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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—December of 2016

World Aids Day, December 1. Held annually on December 1 as an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate people who have passed.

Bartender Appreciation Day, December 3. If you head out to the bar today, be nice to your bartender. Say "please" and "thank you." Always remember to tip.

National Day of the Horse, December 13. Be mindful of the

contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character of the country.

First Night of Hanukkah, December 24. The lighting of the first candle on the Menorah takes place tonight.

Christmas Day, December 25. Some go to church, some stay home to open presents, and many enjoy a turkey dinner.

New Years Eve, December 31. The last day of the year. Be with someone special and celebrate the turn into the new year!

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What's Up At SKLF?

In both October and November our lawyers and staff have been meeting with all of our clients in the Escambia Jail Explosion to update everyone personally on the status and grinding of claims. This case has had a flurry of activity and is slowly inching closer to a final resolution. It is always nice to get to spend some face to face time with individual clients in a case like this where there is not a whole lot of activity and client visits are not always in person. To all of those clients that have taken the time to come see us, thank you and we will keep you posted on any new developments as this very complicated and large case unfolds.

Eric and I have continued to attend our mastermind group where we are learning cutting edge skills to deliver better customer service and manage our firm in such a way as to deliver the best possible customer service. Even though this takes time away from the office for Eric and me, we are committed to learning how to be the best firm for each of you, our clients, and deliver the best possible client experience and office management.

As one famous businesses guru has said, "guaranteed results only come from hard work, done right." Nobody being honest can guarantee you an outcome in the justice system, but we firmly believe with hard work and good planning, we will be able to deliver your best chance for success in a sometimes unpredictable system.

Said another way, we are committed to working hard and fighting "smart" for each and every one of our client family.

December traditionally is a tad slower than the rest of the year leading into a January that is usually very busy. We have several large trials scheduled for the beginning of 2017 and the preparation is beginning to come to a head this month.

Thanks you for trusting us to be your lawyers. We wish you the best holiday season ever!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Scottish Shortbread



The Stevensons got this recipe from our good friend Gail Tully who is from Manchester, England. It's a favorite of ours around the Holidays and goes great with a cup of hot tea or coffee and a good book. Be sure to dip half of the shortbread in melted chocolate for extra goodness!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 4 1/2 cups all purpose flour

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F (165°C)
2. Cream butter and brown sugar. Add 3 to 3 3/4 cups of flour. Mix well.
3. Sprinkle board with remaining flour. Knead for 5 minutes adding enough flour to make a soft dough. Roll into 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into 3 x 1 inch strips. Prick with a fork and place on ungreased baking sheets.
4. Bake at 325°F (165°C) for 20 - 25 minutes.

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To Tip or Not to Tip?

Tipping servers in restaurants may not be going away completely, but more and more owners are experimenting with a no-tipping model for their eateries. A survey by American Express found that approximately 18 percent of restaurant owners have already adopted a no-tipping policy, and another 29 percent are planning to do so.

Still, 27 percent of respondents said they have no plans to eliminate tipping, though 17 percent said they might if competitors did so as well. Ten percent were undecided.



Eric's Corner

The Stevensons hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving this year. We had Thanksgiving dinner at our house this year. Carrie's parents, my dad, and my grandparents came over. It was a wonderful meal of turkey, stuffing, casseroles, and more pies than any family needs!

After most of the family left, Carrie and the kids and I watched football. It's a great year to be a Cowboys fan, and Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliot, Dez Bryant, and the rest did not disappoint on Thanksgiving Day. We then spent the evening enjoying the annual tradition of watching WKRP in Cincinnati's Turkey Drop episode followed by Planes, Trains, and Automobiles.

Cole's football team wound down it's season with a loss in the semifinals to East Pensacola. The NEP Wildcats were 8 and 2 and the Rattlers were the only team to beat them winning both matchups.

Lucy Adams finished soccer season and rolled right into flag football. She is rotating positions playing offense and defense including receiver and quarterback.

Cole and I traveled to South Dakota for some pheasant hunting too. It was a great trip full of hunting, playing cards and pool, and eating way too much great mid-western food.

We hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season full of joy and family time. See you next year!

Holiday Pet Adoptions!

Looking for the purr-fect gift for your loved one or a furry friend to keep you warm this holiday season? On December 10th from 10AM to 2PM, the Friends of the Escambia County Animal Shelter ("FOTECAS") are hosting their Second Annual Happy Home for the Holidays Adoption and Bake Sale! The event will be held at Anderson Subaru in Pensacola. There will be a variety of pets patiently waiting for their fur-ever homes and lots of sweet goodies for sale.

