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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—October of 2016

World Animal Day, October 4. An international day of action for animal rights and welfare, celebrated annually on the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

World Teachers' Day, October 5. Don't forget to thank the teachers.

National Chess Day, October 8. Play a game that sharpens your mind, challenges your intellect, and brings you closer together with other people.

Columbus Day, October 10. Observed on the second Monday

of October to commemorate Christopher Columbus's arrival on the North American continent on October 12, 1492.

Ada Lovelace Day, October 18. Considered one of the world's first female computer programmers. Ada Lovelace helped develop an early predecessor of the modern computer in the 19th century.

National Nut Day, October 22. Today is a day to celebrate a healthy and nutritious snack. There are many to choose from, enjoy them!

Halloween, October 31. Trick of Treat!

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What's Up at SKLF?

What clients don't see behind the scenes at Stevenson Klotz is the effort that Eric, myself, and the office team devote to give a 5 star experience.

Eric and I are committed to bringing the best client experience that we can to everyone who trusts us with his or her case. We constantly work on improving our systems and responsiveness and would like to tell you some of what we do to deliver.

Eric and I have a standing meeting every week in the early morning to figure out how we can build a better firm and deliver the quality of care to our clients to let you know that we care. Sometimes we meet more than once a week. Our office staff and the lawyers meet, again weekly, to discuss how we can make our process and client care better.

Our lawyers and staff regularly attend think-tanks and workshops for improvement of our services and our care to you, our clients.

We read countless blogs and newsletters on firm development and management that discuss better delivery of service. We even have an employee incentive program through which an SKLF employee reads a business related self-improvement book, gives a report at the next weekly meeting, and receive an immediate bonus.

We take seriously, and work on and brainstorm over client care on a regular basis. We know that clients have come to us during one of the most stressful times in their life. We are very sensitive to the fact that there is stress and worry associated with the legal process.

As I write this, Eric, myself, and two of our paralegals are on our way to a conference devoted to improving our customer care.

We want to hear from you if you like what we are doing, or if you have suggestions on how we can improve. Thank you for trusting us with your case.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Char-Grilled Oysters



October is here which means that oysters are in season. This is a great recipe to cook on the grill. I like to cook these on my Big Green Egg during football games. Anyone who has been to New Orleans and has had oysters knows the goodness of fresh, hot, char-grilled oysters.

They do not take long to prepare. Be sure to cook them until the butter and cheese mixture is golden brown and crispy. Be careful, flames may shoot up off of the fire or charcoal, so be sure to use tongs. Don't be afraid to let the oysters get a little charred, that is, after all where this recipe gets its name.

Ingredients:

- 1 stick butter (room temperature)
- 2 cloves garlic (grated)
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 cup Pecorino Romano or Parmesan cheese (grated)
- Salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper to taste
- 3 tbsp parsley (chopped)
- 12 oysters on the half shell

Mix the butter, garlic, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, 1/4 cup of cheese, salt, pepper, cayenne and 1 tbsp of parsley and set aside.

Place the oysters on a preheated 350°F grill, let it cook until the juices start to bubble. Spoon in 1 tbsp of the butter mixture onto each oyster, sprinkle on some cheese and cook until the cheese is golden brown.

Sprinkle on some parsley and serve immediately with extra butter mixture, lemon wedges, hot sauce and bread.

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Santa's Bookshelf

What's better than curling up with a good book during the holidays and enjoying some reading time?

How about hiding all of your child's electronics for the afternoon, making them some hot chocolate and rafting up on your couch with a good story to read to them. It is a proven fact that parents who spend time reading to their children improve their children's performance in school and enhance their mental development. People who don't presently read to their children are often short on time, or maybe don't know how important it is, or lack reading material.

The SKLF Santa's Bookshelf philanthropy seeks to educate parents of the benefits of the simple and pleasurable act of reading to their child and provide the resource of quality books to make it easier for that to happen. While parents are madly trying to run down the seasons hottest toy, we hope to provide an easy means for economically challenged parents to get a book who may not know the benefits of the simple act of reading to their child. Reading is a super important activity for adults to engage with children.

