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## Don't be a Victim of a Cheap Lawyer

Do you comparison shop for everything? Do you shop around to get the best deal? If so and you are looking for an attorney, that may not be a good idea. Lawyers and their services are not mattresses or cars, it is never a good idea to go with the cheaper option.

### Why shouldn't you hire the cheapest attorney?

Well, there are quite a few good reasons and all revolve around how your case is handled and how hiring the cheapest lawyer may adversely affect the outcome of your claim.

Most personal injury lawyers, including us, base their fee on the results of the claim. How much the lawyer gets depends on how much you get. However, some attorneys will discount their fees to get your business. We at The Miley Legal Group are not "discount attorneys." We are also not "expensive" attorneys. Each case we take is evaluated for the amount of fee we deem is appropriate. As such, when someone calls our office to just hear what our fee is, we never provide them with that information. Some get mad and hang up on us, but you should understand that in the end it is better for you if we have time to evaluate your case before you get quoted a fee.



Discount attorneys can do more harm to your claim than good. In most instances, if you hire a cheap attorney, you will not only get "cheap" service, but you may end up with a bad settlement. Discount attorneys generally do not take the time needed to properly evaluate your claim and review all of your information. They become too busy trying to push cases back out the door as quick as possible, potentially missing not only additional insurance proceeds available, but medical bills and other material that should be included in your claim to the insurance company.

You need an attorney that will take time with your claim and make sure that every detail is looked at. Some insurance claims can be difficult depending on your type of injury, your medical treatment and what types of insurance is available. You never want to be stuck with a "discount" attorney that misses a deadline or has no true understanding of the process.

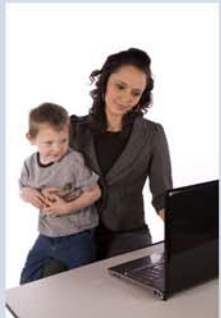
A truly great lawyer will begin your case by gathering details and building a relationship with you to better understand your claim and the impact the injury has had and will have on your life. You want a lawyer that will help you find a way to get you back on your feet and help put the pieces of your life back together. Discount attorneys are only after one thing and it is not to ensure that you have the treatment you need to recover.

## Work/Life Balance Tricks

Creating a balance between home and work life can be difficult in homes where both parents work, but that balance is a must and there are some ways to achieve it.

One of the best methods of developing this balance is to get a job that allows for flexibility. Flexibility does not necessarily mean part time or less hours, it can mean a job that can be performed while you are also at home, such as online writing, online delivery services or running an online business.

These flexible jobs allow people more time to be with their family and have a schedule that can fit in with domestic tasks, rather than having to spend all day removed from the home environment in a workplace.



Try and get support from friends and family to ease the burden on your shoulders. Ensuring that you have enough time to spend on you and the people and things that really matter to you is vital for both your own personal happiness and wellbeing, and the quality of your work.



The Miley Legal Group would like to thank everyone that provided referrals to our office this past month:

**Mary W.**  
**Amanda D.**  
**Robert M.**





# MLG and WBOY Celebrating Volunteers Mendi Scott for Blessings in Disguise



Homelessness in our area is an ever growing problem. Compound the drug issues that every city in our area is facing; then you have what seems like a mix that not only ends in hunger and despair but also sometimes it ends in death. With the resources of state and local governments overwhelmed and with the massive task that local emergency personnel now face with the opioid crisis, local groups have begun to be organized to assist in dealing with the underlying needs and issues of those faced with the difficulties of both homelessness and opioid addiction. That is where **Blessings in Disguise** has stepped in to not only help the homeless population but also to help deal with those that are on the streets because of an addiction that has consumed them and destroyed their lives.

Mendi Scott, an organizer of Blessings in Disguise, hopes to assist those on the streets with necessities so they can focus on improving their situation, either through accessing local shelter assistance or even

rehabilitation services to fight the fundamental cause of their plight. Blessings in Disguise provides backpacks full of food, toiletries and other essentials like hats and gloves, to those that are homeless in the Clarksburg area. Along with each bag of supplies comes information on local services that the recipient can gain access to. The impact that this effort has can be felt by the entire community. Her service to this vast issue for our area is why Mendi Scott was chosen as this month's Celebrating Volunteer winner!

"The homeless population in our area is much more extensive than many are aware of," stated Scott. "You find locations that you would not expect people to be. It is my goal to make sure they have the necessities they need while offering them information on services that they can use to help them improve their situation."

