



What's up at SKLF?

We try very hard every November to reflect on what we have to be grateful for at Stevenson Klotz. We are grateful for our clients, family, friends, vendors, and our amazing staff. To show appreciation, we provide an annual Thanksgiving meal to some of our select vendors who work with us and we also provide a package to local first responders to thank them for their service in our community.

Every morning as part of our daily huddle, each staff member shares something he or she is grateful for. This simple practice helps each of us focus at the beginning of the day on something positive. We do this practice every day, not just in November, but expressing gratitude daily is even more poignant during this month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving.

We have started our Santa's Bookshelf outreach. We are in the process of gathering books through the end of the year to distribute to children's literacy programs throughout the community. We believe that early literacy is the foundation to great success. If you have any gently used children's books you would like to donate, please call the office at (850) 444-0000 or visit SantasBookshelf.org so that we can make arrangements to get them from you.

Also, we hope that you have received this newsletter timely. We recognize that we have been getting the newsletter out later in the month than we should. By the time people have been receiving it, most of the dates had already passed. We apologize. We will do better in the future.

Our areas of practice include:

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Max's Best Red Velvet Cake & Fluffy Cream Cheese Icing

Cake Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup of hot black coffee (don't skip)
- 2 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp white distilled vinegar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1–2 oz red food coloring

Cake Directions:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 325°.
- 2 In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cocoa powder, and salt. Set aside.
- 3 In a large bowl, combine the sugar and vegetable oil.
- 4 Mix in the eggs, buttermilk, vanilla and red food coloring until combined.
- 5 Stir in the coffee and white vinegar.
- 6 Slowly combine and mix together the wet and dry ingredient mixtures just until combined.
- 7 Generously grease and flour two round, 9-inch cake pans with shortening and flour.
- 8 Pour the batter evenly into each pan.
- 9 Bake in the middle rack for 30–40 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Do not over bake as cake will continue to cook as it cools.
- 10 Remove the cakes from the pan and let them cool.
- 11 Frost the cake with cream cheese frosting when the cakes have cooled completely.

Tips:

Check the cake at 30 minutes to avoid overbaking. Cakes are really moist, and you may need to refrigerate them to firm them up before stacking and frosting. To bake as cupcakes, bake for 18–20 minutes, checking at the 18-minute mark.

Icing Ingredients:

- 16 oz cream cheese, softened
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

Icing Directions:

- 1 Add softened cream cheese, milk, butter, and vanilla extract into a large bowl and mix until well combined.
- 2 Add 2 cups of powdered sugar at a time and mix well.



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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar–December of 2018

World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. Since 1988 this day has helped to raise awareness to the issues surrounding this global pandemic and those it affects.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Dec. 3. In 1992 the United Nations made a proclamation to observe the rights and needs of disabled persons on this day, seeking to raise awareness of the challenges and lack of resources that prevent them from living sustainable, dignified lives.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25. It doesn't matter what you believe or whether you were naughty or nice this year. Today is about peace, love, reverence, and fellowship. We can all observe that.

New Year's Eve Banished Words List, Dec. 31. Since 1976, wordsmiths at Lake Superior State University have compiled and published a list of useless, misused, and overused words to ban from our vocabularies in the coming year. To view the archives, go to www.lssu.edu/banished-words-list.

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Community Spotlight: Leah Seacrest of Regymen Fitness Pensacola



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 Leah Seacrest of Regymen Fitness Pensacola.

Are you looking for the perfect gym to help you kick start those New Year's resolutions waiting just around the corner in 2019?

Leah Seacrest has been a certified group fitness instructor and trainer for over 25 years, but she has outdone herself

with her latest venture. Leah opened Regymen Fitness of Pensacola in March 2018. Leah was voted Inweekly's 2018 Best of the Coast "Best Fitness Instructor" and Regymen Fitness was voted runner up for "Best Gym," "Best Fitness Classes," and "Best New Business."

Regymen Fitness recognizes that we all get bored with the same routine—so Regymen "disrupts the routine" by providing group workouts that include a variety of running, boxing, building, and even paddle boarding. Regymen has an open gym, too!

Leah hopes members see Regymen as a place where they can step outside of the box and try something new and also a place where they are part of a family. Give them a call today at (850) 435-4075 or visit their website at www.seacrestfitnesscompany.com for more information.

Your first class is free!

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.

- Jason Pelletier
- Wade Pelletier

Chris' Corner

We are wrapping up a monumental year at Stevenson Klotz. We have had so many positive changes and growth in our firm.

To name a few, we finally found what we hope will be our very long-term office home back in February. Eric and I have spent so many planning and training hours, hopefully, to bring our clients the best possible legal care and client experience.

We have followed through on all of our outreach projects like the Youth Music Project Gallery Night Stage and YMP Scholarships and Santa's Bookshelf. It's still not too late to donate new or lightly used children's books. Call us, and we will pick them up.

All of this is geared toward Eric's and my singular purpose: to operate a firm that does its very best to fight for the betterment of our clients, our staff and our community.

