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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—April of 2017

National Walking Day, April 5. Lace up your sneakers and take 30 minutes out of your day to get up and walk.

National Pet Day, April 11. Adopt a pet from your local shelter, volunteer at a shelter and offer to care for the animals, or donate blankets, food, and toys to your favorite animal welfare organization.

Easter, April 16. A Christian festival and holiday celebrating

the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion, approximately 30 AD.

Tax Day, April 18. Don't forget to file your return! **Earth Day, April 22.** The mission of Earth Day is to broaden and diversify the environmental movement worldwide and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle to build a healthy, sustainable environment.

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We want you to think of us as your trusted legal advisors. If you, your family, or friends need legal advice, we want you to give us a call to help you. Even if it is a legal issue we do not handle, we will get you to someone who does.

Happy New Year
from your trusted
legal advisors, SKLF!

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What's Up At SKLF?

This month we have our Firm retreat. At SKLF, our firm retreat is a chance for us to solidify, brainstorm, and detail the implementation of the yearly goals that Eric and I set in January. At our retreat the whole SKLF team works intensely for 2 days to draft and implement plans and protocols to help us provide the best quality service to you, our clients. For instance, we have an idea and plan for offering our clients a way to get back on the road, faster, after an automobile accident. This is a plan that we have been designing and working toward implementing for many months after developing the idea though our quarterly mastermind workshops. We hope to have completed towards the middle of this year.

Some of you who have called the office recently will notice that we have a new face and voice at the front desk, Jennifer. Jennifer joins us with a fantastic personality and experience in customer service. We are very happy to have her on board.

We hope you are having a wonderful spring. The Blue Angels flew over the office during their practice the other day. Always a sign that summer is right around the corner.

Take Prompt Action on Eye Injuries

Your eyes can be the most vulnerable parts of your body at work. Accidents like chemical splashes or bumps can happen all too easily, and the first aid that you apply to your eyes can mean the difference between minor eye damage and blindness. Here are recommended first-aid techniques for some common situations:

- Foreign objects. Don't rub your eyes. Instead, lift your upper eyelid outward and gently pull it over your lower lashes. This will cause your eyes to tear, which can wash out the foreign object. However, if an object is embedded in your eye, don't try to remove it—immediately seek medical attention.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Coconut Pie (makes its own crust!)



Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup self-rising flour or Bisquick
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- Fresh nutmeg (optional)

Directions:

1. Mix together all of the above listed ingredients in a bowl (add coconut flakes last).
2. Grease and flour a pie plate.
3. Pour mixture in pie plate.
4. Sprinkle top with nutmeg (if desired).
5. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until brown and firm (won't wobble in center).

- Chemicals. Immediately flush your eyes with cool water for at least 15 minutes. If possible, keep your head under a stream of water from the faucet, or slowly pour water from a cup to your eyes. If you wear contacts, remove them immediately and then flush your eyes. See a doctor right away.
- Cut or penetration. Gently cover your eye with a bandage or gauze and go to a nearby hospital. Don't try to flush it with water, remove the object, or apply medication.

Our areas of practice include:

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

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Community Spotlight: Union Public House

Each month, we like to feature people we work with, our neighbors, or people who are influential in our community. This month, we would like to feature an amazing downtown restaurant here in Pensacola, the Union Public House.

Union Public House is an amazing downtown restaurant. This past holiday season we were fortunate to have Union Public House cater an event and provide a venue for Stevenson Klotz. Blake Rushing and Patrick Bolster, as it is affectionately known, own UPH. The menu can be described as casual with unique twists on traditional dishes.

Chef Blake says: "My promise to my community is to provide patrons with not only the freshest ingredients but also those ingredients that are sustainable and

humanely harvested. By focusing on local gardens, seafood from the Gulf of Mexico and quality meats from Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, I prepare delicious meals for my community while supporting the local economy. Furthermore, I enjoy combining local ingredients with both traditional and exotic ingredients from around the world. Through this unique yet tasteful combination, I am able to provide my patrons with the unmatched experience of a local meal with a worldly taste."

Blake has an amazing background as a chef. And, you might know his partner, Patrick, from his years as a beloved bartender at other locations in Pensacola, before becoming part of UPH. You can learn more about Blake and Patrick and their fantastic eatery at their website: www.unionfl.com. Union Public House is located near the baseball park in downtown Pensacola at 309 South Reus Street.

