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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—February of 2018

National "Wear Red" Day for Women's Heart Health, Feb. 5.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in United States. Raise awareness of heart health issues and disease prevention by wearing something red on this day.

Make a Friend Day, Feb. 11. Friends are the jewels that enrich our lives. Reach out and make a connection with someone.

World Radio Day Feb. 13. Before social media, podcasts, or cable

television, families gathered around the radio to listen to news of the world, popular music, and radio plays. This day marks the anniversary of the United Nations international broadcasting service established in 1946.

National Tell a Fairy Tale Day, Feb. 26. Some have morals that help guide our actions and others are filled with magic where goodness triumphs. Reread a classic, share your favorite with a group, or discover a new one on this day.

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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.



**Stevenson Klotz
is committed to our
local community!**

What's up at SKLF?

We are happy to announce we have moved into our beautiful permanent office overlooking Pensacola Bay near Seville Square in downtown Pensacola! Remember about a year and a half ago when we moved? Remember that we said we would only be there a few months? Well, a couple of deals fell through and Chris and I are picky, so a few months turned into a year and a half. The saying "good things come to those who wait" has proven true. We now have a great law office that we can't wait to show all of you.

Our new home is in the historical district but is relatively recent construction. Having been built in the early 90's as a law office, the building looks as if it is a historic home, but it is designed for a law firm. We have plenty of parking for our clients, and the office is easy to find. The building is two stories. We will occupy the second floor and use some of the downstairs space as conference and meeting rooms. Our friend Kathy DeMaria's law firm is also downstairs.

We have also been busy with distributing our books with our Santa's Bookshelf Philanthropy project. We gathered over 1,000 books to give to literacy groups and children locally and in Africa. We sent 1/3 to a group called Beats and Books that promotes literacy in Zambia. We also distributed 1/3 to kids in the Martin Luther King Day parade in Pensacola. The other 1/3 are going to charitable organizations like the Ronald McDonald House, PACE Center for girls, and other groups.

We also have been getting ready for Mardi Gras. We had a fun Facebook contest for people to guess how many bow ties Eric has. We had 5 winners who guessed 63. The grand prize was a large king cake from Meche's in Lafayette, Louisiana and distributed locally by Broussard's Cajun on Heinburg Street. Our paralegal Mike's birthday also fell in January, and we celebrated with key lime pie!

Our new address is **510 E. Zaragoza St.** If you would like to see our office, stop by any time. Chris, Eric, or anyone on our staff will be happy to give you a tour and a cup of coffee.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Black-Eyed Pea Dip



Spring get togethers always require a good light dip. Here is one I have been making for over 10 years.

Ingredients:

- 3 (15oz) cans of black-eyed peas
- 1 cup diced bell pepper
- 3/4 cup diced onion
- 1 tbsp. minced garlic
- 3/4 pickled jalapeños and the juice
- 1/4 cup diced pimientos
- 1 (8oz) bottle of Italian salad dressing

Directions:

Mix all of these ingredients in a bowl and let it stand overnight in the fridge. Best served with Tostitos or Fritos scoops.



Our areas of practice include:

- Personal Injury
- Consumer Protection
- Nursing Home Injury
- Premises Liability
- Criminal Defense
- DUI Defense

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Community Spotlight: Kathy DeMaria, Attorney at Law

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 **Kathy DeMaria, Attorney at Law.**

We will not be the only law firm in our new building. Kathy DeMaria is one of the owners of the building and will continue her practice here. Her firm will be on the first floor. Kathy is highly respected and has over 30 years of experience. She is board certified in probate, wills, and estates and also practices estate planning, guardianship, and elder care law. Kathy has served on many boards and

committees in legal and civic organizations including the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Escambia Santa Rosa Bar Association, the University of West Florida Foundation, and IMPACT 100. Kathy was also valedictorian of her class at Gulf Breeze High School!

We are excited to be sharing space with Kathy. Her staff is friendly and knowledgeable and gives great client service. They will be fun to have in the building. If you need help with estate planning, give Kathy a call.

Practice Area

If you are in a car wreck, you probably have many thoughts racing through your head at once. How will my car get repaired? How will my medical bills get paid? Do I have enough insurance? Does the other person have enough insurance? Personal injury lawyers who regularly represent clients in auto accident cases can help answer all these questions and more.

