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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—September of 2016

National Wildlife Day, September 4. Bringing awareness to endangered animals and recognizing zoos and animal sanctuaries for everything they do to help preserve this planet's animals.

Labor Day, September 5. Thank the working men and women of America and around the world for their contribution to labor fairness and safety.

National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day, September 7. Attention Deficit Disorder affects an estimated 3 to 7 percent

of school-age children and an estimated 4 percent of adults across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines.

International Rabbit Day, September 24. A day to promote the protection and care of rabbits both domestic and wild.

International Translation Day, September 30. Held on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators.

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What's Up at SKLF?

We are settled into our temporary space at 212 West Intendencia Street, Suite A. The space is nice, and we enjoy sharing space with our friends at the Liberis Law Firm. It is a bit quiet being off all the hustle and bustle on Palafox, but we are still close to the Court House. I enjoy walking to court when the weather is nice.

We are still working on the details of our new space. We hope to be there by the beginning of the year. In the meantime, feel free to stop by and take a look at our current space. We will be happy to show you around and share a cup of coffee.

Last month, we still had our Youth Music Project during Gallery Night. We held it on a stage we set up in front of Seville Tower near the corner of Government Street and Palafox Place. We had my son Cole's Boy Scout Troop near us selling popcorn. It was a great time.

Work wise, we spent much of the month working on new client intake for Volkswagen cases. We are glad to be able to help people deal with the realization that as a result of fraud, their car is worth much less than they thought.

September will be a busy month for us. Some of our great staff members and I will be going to Salt Lake City for a law practice and management seminar. We hope to bring back great ideas to implement to better help our clients!



"The Juice is OK" played on the Youth Music Project Stage on Gallery Night. As a result of their awesome performance, they have been booked for two gigs. It has been so rewarding to follow the growth of these young men's musical skills. Great job guys!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hearty Turkey & Vegetable Soup



As we slide into Fall, this is an easy and tasty soup recipe:

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground turkey breast
- 1 large white onion
- 1 package of Hidden Valley original ranch salad dressing & seasoning mix (1.25 oz)
- 1 package of taco seasoning (1.25 oz)
- 1 can of pinto beans (15 oz)
- 1 can of hot chili beans (15 oz)
- 1 can of whole kernel corn (15 oz)
- 1 can of stewed Mexican-styled tomatoes (15 oz)
- 1 can of stewed tomatoes (any style) (15 oz)

Chop the whole white onion and add to pot with ground turkey breast. Brown the meat with onions. Drain excess liquid after the meat is brown.

Mix both the Hidden Valley ranch salad dressing & seasoning mix and taco seasoning into the meat and onions. Do not drain excess liquid after this point.

Add remaining ingredients and let simmer for one (1) hour.

Our areas of practice include:

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- Dangerous or Defective Drugs
- Nursing Home Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Car & Truck Wrecks
- Defective Medical Devices

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The Importance of Your Vote

In a little more than two months we will have a Presidential election. In addition to the Presidential election, there are many other candidates in elections that don't get as much publicity as the Presidential campaign. One of the unique honors that we have as Americans is the ability to vote in a democratic process. Our political election process is a right equally sacred to the jury voting process that is undertaken by people who serve on our juries in our court system.

As attorneys and students of our Country's laws and legal processes, Eric and I are profoundly aware of the sacrifices that men and women have made, on so many fronts, to insure our right to vote is secure and protected. We would like to encourage all of you to participate in the election process.

This article is not designed to encourage you to vote for any particular candidate. The choice of a candidate is a personal decision for you. But, we do want to let you know that your single vote is very important to the overall system! We urge you to always participate in the election process, speak up through your vote, and participate in open and respectful conversation about your opinions, whatever they may be.

The Three Kick Rule

A lawyer went duck hunting in rural Tennessee. He shot a bird that fell into a farmer's field. As he went to retrieve the duck, the farmer walked up.

"That duck is on my land," the farmer said. "So it belongs to me."

"But I shot it," the lawyer said. "If you don't let me have it, I'll sue you for your farm and everything you have."

The farmer smiled. "Tell you what: How about we settle this with the three kick rule?"

"What's that?" the lawyer asked.

"One of us kicks the other three times. Then the other guy gets to kick the first guy three times. We keep doing it until one of us gives in."

The farmer looked very old, and the lawyer worked out regularly. "All right," he said confidently. "We'll do it your way."

