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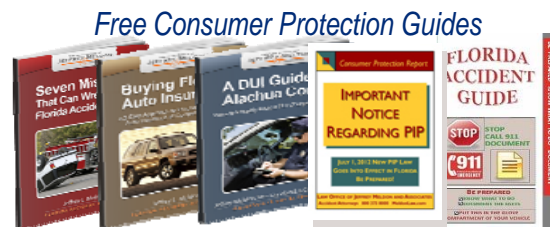
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We have a **NEW** Accident Kit that is available for **FREE!** Just visit MeldonLaw.com, complete the form at the bottom of the home page and click **SUBMIT!**

Then your **FREE** Accident Kit will be mailed directly to the address you provided within two weeks!

This is a great way to stay prepared for the event of an accident, while also having the latest Meldon Law Swag!



This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

- Who invented the cotton gin in 1793, allowing for much greater cotton production?
- What sport does Cristiano Ronaldo play?
- Which painter started the impressionist movement?
- The Yangtze River is entirely located in which country?
- On what continent would you not find bees?
- Gumbo is a stew that originated in which state?
- What is the first element of the periodic table?
- The teddy bear was named after what famous American politician?
- In what year was the Nintendo 64 officially released?
- What country is home to the world's oldest operating amusement park?



Answers: 1. Eli Whitney 2. Soccer 3. Claude Monet 4. The People's Republic of China 5. Antarctica 6. Louisiana 7. Hydrogen 8. Teddy Roosevelt 9. 1996 10. Denmark, Dyrehavsbakken amusement park opened in 1583

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Happy New Year

You Said WHAT In Court?

- “Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, in most cases he just passes quietly away and doesn't know anything about it until the next morning?”
- Were you alone or by yourself?
- Attorney: “Can you describe the individual?” Witness: “He was about medium height and had a beard.” Attorney: “Was this a male or a female?”
- How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?
- Judge: “All your responses must be oral, okay? What school did you go to?” Witness: “Oral.”
- Attorney: “Doctor, how many of your autopsies are performed on dead people?” Doctor: “All my autopsies are performed on dead people.”
- Were you present when your picture was taken?

Reflections on 2016

Now that 2016 is in the books it's always interesting to look back and see what we experienced and what we have on our plate for 2017. I have been blessed to have had the most exciting year in a long time. My annual *Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise* trip to the Caribbean in January, *New Orleans Jazz Fest* in April, lots of visits to see my grandson Noah (and, of course, his mom who is my daughter Jessica) and son-in-law Alan in Miami. A few trips to Washington, DC for conferences and visits through the greatest collection of museums in the world. Meldon Law had our Twentieth Annual Scholar Athlete Banquet at the Gainesville Hilton with winners from schools all over North Central Florida and for all different sports. Some great beach trips and car shows in Daytona Beach. And then a trip of a lifetime driving 2,000 miles through Germany (I hit 115 mph on the Autobahn, but the Porsches flew by me at 150 mph), France (loved the champagne at Moet and Chandon), Italy (saw Santana with his original band in Milan), and finally Switzerland (Lake Lucerne in July was amazing).



And then a trip in August to visit my former law partner Peter Laird in Malibu, California and a drive up the Pacific Coast Highway to San Francisco, Napa (wine tour is hard to recall) and finally the most fabulous car shows in the world in Monterrey, California (German and Italian car shows) and finally the ultimate car show *Concours d'Elegance* in Pebble Beach. I got to meet Jay Leno (an avid car collector) and saw Jackie Stewart with his famous Ford GT 40 series car that he raced in Daytona in 1966 (50th anniversary). And then Gator Football season finally arrived (started stronger than it finished). And in October the Cleveland Indians got to the World Series in one of the greatest series ever against the Chicago Cubs.



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Thank You For Your Referral: Earlene Collins

Earlene Collins of Ocala, FL, is one of our favorite clients. 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 the *Pressing Place Church* on Earlene's behalf.

- The Meldon Law Team

In The Community... Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses

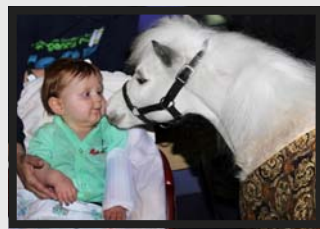
Phone: (352)-226-900 Website: www.Horse-Therapy.org

Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses, an all volunteer 501(c)(3) Gainesville charity, works with over 25,000 adults and children each year inside hospitals, hospice programs and with families who have experienced traumatic events.

