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Law Talk LIVE airs on Saturdays!

Tune in and listen LIVE every Saturday morning to Law Talk LIVE at 10:30 A.M. with your hosts Jeffrey Meldon, Carey Meldon, and special guests on WSKY 97.3 FM News Talk Radio.

Entering its 16th consecutive year on air, Law Talk LIVE serves as the longest running Legal and Public Affairs radio program in the Southeast United States. The Meldon Law team brings you the latest discussions on legal topics and issues that you care about.



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What Matters Most



Quotes of the Month

"Celebrate what you want to see more of."

-Tom Peters

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

-Oprah Winfrey

"Write on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jokes of the Month

What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve? He got 12 months!

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

What is a digital Camera's New Year's Resolution? 1080P.

Every New Year we like to take stock of the past year and think about some goals for the upcoming year. We don't want to drag ourselves through some meaningless guilt trip and wind up feeling depressed. However, we don't want to forgive all past behavior that we want to improve on. So what is the solution? How about just give yourself a pat on the back for all of the good things you did in 2018 and set up some meaningful attainable goals for 2019.

2018 was a great year of growth for us at Meldon Law due to the strong support we received from our clients and friends by letting us help them put their lives back together. After more than 45 years of practicing law, I still find the same excitement about getting into the office and creating strategies to get the best possible results for our clients and their families. Meeting and talking with our clients gives all of us a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. We are helping real people solve difficult problems. What a wonderful way to spend your day.



Meldon Law Holiday Office Party 2018

Of course, I try to take off as much time as possible to travel around the world and "smell the roses" so life doesn't pass me by. As my dear friend Henry Flescher, who passed away last year at age 94, always said, "If you want to do something, do it now." I try to keep those words in mind as I continually plan journeys to places and events that will stoke the passion for life that makes me appreciate every day as it unfolds.

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Thank You For Your Referral:

Nichole Pedrick and Phil Hajal are two of our favorite clients. They 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 their choice.

-The Meldon Law Team



In The Community...EJCBA Annual Margaret Stack Holiday Project

Location: 3600 NE 15th St, Gainesville, FL 32609 Website: www.headstartprogram.us/city/fl-alachua.com

EJCBA's Stack Holiday Project was generated to benefit the Alachua County Head Start Pre-K Program by gathering educational toys for 3 to 4 year old kids at Rawlings Elementary School located in Alachua County. Together, the Meldon Law family was able to donate over 50 toys to this amazing organization. For more information on this wonderful program, check out their website at www.headstartprogram.us/city/fl-alachua.com.



Community Events

Hoggetowne Medieval Fair

January 26-27, 2019
@ Alachua County Fairgrounds, 3100 NE 39th Ave, Gainesville, FL

For two consecutive weekends the Alachua County Fairgrounds will transform into a medieval marketplace during the 33rd Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. The blasts of trumpets mingles with the laughter of children as the kingdom of Hoggetowne opens its gates.



Vegetable Gardening for Beginners

Monday, January 14, 2019, 6:30PM
@ UF/IFAS Extension, McCarty Hall, UF Campus

Learn about an innovative way to grow vegetables. You will be amazed to discover how you can grow your own produce within limited space. Demonstration garden located on site.



Recipe of the Month: Buffalo Chicken Mac and Cheese

Ingredients:

- 1 (16 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 1 rotisserie-roasted chicken
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups milk
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack Cheese
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 1/2 cup crumbled gorgonzola cheese
- 3 cups milk



Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook macaroni in the boiling water, stirring occasionally until tender yet firm to the bite, 8 minutes. Drain.
2. Cut wings and legs off rotisserie chicken. Skin and bone wings and legs; chop or shred dark meat into bite-size pieces.
3. Melt butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Whisk in flour gradually until a thick paste forms. Cook until golden, about 1 minute. Pour in milk, whisking constantly, until thickened and bubbling, about 5 minutes. Continue to cook until sauce is smooth, about 1 minute more. Reduce heat and season sauce with black pepper.
4. Stir Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese into the sauce until melted and combined. Stir in hot sauce, adjusting to reach desired level of spiciness. Add gorgonzola cheese, chicken, and macaroni; mix well to combine.

This month's topic of interest: January 2019

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest. Here's a topic worth discussing.

Do I Need a Lawyer in a No Fault Insurance State?

In the state of Florida, there's a "no fault" accident law. Essentially, this law means that in the case of an accident, each driver is responsible for contacting their own insurance company to help pay for the cost of lost wages, medical expenses, and other costs associated with the accident. Here are several reasons why you might want to contact a lawyer after your accident.

Reason #1: Your Accident Costs Exceed Your Insurance: Florida state law requires every driver to carry Personal Injury Protection insurance when driving. Each driver must carry a minimum of \$10,000 insurance. If your accident costs exceed your insurance, you have the legal right to compensation. If this is the case, working with a lawyer is the most effective way to ensure that your lost wages and your medical bills are reimbursed.

Reason #2: You Were Permanently Injured in the Accident: In the case of a permanent injury as a result of an accident, you may be able to receive legal compensation. It's important in these cases to be sure that you work with a lawyer.

Reason #3: There Was a Death During the Accident: If a loved one was killed in an accident, it's important to work with a lawyer to ensure that the family receives the proper compensation. Your lawyer will be able to work with you to determine whether or not you have a wrongful death lawsuit, whether you have the right to file for damages, and how you should handle your case moving forward.

Reason #4: You Were Partially at Fault: If you were partially at fault for an accident in which you also suffered injuries, it's important that you contact a lawyer as soon as possible to ensure that you are properly represented. Note that in many cases more than one driver may be partially at fault, so it's important that you collect the proper documentation and evidence and work closely with your lawyer throughout the case.

If you've been injured in a car accident, it's essential that you receive good legal representation. Contact us today at (352) 373-8000, or online at MeldonLaw.com, to schedule your free consultation or to learn more about how we can help you throughout the process of getting the compensation you deserve for your case.

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My message to all of our friends who read this newsletter is to think about how you can make 2019 a little better for yourself and everyone else around you in your life. Spend a few minutes every morning focusing on what you can do to make this a blessed day, and how to not let everyday's challenges bring you down. Tomorrow is never promised, and all we have is today. So let's not squander what is wonderful in our lives and think about how we can help make the world a little better place for our loved ones and everyone else we share our lives with.



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 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 TV-20 to promote the event widely on TV-20.

Mackenzie Pearson is a senior captain on Santa Fe High School's Volleyball Team. She is not only a leader on the court, but in the classroom as well maintaining a GPA above 3.0. Mackenzie would like to play volleyball and continue her academic career at the next level.

Jaqueline Mueller is the team captain for P.K. Yonge High School's Volleyball Team. She has stayed dedicated to her sport having played volleyball since Middle School, all while achieving an outstanding 3.97 GPA. Jaqueline would like to pursue a degree in Biology with a minor in Engineering so that she can one day help fix global pollution.

Israel Wilcox is a two-sport star for P.K. Yonge High School. He has managed to maintain an impressive 3.5 GPA while playing both football and baseball. Israel has proven to be a leader on both the field and in the classroom and has positively influenced many younger athletes.

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. Call in or email nominations to Elgin Rucker at (352) 416-0646 or email him at erucker@wcjb.com.