

What's up at SKLF?

In February, Chris attended the conference for the National Association of Motorcycle Injury Lawyers. At this meeting he was elected president of this select group of attorneys from around the country. The purpose of this group is two-fold; to promote safety, awareness and education for motorcycle riders and to provide a network of skilled lawyers to assist people who have been injured in motorcycle accidents.

Also, Chris and Eric attended their personal injury marketing and office management seminar in San Antonio. Each quarter, Eric and Chris attend this conference to learn how to be better for our clients. Last month we also filmed a new short film for our website which will help prospective clients know what kind of form and the level of customer service we strive to provide.

Hope you are having a great spring. Thanks for trusting us with your case.

Findings Hint at Long Friendship Between Dogs and People

Dogs have been man's best friend for a long time—as long as 11,500 years, the Science Daily website reports. Remains of dogs and humans together in what is now northeast Jordan suggest that people may have used dogs for hunting, due to the presence of bones found to have moved through the digestive tract of another animal. The bones are too large for humans to have eaten, so archaeologists theorize that they must have been digested by dogs.

The remains were unearthed at an 11,500 year-old settlement called Shubayqa 6. Evidence indicates that humans lived at the settlement year-round, suggesting that the dogs lived there with humans rather than scavenging when people weren't around. Dogs may have been used in hunting foxes and hares, possibly driving them into enclosures where they could be killed for meat, and also for bones that early humans used to make beads.

Our areas of practice include:

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sensational Beef Stroganoff



This recipe comes from the recipe book of Carrie's mom, chef extraordinaire, Mary Anne Tomlinson. It has been a favorite for Carrie and her family since 1992. Enjoy!

- Eric

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. beef tips
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tbsp butter (divided)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1 package flat noodles of your choice. (Cooked and drained)
- **Optional:** Chopped fresh parsley and fresh tomato wedges for garnish.

Directions:

Melt 1 tablespoon of butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Cook half of the beef tips with half of the onion in skillet over medium heat until no longer pink. Set aside. Repeat with second half of butter, meat, and onion. Then return all meat and onion mixture to skillet. Stir in soup and 1/2 teaspoon paprika. Heat thoroughly, stirring occasionally. Remove skillet from heat. Stir in sour cream. Serve over noodles. Sprinkle with parsley and additional paprika. Garnish with tomatoes, if desired. Makes about 6 servings.



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Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—April of 2019

Equal Pay Day, April 2. The color of the day is red for those who want to draw awareness to wage discrimination.

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, April 6. Because sports can be a tool for social change, the United Nations has designated this as a day to promote participation in sporting events and teams for people throughout the world.

Tax Day, April 15. For those of us who waited until the last minute, those signed tax returns have to be postmarked by midnight.

Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, April 25. Inspire young people of all ages by exposing them to workplace environments and teaching them about certain careers.

World Wish Day, April 29. Throughout the month and on this day, the Make-A-Wish Foundation strives to grant the wishes of children around the world who are struggling with serious illnesses, so they can stay motivated in their fight for a healthy life.

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Community Spotlight: Ballet 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 Ballet Pensacola.

Ballet Pensacola is the area's only resident professional ballet company. Since 1978, Ballet Pensacola has been a positive local influence on young people interested in studying the art of dance.

Every year it serves about 300 students of all ages. The Ballet provides more than \$10,000 in assistance to deserving young dancers each year. It's performing company has more than 40 dancers who come to Pensacola from around the world.

It is amazing that Pensacola, a relatively smaller town in the grand scheme of Ballet has such a dedicated group of artists, board of directors and volunteers who make sure that dance is a part of our local culture and an educational option for our young people.

You can see this year's schedule of performances by going to their web site, www.balletpensacola.org.

Practice Area: Motorcycle Accidents

Motorcycles can be great fun to ride. The wind in your hair and the feeling of freedom can be invigorating when out on the open road.

Unfortunately, there is also an increased risk of danger when you are riding a motorcycle. Because you are in a smaller vehicle, it may be difficult for other motorists to see you when you are driving alongside them.

Also, because you don't have the benefit of a steel frame to protect you, you are likely to suffer more severe injuries as compared to other drivers if you are involved in an accident. Even the most experienced motorcyclists must use extreme caution to stay safe.

If you or a loved one were involved in a motorcycle accident, you need the experienced attorneys at Stevenson Klotz to see to it that you get the compensation you deserve.



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Just call our office at (850) 203-3072 to get your free copy of "Your Step-by-Step Guide to Car Accidents" or go to our website at StevensonKlotz.com to download your free copy today!



