendants, but he learned only by happenstance that the Gainesville Police Department has a key piece of evidence in its cases — breath-test videos — and has been withholding that evidence and purging it after a short time. Of the multiple videos he has requested, he has received only one. And Meldon said he has been told that the videos are purged — one GPD staffer said after 14 days, another said after 20 days. Meanwhile, 8th Circuit State Attorney Bill Cervone said that if breath-test videos exist, they should be turned over by GPD as evidence. Cervone said the videos would also be subject to Florida's public records law and must be made available to anyone who wants to see them.

Community Spotlight...

Ancient Rhythms Drum Shop – Located in Gainesville at 509 NW 10th Avenue. Phone: 352-377-4803

Eight years ago, Ed Mendel started building drums and drum sets out of river-recovered wood. These drum sets are a part of Ancient Tree Drums which are handmade like barrels and are very unique. Seeing Gainesville as the music-rich town that it is, Ed saw an opportunity in the market place for a drum shop as two of the main music stores in Gainesville had closed down. This is when he fulfilled his dream and opened up Ancient Rhythms Drum Shop.

Ed has continued to follow his passion to build his handmade drums, some of which are made of wood that may be up to 1,000 years old and had been



Ed Mendel on the drums
Photo Courtesy of Matt Stamey/Gainesville

found laying in riverbeds. Along with his handmade drums, Ancient Rhythms Drum Shop also carries national brands of drums and accessories. All the employees are also drummers who play in multiple bands. This means that they give not only great advice, but also the correct advice. Some of Ed's favorite memories since opening the shop include participating in "The



Fest" (one of the largest punk music festivals in the nation), and making a custom snare drum with The Fest's logo on it that raised over \$480 for Drum Strong (an organization which supports drummers battling cancer). He also sponsors multiple accomplished drummers that come and teach master classes to give back to Gainesville's drumming community. He looks forward to following his dream and helping the Gainesville community and those around him to keep growing.



This month's topic of interest: March 2016

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.

Hover boards: Fun Toy or Dangerous Liability?

A New York family gave their two sons (the youngest son under 18, and the older one just 18) hoverboards this past Christmas. The term "hoverboard" is a bit of a misnomer, as they are actually motorized self-balancing scooters. It doesn't matter that they don't really hover, though, as everyone is calling them "hoverboards."

As anybody could predict, the boys immediately took the toys out for a test run. The older son picked up speed (the hoverboards have a listed max speed of 6.2 miles per hour) and when they rounded a corner he **ran head on into a woman who was walking by**. The woman fell to the ground. The boys were scared and **left the scene of the accident**, but the local police caught up to them a couple of blocks away. At the time the officers took the hoverboards away and *the parents had to come get the boys at the station*. A few days later the cops came back to talk with the older brother because the woman was badly injured when he ran into her with the hoverboard.

Sadly, this story is not unique. **With a new toy fad comes a flurry of new injuries**. This past Christmas Florida nurses saw a surprising amount of patients with hoverboard related injuries. On December 30th a Jacksonville nurse saw **3 separate hoverboard accidents in a 12-hour shift**. She said the most common injury (from speaking with other nurses) is from **falling off the boards**. "Anything hands free and relying on balance is bound to have injuries." She said she has heard of up to 6 separate incidences in a single shift.

While the hoverboard spills appear to be comical-consider the viral video of Mike Tyson this past Christmas-the accidents can be dangerous. A Clearwater man has racked up more than **\$100,000 in medical bills** since he took a spill from one of the boards. He fell backwards while attempting to change directions, breaking his leg in several places, News-Press reported. U.S. Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Miami tried out his nephew's board over Christmas weekend. He injured his arm and had to visit a local hospital. **More than 70 reports of hoverboard-related injuries have been received by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)**.

