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# Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—June of 2017

**Global Day of Parents, June 1.** The Global Day of Parents was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 to honor parents throughout the world in appreciation of their selfless commitment to children.

**National Marina Day, June 10.** A nationwide boating event dedicated to growing boating participation across North America.

**Flag Day, June 14.** Fly Old Glory with pride!

**Father's Day, June 18.** A day to honor fathers everywhere.

**American Eagle Day, June 20.** Celebrated annually on June 20, this observance commemorates the day in 1782 when the bald eagle was added to the official Seal of the United States.

**Summer Solstice, June 21.** The first day of Summer.

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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 Summer  
from your trusted  
legal advisors, SKLF!



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## What's Up At SKLF?

This month we will pick back up where we left off last year with our philanthropy, the Youth Music Project (YMP). Since the format of Gallery Night changed last year, we wanted to make sure that our showcase stage was still a good fit for the new Gallery Night format.

We will be resuming in June with three brilliant musical acts, all of which are new to the Youth Music Project. The YMP showcase stage will be at the corner of Palafox and Government Streets.

As part of our effort to encourage young people's musical growth, we will be recording the performance segments and making them available on a coming website dedicated to YMP. Later, we will be broadcasting studio interviews and maybe an impromptu "unplugged" session with some of the musicians.

We passionately believe that music and musical performance is a dramatically influential force in the formation of positive life-skills that enhances creativity, confidence and artistic expression.

Come see the SKLF Youth Music Project stage in action during the early hours of any Gallery Night for the rest of 2017. If you know of an act of under-18 year old musical artists that would like to perform, applications can be submitted to [YMP@StevensonKlotz.com](mailto:YMP@StevensonKlotz.com).

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Hash Brown Casserole



#### Ingredients:

- 1 bag frozen hash brown (squared potatoes), thawed
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 16 oz. of sour cream
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 stick melted butter
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp. dry minced onion
- 1/2 cup of breadcrumbs

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine all ingredients except breadcrumbs and place in 9 x 13 inch pan and top with breadcrumbs. Bake for one hour.

## What Goes Down Must Come Up

Two businesswomen decided to start a bungee-jumping business and thought the best way to publicize their enterprise would be for one of them to plunge into an unsuspecting group of people and shoot back up again. They found a cliff overlooking a residential district and located a spot right over a house where a backyard party was being held.

One of the women decided to be the jumper, and the other stayed on the cliff. The jumper donned the harness,



secured the elastic cord, and jumped off the cliff. The tender soon heard shouts of laughter from the crowd below as the cord went up and down. "Success," she thought.

But when the jumper came back to the top, she was covered with bruises and limping. "What happened to you? Was the cord too long?"

"No," her partner gasped. "The cord was fine. But I knew I was in trouble when I got to the bottom of the jump and everyone yelled, 'Piñata!'"

### 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: Al's Courier Service

*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 amazingly friendly and dependable courier service, Al's Courier Service.*

Every law office needs a reliable consistent courier or "runner". It is not uncommon for law firms to need to deliver documents to as many as five or ten different locations around town on a daily basis. For example, we may need to send documents over to the circuit clerk's office to be filed. Documents may need to go quickly to an attorney on the other side of town.

Enter the courier service, also known as a "runner". In our office we have an "out" box set aside for our runner from which he picks up and delivers on a daily basis. Having a great runner makes law firm life much smoother and faster.

Who has time to wait on snail mail these days? We are happy to have had a long-term relationship with a runner familiar to many law firms in the Pensacola area. He is one of the best around and has been with us for many years.

Thank you Al Summerlin from Al's Courier Service. We strongly recommend using Al's Courier Service. They are top notch, friendly and dependable.

## Practice Area: Civil Trial

At some point in your civil case, you will make a choice between settling your case and demanding a trial. Here are three things to know about choosing to have a trial instead of settling your case.