I hope we have delivered our best for you. If there is any way we can do even better, please let us know. To all of our wonderful clients, thank you for trusting us with your case! To all of our attorney friends and vendors who either participated in our vision or have given encouragement along the way, sincere thanks.

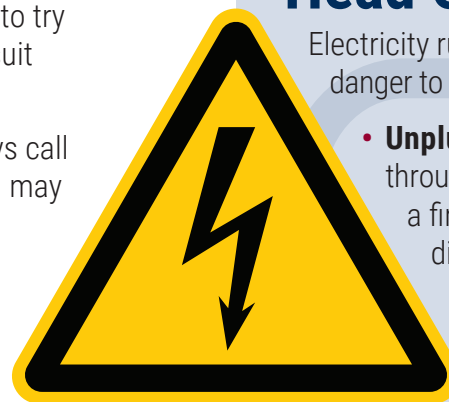
I hope each of you and your families have a safe and warm holiday with love and insight towards your growth and happiness. We look forward to serving our valued clients and friends, and our super awesome community in 2019!

Practice Area: Conversion

What is conversion? If someone unlawfully takes something away from you (in other words, steals from you) you may have a cause of action. Someone might unlawfully take your money or your property. The first thing that comes to mind is that you should call the police. You may also have a legal recourse to try to get your property back. That is called a suit for "conversion".

If you have been the victim of a theft, always call the police first. But also remember that you may have a remedy in civil court too if someone has wrongfully taken something from you.

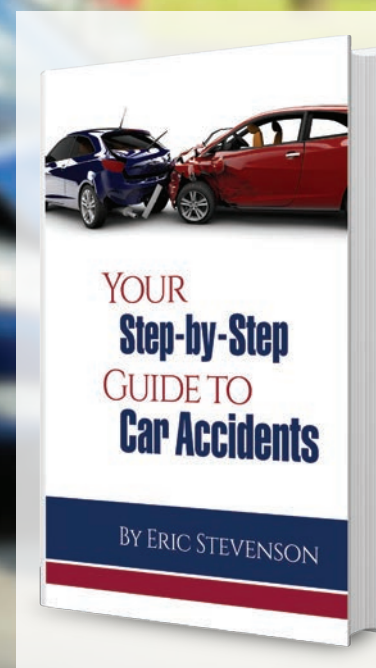
If you have a question about a potential case, please do not hesitate to give us a phone call at (850) 444-0000.



What Do You Know about the Mistletoe?

This is the time of year when we love to have a spray of mistletoe decorating our holiday tables, worked into wreaths, or hanging over the door frame for an excuse to kiss the ones we love as they cross the threshold. How or why we do any of this is a bit of a mystery, considering:

- Mistletoe is toxic to humans. Ingesting the berries or other parts of the plant can produce symptoms including nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea, blurred vision, changes in blood pressure, and possibly death. You might want to use the artificial variety for your decorations, especially if you have small children in your home.
- From bees to butterflies to birds, squirrels, porcupines, and deer, the plant is a great source of nectar, nesting, and nourishment for most animals. The glue-like quality of the seeds helps them attach to the feathers and beaks of birds. When the birds fly away and perch in a different tree, the sticky nectar finds a home on the bark and begins to grow into a new plant.
- Mistletoe is a parasite. The plant thrives by siphoning off valuable nutrients from its host trees and shrubs, causing decay, infection, and eventual death. As horrible as that sounds, it's just part of the circle of life in a forest ecosystem.
- Some 20 species of the plant are endangered, yet there are roughly 1,300 species worldwide, so this paradox of nature won't be going away anytime soon.



In a Car Accident? Know Someone Who Has Been?

Download a free copy of Eric's Book **Your Step-by-Step Guide to Car Accidents** at StevensonKlotz.com or call the office and we will send you a free hard copy!

The Whole Truth

A man was summoned for jury duty. When it was his turn to be interviewed, he politely asked if he could be excused from serving. The judge inquired as to what grounds the man was making this request.

The man said, "Your honor, this is an extremely busy time of year in my office and I'd rather not be away."

"Do you believe that your workplace won't be able to function without your presence during this brief period of time?" asked the judge.

"No," replied the man. "I'm afraid they'll figure out they don't need me."

Head Off Electrical Hazards at Work

Electricity runs our workplaces, but it can pose a serious danger to workers if you're not careful. Follow these tips:

- **Unplug damaged equipment.** Juice flowing through damaged wires or machinery can cause a fire hazard or a nasty shock. Shut down and disconnect equipment that isn't working until you can get it repaired or replaced.
- **Train your workforce.** Teach employees about the dangers of electrical shock and how they can protect themselves. Refresh as necessary and remind your people to be careful with any equipment they use.
- **Read the manual.** Don't just plug a new machine into the closest outlet and turn it on. Check the documentation to ensure that you're not overloading a circuit or risking damage to the equipment. Store manuals where employees can find and consult them quickly and easily.