SKLF will be collecting books for our Christmas charity, Santa's Bookshelf. Our book drive kicks off in October. We will be collecting books just up to Christmas for distribution to families in need. If you would like to continue a new or slightly used children's book, we'd love to have your donation at our office. Last year, half of the donations went to local needs and half went to a new library in South, Africa. The picture below is of last year's generous contributions at work. Spread the word and read a book yourself to a child.



Halloween is **TRICK OR TREAT!**
October 31st

Stay Focused to Prevent Injuries

Many workplace accidents are the result of inattention, resulting in slips and falls that can cause serious injuries. Remember these tips to stay focused while doing your tasks:

- Think before acting. If you think about what you're doing, you'll pay more attention to how you do it. Concentrating on a task such as lifting a box helps you to use the correct form in order to avoid strain or injury.
- Use your hands correctly. Specifically, focus on your ring and pinky fingers when you reach for something or carry heavy objects. Most people use their thumb and index finger, but the ring and pinky fingers are actually stronger and more powerful.



Practice Area: Distracted Driving

Crashes because of distracted driving made up more than 12% of all crashes in Florida in 2015. In the 45,000 distracted driving crashes, there were 200 deaths just in Florida. At any given time in the United States, more than 600,000 people are on their cell phones or texting while driving. Compare this to deaths and injuries from drunk driving.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) reports that, Nationwide, 10,265 people died in 2015 in drinking related crashes. Doing the math, driving while distracted by a phone is almost as likely to cause a traffic death as drinking and driving.

Please, never text and drive. If you or a loved one have been injured because of someone who is driving while distracted, we can talk to you about your legal options. Please drive safely!

Check Medical Bills With Care

Dealing with health insurance claims can be frustrating and time-consuming. Multiple bills from different departments for what seems like one medical procedure can baffle even the most organized consumer. The key is to keep track of insurance claims and keep detailed records.

Follow this advice:

- **Review Records.**
Verify that the medical provider has the correct billing information. Also, check the identification or group number of your insurance plan on claim forms.
- **Follow up to be sure the claim is being processed.**
Contact the provider or insurer after receiving a bill to confirm receipt. Write down the names of everyone you speak to, noting the date of the call and any available confirmation numbers.
- **Verify all the expenses.**
Check to see if you are being billed twice. Similarly, verify that the contracted rate between the insurer and the provider is actually what you are being billed for.



Eric's Corner

Autumn is in full swing, so we spent a lot of time at the ball field. Cole is playing football again and his team is 5-0 as I write this. I am helping coach the Wildcats and it is a lot of fun watching these kids grow into great football players. Lucy Adams is playing soccer in the U-12 league even though she is only nine. She is really excited to play with the older girls and has no trouble being in the mix despite how much taller the other players are. Needless to say, most of our time is spent at the ballpark, but we are also getting ready for hunting season.

Chris and I went to a personal injury management conference in Salt Lake City with our paralegals Cheryl and Lauren. We learned about new procedures and processes that will help streamline our practice and will help us better serve our clients. We are very excited about these new developments.

Love's First Kiss

At the end of their first date, Brandon took Lisa home. On the front porch, he leaned against the door and said, "How about a kiss?"

Embarrassed, Lisa replied, "Are you kidding? My parents will see us!"

"They're probably in bed. How about it?"

"I don't know. What if we get caught?"

"No one's going to catch us. Just one quick kiss?"

"No, it's too risky."

"It won't take more than a moment."

"Look, Brandon, I like you, but I just can't—"

Suddenly the door opened and Lisa's little sister looked out on the porch in her pajamas. "Dad says you can go ahead and give him a kiss. But first tell him to stop leaning on the doorbell."



The Birth of the Jack-o'-Lantern!

Have you ever wondered how the practice of turning a pumpkin into a scary jack-o'-lantern started?

Here is the story:

Jack-o'-lantern sounds Irish because it is. The flickering, carved pumpkin faces that animate the American Halloween derive from an old Irish custom of creating rustic lanterns from vegetables. The Irish child's typical Halloween flashlight was a hollowed-out turnip or potato with a candle inside. When the Irish landed in America in the nineteenth century, they were quick to spot the possibilities in the pumpkin, and a new tradition was born.