The Friends of the Escambia County Animal Shelter is a completely volunteer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to supplementing the resources of the Escambia County Animal Shelter and providing support and outreach for animals in our community. 100% of money raised by the FOTECAS goes directly towards assisting local animals.

Not looking to adopt? You can still help! Please consider donating any of the items on the organization's holiday wish list: Kong Toys, Kuranda Beds, Dog and Cat Treats, Plastic Cat Toys, Fleece Pads for Cats, Puppy Pads, Esbilac Formula for Puppies, Esbilac Formula for Kittens, Canned Puppy/Dog Food, Canned Kitten/Cat Food, Sweaters, Mendota Leashes, Amazon Gift Cards, Kennel Sponsorships, and Heartworm Sponsorships.

Monetary donations may be sent to ecasfriends@gmail.com via PayPal or to P.O. Box 11553, Pensacola, FL 32524. Donations of goods may be dropped off at 200 West Fairfield Drive, Pensacola, FL 32501. Please indicate they're for FOTECAS!



You Can't Miss These December Holidays!

The celebrations and holidays of December come from many different countries and cultures. Here's a guide to what your friends and neighbors are up to this month:

- **Hanukkah, December 24-January 1.** Hanukkah marks the re-dedication of the Temple of Jerusalem following the Jews' victory in the Maccabean Revolt in 165 B.C. According to the Talmud, the Jews had only enough olive oil to keep the eternal flame in the Temple burning for a single day—but miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days, during which time the Jews were able to produce and consecrate fresh oil for the flame. The eight-day Jewish holiday begins at sundown. Hanukkah is observed by the lighting of a nine-branched candelabrum, called a menorah. One candle is lit each of the eight nights, with a central candle lit each night to light the others.
- **Christmas, December 25.** This Christian holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus, sometime between the years 7 and 2 B.C. The word "Christmas" comes from "Christ's Mass," a phrase first recorded in old English in 1038. Christmas began to be observed with feasts and celebrations in the Middle Ages—the on-line

encyclopedia Wikipedia notes that King Richard II of England hosted a Christmas feast in 1377, with 28 oxen and 300 sheep eaten. The colonial Puritans of New England disapproved of Christmas celebrations, banning them during the 17th century. But other colonists observed the day with Christmas trees and nativity scenes. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the law making Christmas a federal holiday in 1870.

- **Kwanzaa, December 26 to January 1.** A seven-day celebration of African heritage and culture, Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by activist Maulana Karenga to provide African-Americans with a holiday that emphasized their shared history and experience. The name Kwanzaa derives from "matunda yakwanza," a Swahili phrase meaning "first fruits." Houses are decorated with African art and colorful cloth, and seven candles are placed in the kinara, a candle holder. The central candle in the kinara is black, with three red candles on the left and four green candles on the right. The candles represent the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, which are contemplated each day as one is lit: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

Florida Personal Injury Protection and Motorcycles

In Florida, everyone who drives a motor vehicle is required by law to have at least \$10,000.00 in Personal Injury Protection ("PIP") coverage. This law is called the No Fault Insurance law and covers 80% of your personal medical bills for the \$10,000.00 in coverage regardless of whether you or someone else was at fault. This coverage can also cover lost wages and even funeral expenses if necessary. It also may apply to others in the car or family members depending on certain statutory provisions. Although the law is confusing, most Floridians take it for granted that they have it if they have motor vehicle insurance.

However, did you know that motorcycles are not included? That's right. If you have a motorcycle and get the required insurance, you likely do not have PIP coverage. The law does not require PIP for motorcycles and most insurance companies do not automatically offer it. Indeed, if you have an automobile policy, your PIP will likely not cover you if you are injured on a motorcycle. If you want to have PIP coverage and have a motorcycle, be sure to talk with your insurance agent about whether your carrier offers PIP or a similar coverage such as Medpay that will help with your medical bills.

Seeing Santa Claus!

A grandmother took her grandson to the shopping mall in December to see Santa Claus. The young boy was very excited to sit on Santa's lap. "Now, little boy," Santa said, "tell Santa what you want for Christmas."

In a very loud voice, the boy said, "I want a NINTENDO, and a NEW BIKE, and some BOOKS, and—"

"You don't have to shout," Santa chuckled. "Santa isn't hard of hearing."

The boy leaned forward and whispered, "No, but my grandma is."