The automobile insurance policies for both parties will help determine how the car gets repaired. A lawyer can help you figure out who is responsible based upon whether either party has collision or comprehensive coverage and who was at fault. PIP or No-Fault insurance covers the first \$10,000.00 of medical bills. After that, health care insurance, letters of protection, or medical loans pay until the at-fault party's insurance pays the claim and past medical bills can be reimbursed. Whether there is enough coverage to pay all medical bills and treatment depends on whether the parties have enough bodily injury and uninsured motorist coverage.

Due to all of the potential insurance claims and policies in play in a personal injury case, there can be a lot of confusion about how to handle all of it. Many of our clients come to us after getting the run around from insurance companies. If you or a loved one are in a car wreck and would like to know how the process works so that you can decide whether to handle the claim on your own, Eric has written a book called *The Step by Step Guide to Car Accidents*. You can download a free copy from our website, or, if you would like a signed hard copy, give us a call and we will be happy to give you a copy. If you would like to talk with us about your car accident, we give a free case assessment and would be happy to talk with you about your claim.

Help Somebody

While he was serving in the Navy during World War II, an unfortunate accident resulted in the death of several of Thomas Cannon's shipmates. Because Cannon's life was spared, he felt a duty and purpose to be in the service of others.

Over 33 years, Cannon gave away over \$150,000. He made donations to people in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia; most of them had been profiled in the local newspaper. He'd often mail \$1,000 checks to the staff of the paper with instructions about who should receive the money. His charity helped support a local group that volunteered in the elementary school, a woman who started a youth center in her low-income neighborhood, and an orphaned teen who was active in his community.

Cannon never owned a fancy house or drove a flashy car. His yearly \$20,000 salary as a postal worker allowed him to provide the necessities for his wife and sons, while his generous spirit inspired him to help others who were not as fortunate.

Though his benevolence garnered him a certain amount of accolades, Cannon made it clear that he didn't want the bureaucracy of a foundation to carry on his work, nor to have his name commemorated in any way once he was no longer living. Cannon suggested the best way to honor his memory would be for others to just "Help somebody."



Thanks for the Referrals!

A special thank you to the following friends who referred us clients the last month. We are grateful and honored anytime someone trusts a friend or family member to us.

- Chantel Collins
- Ryan Lamot
- Cameron Henning
- Monika Cosson

Chris' Corner

At the Klotz house, the kids are all starting their spring rituals; lacrosse, basketball, scouts, drama at little theater...And I know the whirlwind of family activities which bloom every spring are about to cause 2018 to speed on into Easter.

The Klotz' are still getting settled into their new blended family and learning all of the lessons; some hard, some funny, and all worthwhile of joining two existing families together.

We are almost totally unpacked from moving into our new house and settled from our wedding last summer. All the kids are getting bigger and wanting to spend as much time with friends as with parents...We are at that age, close to full on teenagers. Grateful for full and rewarding spring.

Happy Spring to all of our clients and friends.

We moved to a new location!

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Avoid Falls in Slippery Weather

Many falls recorded at workplaces each year are due to weather-related conditions. As winter's ice and snow begin to coat the outdoors, heed these tips to keep yourself safe and slip-free to and from work:

- **Plan ahead.** Check weather and traffic conditions before you head to work so you can prepare accordingly.
- **Go slowly.** Perform this simple test before you step out of your car: Stick a foot out to check for a slippery surface in the parking lot. Don't rush into work; use handrails on your way into the building if they're available.
- **Wear proper shoes.** Shoes with flat or low heels are the safest. In slippery weather, wear a rubber-soled, wide-tread shoe; the wider the shoe the more traction. Rubber bands around each shoe can also provide more traction.
- **Beware wet floors.** When you step into a building, scrape off any ice or snow on your shoes and walk carefully. Hard floors will likely be slippery and wet from other traffic.

Snack Time

When they realized they weren't as sharp as they used to be, an elderly couple decided that each of them would write down things they needed to remember on little notepads.

One day, while they were watching TV, the wife said, "I think I want a snack."

The husband stood to his feet and said, "I'll get it. What do you want?"

"I want a scoop of ice cream, with chocolate syrup, and chopped nuts," the wife said. "You better write this down so you don't forget."

"I won't forget," the husband replied. "I'll fix it now."

Thirty minutes later the husband returned to the room carrying a plate of bacon, scrambled eggs, and home-fries.

The wife began shaking her head, "I told you to write it down," she scolded.

"What did I forget?" her husband asked.

The wife replied, "My toast."