Easter Eggs Around the World

Eggs were colored, blessed, exchanged, and eaten as part of the rites of spring long before Christian times. Even the earliest civilizations held springtime festivals to welcome the sun's rising from its long winter sleep, viewing the sun's return from darkness as an annual miracle and the egg as a symbol of the renewal of life. As Christianity spread, the egg was adopted as a reminder of resurrection.

Here's how eggs have been celebrated at Easter in different countries:

- **Slavic countries.** Baskets of food including eggs are traditionally taken to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday or before the Easter midnight Mass, then taken home for a part of Easter breakfast.
- **Central European countries.** Polish, Slavic, and Ukrainian people create intricate designs on the eggs. They draw lines with a wax pencil or stylus, dip the egg in color, and repeat the process many times to make true works of art. Every dot and line in the pattern has a meaning. Yugoslavian Easter eggs bear the initials XV for "Christ is Risen," a traditional Easter greeting.
- **Russia.** During the reign of the tsars, the Russian royal family carried the custom of decorative eggs to great lengths, giving exquisitely detailed jeweled eggs made by goldsmith Carl Faberge from the 1880s until 1917.

- **Germany.** Eggs that go into Easter foods are not broken, but emptied out. The empty shells are painted and decorated with bits of lace, cloth or ribbon, then hung with ribbons on an evergreen or small leafless tree.

Not Stupid!

A boy named Johnny hung out at the local grocery store. The manager noticed that the other boys who hung out in front of the store always teased him, calling him stupid and playing tricks on him.

One of their tricks was to offer Johnny his choice between a shiny nickel and a dusty old dime. Johnny always took the nickel because it was bigger and shinier.

One day the store manager took Johnny off to one side. "Look, son, those boys are making fun of you. They think you don't know the dime is worth more than the nickel. Don't you know that?"

"Yeah," Johnny said, "but if I took the dime, they'd quit doing it!"



Practice Area: Class Actions

If there has been more than one person hurt in a case, clients ask us all the time, “will my case be part of a class action”. The answer is likely to be no. Class actions get a lot of press, but are not as common as you would think.

Class actions are a case with multiple persons bringing a claim that arises out of one common injury. If the injuries are not very similar, a judge may not let the class action go forward once that fact comes to light. However, if there is a similar wrong done to a group of people, and that group has similar injuries, it may save those individuals the cost of having to individually bring a lawsuit. In other words, there may be economy in a group.

Like the old saying “no need to reinvent the wheel” for each case that is very similar to the other. Class actions are intended to allow a case to move more quickly so each of the injured persons will have their case navigate the court system in a more organized and streamlined manner. Just because your case is filed in the same lawsuit along with another injured person does not mean you are in a “class”. There may be multiple injured parties in a lawsuit that is not technically a “class action.”

If you ever have a question about whether your case is proceeding in a class action or as a “stand alone” case, just ask and we will be happy to explain.

Play it Safe on the Playground!

With the weather getting warm enough for children to play outdoors again, one favorite destination is the local playground. Keep in mind that more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds every year. That’s one every 2½ minutes. Before you give your child the go-ahead, check for:

- Adult supervision. At least one adult should accompany children to the playground to keep an eye out for potential hazards.
- Age-appropriate equipment. Preschoolers, ages 2 to 5, and children ages 5 to 12 are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.
- Cushioned surfaces. Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. The best surfaces are hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand, and synthetic materials

Eric’s Corner

Springtime is here! We have had a busy March. It started with a personal injury conference through the Florida Justice Association down in Orlando. Cheryl, our paralegal extraordinaire, and I went to refresh our approach to personal injury to better serve our clients. After getting back, the Stevenson family loaded up and drove to Houston, Texas to see Green Day. It was a great concert! The kids really had a good time.

March was full of baseball. Lucy Adams is playing in her second year of the minor-league and Cole is in his second year of majors. She is playing second base and centerfield, and he is playing first. Cole was invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Pensacola Sports Association’s annual banquet. The highlight of the evening for him was meeting Justin Gatlin and taking about merit badges. Cole has finished all of the requirements for Life Scout and should get that rank next month.

Otherwise, March was busy in the office. We did not take any trips for spring break. Carrie and the kids made it out to the beach and we did some fun events like the Escape Room in the evenings. So far, it has turned out to be a great spring. We are certainly in the busy part of the year.



- such as poured-in-place rubber mats or tiles.
- Safe equipment. Equipment should be anchored firmly in the ground and be in good working order.