First, a trial will allow a jury to hear your story and hear about what has happened to you. Sometimes, just being heard by a jury is important and can help you feel better as part of your recovery from your injury. We understand this basic human need for a sense of justice to be delivered and we feel very strongly that this is one of your most important rights. The downside of seeking justice from a jury is they may feel differently about your injuries than you do. A client choosing a trial must be willing to take the risk that a jury does not believe their injuries have the same value as the client.

Second, most injuries involve an insurance company. For cases involving insurance, a jury will never be allowed to know that the person you sued has insurance. Courts prohibit juries from knowing, in almost every case, that insurance will pay all or part of a jury award.

Third and finally, no lawyer who is being honest with you, can promise what a jury will do. Juries are made up of a cross section of people who are registered to vote.

## A Short History of Flag Day

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 to be Flag Day in 1916, commemorating the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the Second Continental Congress on that day in 1777.

The idea of setting aside a special day to celebrate the U.S. flag wasn't new, though. One of the earliest observances of Flag Day occurred in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1861, at the suggestion of George Morris, to pray for the preservation of the union at the beginning of the Civil War.

In 1885, a Wisconsin schoolteacher named Bernard J. Cigrand held a formal observance of what he called "Flag Birthday" at his school. Cigrand went on to become a passionate promoter of Flag Day, delivering more than 2,000 speeches on the subject, and is generally considered to be the "Father of Flag Day."

In 1914, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane delivered a Flag Day speech in which he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

In 1949, President Harry Truman signed an act of Congress formally establishing June 14 as National Flag Day.



## Eric's Corner

Summer has arrived. It is hard to believe how quickly 2017 has gone by. Last month the kids finished baseball season. Cole's team, the Stevenson Klotz Lookouts, came in first in the season and in the end of year tournament for their league. This year was Cole's first season to play first base, and he had a pretty solid season.

Lucy Adams' team, the Lanway Ling Bears, finished 4th in their league. They started slow, but by season end were playing better than any of the other teams. She played center field and second base and had her best season yet.



Chris got married last month. I was honored that he asked me to be the best man. Linda and Chris had their nuptials at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The weather was perfect, and the ceremony and reception were amazing. Congratulations to them!

## Employee Spotlight: Lauren Lewis

We have some fantastic news. Our top notch paralegal Lauren Lewis recently passed the Alabama Bar Exam and was admitted to practice. We are so excited to have her transition to her position as SKLF's first associate attorney.

Lauren started working with us as a paralegal in March of 2015. She has been an integral part of our legal team focusing on legal research, writing and case management of some of our complicated multiple plaintiff cases.

Lauren is an exceptional legal writer. This skill has made her invaluable in the drafting of responsive pleadings, complaints, legal memoranda and reports.

Lauren is a cum laude graduate of University of Florida Levin College of Law and was a distinguished member of the UF Trial Team, winning first place in the Hon. E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition.

While in law school, Lauren interned for the Hon. M. Casey Rodgers, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Florida, and for the Office of the Public Defender 8th Judicial Circuit.

Lauren is a Pensacola native, born and raised in the panhandle. She is an avid animal lover who has three dogs. She also competes in Tough Mudder and Spartan Race competitions. We are excited for her continued growth as a member of our team!



## Stay Awake on the Road

Fatigue can be a killer, especially when you are driving on the open highway for long periods of time. Here are a few tips for staying safe at the wheel:

- **Get enough rest.** Try not to start a trip late in the day. Long-distance driving is tough enough in the daytime. Be ready and awake.
- **If possible, don't drive alone.** Passengers can take turns driving, or at least help you stay awake if you need stimulation.
- **Adjust your car's environment.** Use your controls to keep you awake and alert. Keep the temperature cool, with open windows or air conditioning in the summer and frugal amounts of heat in the winter.
- **Watch your posture.** Drive with your head up and your shoulders back. Tuck your buttocks against the seat back. Legs should not be fully extended, but flexed at about a 45-degree angle.
- **Take frequent breaks.** Stretching is good for staying flexible and awake.