"Since we're on my land," the farmer said, "I kick first."

The lawyer agreed, positive that the elderly farmer couldn't hurt him.

He was wrong. The farmer's first kick sent him into the dirt. His second hurled him against a tree. The third had him flying into a haystack.

Dizzy, the lawyer pulled himself up and took a deep breath. "OK, now it's my turn."

"Nah," the farmer smiled. "You can have the duck."

Chris' Corner

August has been a uniquely busy month for us. We have reached out to approximately 25,000 Florida owners of Volkswagen diesel cars and have had a very positive response from people who were still undecided about how to proceed with their potential VW cases. Our goal is to reach a significantly better resolution of VW cases than is being offered in the class action settlement. We are working with an excellent team of attorneys and professionals across the Country and we have a game plan to do our best to achieve our goal. This month you may have noticed that one of our firm philanthropies, the Youth Music Project, was set up in a new site on Palafox during Pensacola's Galley Night. The Youth Music Project is a charity that provides an opportunity for school-age local musicians to showcase their budding skills in a public venue. This month we hosted two outstanding groups, "K3" and "The Juice Is OK" live from the corner of Palafox and East Government. This location was outstanding for our young musicians because of the very nice acoustics and large viewing area. We look forward to September's show and the new adventure for the continued Gallery Night which is moving forward with its new sponsors. Have a great month everyone and thank you for trusting us with your case!

Hurricane Claims

Now that it is September, hurricane season is upon us. Hopefully, we have a light season with either minimal or no storms. However, whether we have one this year or another, living in a Hurricane Alley, it is inevitable that we will soon be facing a tropical storm or hurricane in the not so distant future. This time of year, it is imperative that anyone who owns a home check their homeowners and windstorm policies to make sure that they have enough coverage. In Florida, if a tropical storm is in the Gulf of Mexico, it is too late to get a policy as insurance companies do not write policies when there is a storm in the Gulf. The time to check your policy is before the storm comes.

When looking at your policy, make sure you have adequate coverage to replace your home in the event of a total loss. You may want to speak with a contractor who can advise you as to what the cost to rebuild your home would be. Additionally, look at assisted living expenses coverage to see whether you have enough available to allow you to pay your living expenses including possibly rent and storage. Another important coverage to review is for personal property replacement. Check to see whether your policy covers replacement or actual cash value for your personal possessions. Also, if you have any unique or exceptionally valuable possessions, be sure to tell your agent so that they can secure special coverage or riders for these items.

Dealing with insurance companies after a storm can be difficult. If there is a storm headed your way, document the condition of your home and possessions by walking through the house taking video or pictures. This documentation will be valuable if the insurance company claims your home was in bad condition before the storm. It also will support your personal possession claims. After the storm, contact your insurance company immediately to make a claim. You may want to contact a contractor for a repair estimate to compare to the insurance company's offer as well. Insurance companies are in the business of saving money, so they are unlikely to pay you full value unless you have good documentation.

Emergency! Here's What Surgery You Could Face in the Hospital

No one wants to be rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery, but if you are, chances are it's for one of these seven procedures that account for 80 percent of all emergency surgeries performed in the United States:

- Removal of part of the large intestine
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- Removal of gallbladder
- Stomach ulcer surgery
- Removal of scar tissue from the abdomen
- Removal of appendix
- Abdominal exploration

A study in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) noted that emergencies accounted for 11 percent of all surgeries performed and 50 percent of surgical deaths over a four-year period.

Starting College: Help Your Young Student Prepare

Going off to college is a new beginning for students. It means more independence and greater exposure to the real world. Parents can help their children prepare by sharing this advice:

- **Make new friends.** Chances are your child is going to a college where he or she doesn't know many people. Letting the bonds from high school fade is difficult, but remind them that college is a new experience with new friends who can only make the experience better.
- **Don't slack off.** Though colleges may make new students feel a good deal freer, they still have to go to class, study, and keep up their grades. This may seem fairly obvious, but the looser atmosphere of college, combined with the lack of parental supervision, can easily send a student's work ethic and motivation into a downward spiral.
- **Be open to new things.** Most colleges offer students the opportunity to explore new things. The diversity of peoples, ideas, and cultures allows students to learn and discover new knowledge inside and outside the classroom. Don't let your student's major or concentration restrict them in terms of course selection. Let them choose classes that interest them.