Eric's Corner

We have been doing our best to try to get our newsletter articles done a little earlier. We are getting them to the printer by the 10th of the month so that they can come out early the next month. We hope that the newsletters have not been getting to you all as late as they were last year. However, in doing so we have had to adjust because in an April newsletter, I would want to talk about what we did in March. Because I can't very well predict how the rest of the month will go, I will talk about what went on in February and the little bit of March we have had.

February and March have both been pretty busy with baseball season for both kids. Cole is starting on the junior varsity team at Pensacola High School. Lucy Adams is playing recreational baseball at Bill Bond. Cole's team has had three games so far while Lucy Adams is still in preseason. Both seem to be playing well and are really excited about the season.

Pensacola High School held their annual football banquet at the end of February. Lucy Adams and I attended while Carrie was out of town. At the banquet, Cole was presented with a scholar athlete award! We are very happy for how he has done in school this year. He seems to be balancing both athletics and academics.

Lucy Adams is also playing soccer for Episcopal Day School and has scored a few goals and, when playing goalie, has stopped a few. She is working hard at two sports right now in addition to selling the most Girl Scout cookies in her troop. She has always been a hard worker and shows no signs of slowing down.

Usually, the beginning of the year is slow. As the kids grow older, though, there seems to be a little downtime even at the beginning of the year. 2019 has gotten off to a great start and we are excited to see what it holds for us!

Have a Safe Ride at the Amusement Park

Planning a visit to an amusement park this year? You want your family to be safe as they go on the roller coaster, merry-go-round, and other rides.

Here is some advice from the University of Michigan's Health Blog on how you and your children can ride safely:

- **Talk to your children.** Make sure they keep an eye out for ride operators who aren't paying attention—talking on their phones, for example. Discuss the need to speak up if they spot unsafe conditions, such as a safety strap that's frayed or doesn't close properly.
- **Follow the rules.** Don't try to sneak your child onto a ride he or she isn't old enough or tall enough for. You're risking serious injury.
- **Plan to stay connected.** Tell your kids not to wander around if they get separated from you. Show them what a park attendant looks like so they know whom to approach. Have them keep your cell phone number in a pocket in addition to their own phones in case a phone gets lost. Take a photo of each member of your group to show park attendants so they know whom and what to look for.
- **Check in often.** Don't rely on phones alone to stay in touch. Designate an area where you can meet once an hour to make sure everyone is safe.
- **Watch for strangers.** Remind your children about the dangers of talking to people they don't know, even if they seem friendly or helpful. Someone who overhears your child's name could pretend to be an old family friend or relative, leading to a hazardous situation.
- **Dress appropriately.** Don't let children wear loose clothing that can get caught on equipment, or sandals that don't protect their feet (or that might get lost).
- **Stay hydrated.** Tell kids to drink plenty of water and eat something other than junk foods. Also, apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before entering the park, and every two hours afterward.



Team Effort

A motorist stuck in a ditch received help from a farmer walking down the road with an old horse.

"Just give me a minute, and old Billy will get you pulled out of there," the farmer said as he hitched the car to the horse. He then began to shout, "Pull, Chuck! Pull, Willow! Pull, Stanley!"

Nothing happened.

Finally, the farmer said, "Pull, Billy!" The horse took a few steps forward and pulled the car out of the ditch.

The driver thanked the farmer for his help and then asked why the farmer called out all of the other names before he called on Billy.

"Billy is blind, and a bit set in his ways," the farmer said. "If he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't have even tried."

Common Causes of Motorcycle Accidents

Motorcycle accidents can be caused by a variety of conditions and circumstances. These include the following:

- **Poor Road Conditions:** Poor weather conditions, debris or potholes can cause drivers to swerve causing a collision.
- **Drunk driving:** Impaired drivers have a poor sense of judgment that can increase the chance of accidents.
- **Failure to check blind spots:** Motorcyclists are difficult to see as it is. Beware that you may be in a driver's blind spot and act accordingly to avoid accidents.
- **Door Accidents:** When riding on the street, be aware of drivers that open their doors suddenly without checking for traffic. This can impede a biker's path resulting in an accident.
- **Overcompensating the Front Brake:** This occurs when the driver brakes too hard. In these cases, momentum can throw them over the handlebars.
- **Lane Spitting:** Many motorcyclists take advantage of their small sized vehicle to weave in and out of traffic. However, this is extremely dangerous, and it can increase the likelihood of accidents.