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# Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—August of 2017

**Lughnasadh, August 1.** A Gaelic festival marking the beginning of the harvest season.

**National Psychic Day, August 4.** If you're psychic, you already knew about this.

**National Book Lovers Day, August 9.** The official day to profess your affection for paperbacks and hardcovers alike.

**World Elephant Day, August 12.** The elephant is loved, revered, and respected by people and cultures around the world, yet we balance on the brink of seeing the last of this magnificent creature.

**National Honeybee Day, August 19.** Started by beekeepers in the United States to build community awareness of the bee industry through education and promotion.

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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?

August is busy for our firm philanthropies. Last week, Chris, Eric and all of the staff cooked Jambalaya, and sides, for the Ronald McDonald House here in Pensacola. Ronald McDonald house is a home away from home for families to live while their children receive cancer treatments at hospitals here in Pensacola.

Ronald McDonald House has helped 10,000 families since it opened in 2010 right here in Pensacola. It has 26 rooms and provides room and meals for the families during the child's treatment. Volunteers like us at Stevenson Klotz frequently cook dinners at the Ronald McDonald House.

On the music scene, we will have another bang-up Galley Night on August 18th. The young musicians will take the stage at approximately 6pm.

In early September, we will be one of the sponsors for the Pensacola Walk for Autism and many of us will be walking to support that cause. We are committed to doing our best to give back to the people in our community. We love being able to serve the Pensacola area and look forward to helping you with your legal needs. Thank you for trusting us with your case.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### My Grandmother's "Little Devil" Crab Balls



Many years ago, my Aunt Becky took the time to type up around 100 of my family's recipes. She printed out each of the recipes on index cards and gave them as gifts to my siblings and my cousins one year.

My grandmother is a phenomenal cook and passed her passion to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The collection included many of my grandmother's recipes in addition to other family members. I am grateful that my aunt took the time to collect and preserve our family's recipes.

I was flipping through the cards the other day and remembered this recipe from my childhood. My grandmother made these crab balls for my friends and me when we would come over to swim and play in East Bay. She used fresh meat from crabs she caught off her pier. Lump crab meat from a seafood house will do just fine. I hope your family enjoys this recipe as much as mine. ~Eric

#### Ingredients:

- 1 package Pepperidge Farm Herbed Dressing
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/2 cup minced onions
- 3/4 cup of milk
- 1 cup minced celery
- 1/2 bell pepper, minced
- 1 stick of butter
- 2 cups cooked lump crab meat

#### Directions:

Soak dressing in milk. Set aside. Saute onion, celery, and bell pepper in butter. Add crab meat and dressing. Roll or drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375°F for approximately 10 minutes until golden brown.

### Our areas of practice include:

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- Dangerous or Defective Drugs
- Nursing Home Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Car & Truck Wrecks
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## Community Spotlight: Pathways for Change

*Each month, we like to feature people we work with, our neighbors, or people who are influential in our community. This month, we finished up the second half of our SKLF firm retreat at the conference facility at Pathways for Change here in Pensacola.*

Many of you know Pathways for Change as a substance recovery facility. Pathways offers many other life services as well. One of the services that we as a firm were able to take advantage of was their conference facility. We were able to use the PFC campus for our firm meeting. PFC had Wi-Fi and video projection capabilities and were able to coordinate ordering in food for us.

As a firm, we were able to accomplish a great deal of work to improve our level of organization and service to our clients. More exciting is the Escambia Project they are currently developing in partnership with several other social services organizations.

The goal of the Escambia Project is to offer access to solutions with problems involving the legal system, food and housing logistics, health-care and mental health services for those in need.

If you are in need of suggestions to some of life's hurdles, Pathways for Change is positioning itself to be a one-stop resource. Thank you Pathways for all that you do for the community!

## Eric's Corner



After a busy first half of the year full of business trips, long hours at the office, and baseball season, my family was able to pull me away from town for 10 days for a much-needed vacation.

We went out to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons for a whirlwind trip through three states: Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. We enjoyed white water rafting, hiking, chuck wagon dinners, and a rodeo.

The highlight of the trip was seeing amazing wildlife in their native environment. We saw pronghorns, bison, a coyote, a black bear, and a moose.

My family got along amazingly well despite numerous hours in a car together riding around the National Parks. Luckily, our rental had XM Radio and we could all agree on listening to the Beatles station!

I highly recommend visiting National Parks on vacation. They are a national treasure. Did you know that 4th Graders get admitted to National Parks for free? If you have a 4th Grader, go get a free pass. If they are riding in the car with you, your entire family can get in for free as well.

Of course, while we were away, the work piled up. I am still sifting through emails and responding to court filings. I find I am a lot more productive than before I left which means I must have needed the rest.



## One Way to Solve a Problem

A farmer invested his savings in building a pond to raise fish for sale. But after he stocked the pond, he discovered he would soon have a problem. A friend warned him that kids from the nearby town liked to sneak into farmers' ponds to go swimming. The farmer knew they would stir up the muddy bottom and kill off his fish.

One evening the farmer, carrying a pail, went down to the pond. Sure enough, a bunch of young people were getting ready to dive in. They outnumbered the lone farmer and showed no signs of fearing him. In fact, they taunted him and dared him to drive them off. But he simply reached in the pail and started tossing chunks of raw meat into the water.

"What the heck are you doing?" asked the trespassers.

The farmer shrugged. "Just feeding the alligator."



## Employee Spotlight: Jennifer Resmondo

Our "Client Ambassador" Jennifer Resmondo began working with us earlier this year. She has been an asset since her first day.

Most law firms call the person who answers the phone and works at the front of the office a receptionist. However, we believe our job is to make clients feel comfortable and welcome when they call or come to the office. Jennifer lives up to our expectation as our Client Ambassador.

Clients who call the office are greeted by a kind, friendly voice who makes sure they get to the right person to answer their questions. Clients who visit are made to feel at home. We are glad Jennifer is on our team!

## Protect Yourself From Theft Online

As new social networking tools pop up across the Internet, you've got to be careful about the information you share online. Mistakes can lead to identity theft and other problems that can cost you a lot of money to resolve. Here are some guidelines for safety:

- **Pick a strong password.** Don't use common words or significant dates in your life. Create a password that's a mix of letters, numbers, capital letters, and lowercase so it can't be guessed easily.
- **Don't give your birth date.** Leaving your full birth date—month, day, and year—can give hackers and identity thieves an avenue to more confidential information. Share just the day and month, or no birthday at all.
- **Use privacy controls.** Limit what's available on your profile so strangers don't have complete access to everything you post online.
- **Keep vacations quiet.** Don't announce that you're going to be out of town ahead of time. You don't want to advertise that your home will be empty.

## Practice Area

I met with a young businessperson this month whose business burned down. Her business was renting part of a larger building. The other part of the building was occupied by another business. By no fault of her own, the building caught on fire and she lost everything inside.

It appears that there was faulty wiring in the part of the building used by another business and this caused the fire. She lost some very expensive equipment and now her business is interrupted.

One of the lessons from this incident is to check and make sure that you have renter's insurance. Renter's insurance will cover your contents and is not very expensive. You can get it for your home or your business.

Another take-away is to have business interruption insurance. If you are a small business and a catastrophe strikes, business interruption insurance can help you survive an unexpected disruption of your cash flow.

If you have had a loss caused by someone else's negligence, call us for a free consultation.