If someone else ran into you with their hoverboard or otherwise caused damage to your property, you could have a negligence claim against the rider. If a person was speeding down a crowded sidewalk on a hoverboard, failed to read or follow directions concerning the use of hoverboards, or was riding a hoverboard where they are prohibited, **they could be liable for any injuries they cause due to their recklessness or carelessness**.

If you've been injured on or by a hoverboard, you may want to consult with an experienced personal injury attorney about your case.



Community Events...

-Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Florida Museum of Natural History hosts "Can You Dig It?"

Discover the earth at your feet during this free, fun-for-all-ages geology event! Enjoy hands-on activities and watch demonstrations of volcanic eruptions. Presented in part by the UF department of geological sciences. For more information, visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu/canyoudigit or call 352-273-2064

-Saturday, March 19, at 9a.m.- 2p.m.
Visit the Dairy Farm at UF Dairy Research Unit, 13515 NW CR-237, Hague, FL

The Family Day at the Dairy Farm is educational and fun for children and adults alike. Visitors can watch cows being milked, tour barn facilities, pet calves, make butter and learn how UF/IFAS dairy research helps the state's dairy farmers. This free event will take place rain or shine! Please wear closed-toe shoes. For more info contact Albert DeVries. call: 3523925594 ext:227

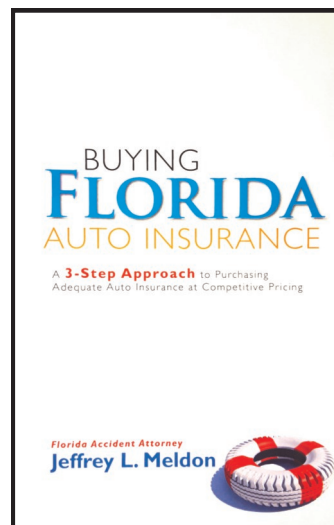
- March 27th at 10:45a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Downtown Walking Food Tour in Downtown Gainesville.
Come on a historic walk food tour that is a 1.5 mile walk around downtown and try 5 or more restaurants all in one fun event! It's \$49.00
For more info visit:
www.gainesvillefoodtour.com

Meet The Newest Member of the Meldon Law Family



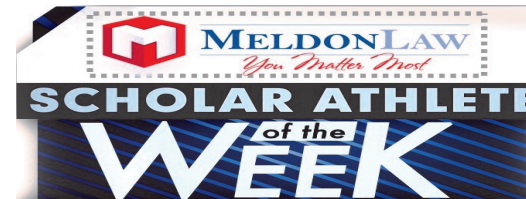
"Grandpa Jeffrey" got to spend some special time with Grandson Noah Shalom over Valentine's Day weekend. Noah is exceptional in every way! I especially love his smile. And how about his first "Gator Hat"?"

Fan of the Month-Hiriam Vargas



Hiriam Vargas works with insurance at a popular insurance company. He owes some of his success to the book "Buying Florida Auto Insurance" by Jeffrey Meldon. Why? Because before Vargas was able to sell insurance he had to pass the insurance exam.

Unfortunately, he failed the first time. It was at this time he decided to read Jeffrey Meldon's *Buying Florida Auto Insurance* book. So the next time he took the exam he passed. Vargas believes it was because of the book. He now recommends the book to any friends or co-workers who plan to take the exam. And he says after they read the book, they always pass as well!



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**.

Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

February 18th, 2016: Lauren Stalvey from **Chiefland's H.S.** for softball. She has helped to lead her team to victory at the state championships twice and she has a 3.75 GPA.

February 5th, 2016: Caitlyn Townsend from **PK Yonge's H.S.** for basketball. Her energy, offensive playing and being a hard worker is what makes her great on the court. She has a 3.4 GPA and is planning to attend college for sports med and physical therapy.

January 27th, 2016: Aaron Thomas from **Dixon County H.S.** for basketball. Thomas averages 20 points per game and scored a total of 1300 points throughout his basketball career. He has a 3.1 GPA.

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