From helping survivors and first responders of the mass shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School/Newtown, CT, the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC and the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, FL to the tornado survivors of Moore, OK, child trafficking victims in Washington, D.C., children in Syrian refugee camps in Greece and in children's and veterans' hospitals across the country, these tiny therapy horses bring their special love where it is needed most. The horses of Gentle Carousel's Reading is Magic Literacy Program also work inside schools, libraries and at events for young and at-risk readers.

Founded by UF graduate Jorge Garcia-Bengochea almost 20 years ago, the therapy horses of Gentle Carousel work with medical professionals in oncology units, the ICU, with veterans and with occupational, speech and physical therapists as part of the treatment teams with patients who have suffered strokes, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations and burns.

For more information be sure to check out their website, www.Horse-Therapy.org.



Community Events

-January 2017

Winter Wonderland of Waterfalls

Where: Florida Museum of Natural History

Come view spectacular colored lights in the waterfalls of the "Butterfly Rainforest" at the Florida Museum of Natural History from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28. Daily butterfly releases are held at 2 p.m. with additional weekend releases at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., weather permitting. UF students with a valid Gator 1 card receive free admission year-round.



I was born and raised in Cleveland and have been an Indians fan my whole life. I went up to Cleveland for a Game 1 party and then to Progressive Field for Game 2. Wow!! What an incredible series. When Cleveland went up three games to one I was already starting the celebration. But we lost in one of the most exciting Game 7's ever. Wait till next year! And I finished up 2016 with a trip to Havana, Cuba (love those Cuban Cigars) and then a Meldon Family Reunion in Breckenridge, Colorado.

So I bet some of you are wondering "When does Jeffrey work?" Well, 2016 was also my 45th anniversary of being a lawyer in Gainesville and North Central Florida. I love to work helping our clients put their lives back together after a serious accident. I look forward to going to work as much now as when I was a young lawyer in 1971. I love meeting and talking with our clients who are the nicest people in the world. It also helps that we now have cell phones, email, texting, and inexpensive long distance calling so even when I'm out of the office I can stay on top of things. We have an enormously talented group of professionals working at Meldon Law who make my life so much easier. We are a family that truly cares about helping people through challenging times. And I think that is what gives me the most energy. Being able to help people all day long and earning enough money to do all the things that makes my life interesting is truly a blessing. And without all of you who are reading this message none of it could happen. So in closing I would like to wish you a Happy New Year 2017 and a prayer that you and your family will be happy, healthy and prosperous in the New Year.



Jeffrey Meldon

-Saturday, January 7, 2017 9:00am-5:00pm

Devil's Dash 5K Eco-Friendly Adventure Race

Where: Cedar Lakes Woods & Gardens

4990 NE 180th Ave, Williston, FL 32696

Min. Price: \$35.00, Max. Price: \$85

Are you ready to get dirty, run for your life, and experience scenic views unlike anything you've ever seen in Florida? Register today for Devil's Dash, a Cedar Lakes Woods & Gardens' Adventure Event. Featuring over 50 separate garden displays, several waterfalls and koi ponds, and 20 acres of breathtaking trails, Cedar Lakes Woods & Gardens is a unique non-profit botanical garden located next to Devil's Den in Williston, Florida. Devil's Dash is a 5K eco-friendly adventure occurring on January 7th, 2017 throughout 50 acres of nature trails adjacent to amazing botanical creations. Trudge through natural obstacles and climb over upcycled challenges!



Memorable Moments of 2016



Left to right: Carey Meldon, Danielle Klum, and Jeffrey at the SEC Championship in Atlanta; Jeffrey Meldon and Grandson Noah; and Jeffrey and Cousin Mo Rose at Game 2 of the World Series in Cleveland.



Left to right: Carey Meldon, Attorney Buddy Hooten, and Jeffrey at the SEC Championship in Atlanta; Jeffrey riding in a classic car in Cuba; and Jeffrey at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.



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!

November 16th, 2016: Luke Whittemore is a wide receiver/free safety for Buchholz High School's football team. He is currently playing with one of his brothers, as well as being coached by his father, Mark Whittemore. Luke maintains an impressive 4.3GPA, and plans to continue his football and academic career at Troy University.

December 7th, 2016: Luke Dennis is a midfielder for Keystone Heights High School's soccer team. He has been playing on varsity since the eighth grade while maintaining a 3.2 GPA. He would like to continue his education and soccer career at the next level. Luke is not sure where yet, but he has said that he is keeping his options open.

December 14th, 2016: Jalaysha Thomas is a power forward for West Port High School's Varsity Girls Basketball Team. She is ranked 20th in the nation according to ESPN for her position and she will continue her career at the University of Florida next fall. She has maintained a 3.5 GPA and continues to work hard in the classroom and on the court.

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.