As a member of the community she serves, Scott sees the daily turmoil the homeless population in our area face. She spends countless hours making sure Clarksburg's "regulars" are accounted for. She also keeps in close contact with a network of neighbors to discover the next homeless person entering our area and what can be done to help them.



"There are many times that we see a person just appear on the streets out of nowhere. Whether it be drugs or just family issues, I want each of them to know that there are people out there that care for them and want to see them succeed in life."

## Recent Victories

✓ After working diligently to get the video record of a slip and fall accident, our office was able to assist the client in making the best decision for their case.

✓ We settled a case where the insurance company initially offered only \$500 to our client that was severely injured in an accident, the final amount agreed to was \$25,000.

### Google Review:

*"They are the best you can get and are beyond what you could ever ask for. They keep you informed, handle everything, and resolve legal matters quickly"*

Krista K.

"I see and hear about the effects of homelessness in our area constantly, and with the drug epidemic, it is not hard to see the effects all over the region," Marisa Matyola of WBOY stated. "The resources that Mendi thru Blessings in Disguise has a direct impact on the betterment of lives of many who are currently out on the streets for various reasons."

"Seeing the statewide impact of homelessness and the opioid epidemic, it is going to take the work of everyone, including organizations like Blessings in Disguise, to help each impacted in our community," said Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "Mendi's organization is part of a foundation that continues to build to address not only the homelessness we see in our area but the opioid addiction that continues to foster problems for the entire community."

Currently, Blessings in Disguise operates out of space near the Huffman Corporation in Bridgeport. They are now accepting food, toiletries, hats, gloves, scarfs and even blankets that are compact enough to fit into a drawstring backpack. If you are interested in learning more, you can visit their Facebook page.

If you have a volunteer that you would like to nominate to be recognized, you can do so by visiting [MileyLegal.com](http://MileyLegal.com) and clicking on the Celebrating Volunteers logo.



## Recipe of the Month: Scalloped Potatoes with Ham and Bacon

### Ingredients:

1 lb. bacon  
3 lbs. fully cooked ham, cubed  
2/3 cup milk  
4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese  
2 Tbsp all-purpose flour  
10 potatoes, peeled and sliced  
2 onions, sliced  
2 Tbsp salt  
2 TBsp black pepper



### Directions:

1. Place the bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally until slices begin to brown, about 5 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate.
2. Transfer partially cooked bacon to bottom of a large roasting pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
3. Whisk milk and flour together in a bowl; set aside.
4. Alternate layers of potatoes, onion, ham and cheese over the bacon. (Three layers of each.) Pour milk mixture over each final layer.
5. Scatter remaining cheese on top and cover with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated oven until potatoes are tender, about 2 hours.

Recipe & Picture Courtesy of Allrecipes.com. Submit recipes to [mlg@mileylegal.com](mailto:mlg@mileylegal.com)

## Words of Encouragement

"Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven."

- Psalm 85:11

"The winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land."

- Solomon 2:11

"Life isn't about finding yourself. It's about creating yourself."

- George Bernard Shaw

## March's Cases of Interest

### Danger on Interstate 79:

Driving on the interstate can be dangerous, especially when traffic slows to a crawl for one reason or another. That is exactly what happened to our client right before they were slammed into by a coal truck. Our client was



slowly crawling through traffic at 15 MPH, keeping up with traffic, when out of the blue, he was rear-ended by a coal truck whose driver was apparently to distracted to note that the traffic had slowed. Once the dust settled, our client was taken to Fairmont Regional Medical Center for treatment where he was diagnosed with a series of strains and sprains to his lower lumbar area.

After extensive treatment at a number of medical providers, it was determined that his injuries were more extensive than initially thought. He currently is still treating and we are waiting to hear from the insurance company on their acceptance of liability.

### Passenger in Car Injured when Driver Distracted:

Our client was riding as a passenger in a vehicle with two children in the back seat. The driver became distracted when the kids began to act up and cause a commotion in the vehicle. After repeatedly turning her attention from the road, the vehicle careened off the pavement and slammed into a tree. The accident left everyone in the vehicle injured, but especially the passenger. After receiving treatment for a large head wound and injuries to his back and hand, the passenger attempted to convince the insurance company to accept liability. After repeated issues when dealing with the insurance company, the passenger decided to contact an attorney for assistance in getting his claim resolved.

"The greatest compliment we can receive is the referral of your family and friends."

### Another Accident on Lodgesville Road

Some intersections and roadways are just plain dangerous. If you have ever driven through the Emily Drive and Lodgesville Road intersection, you will immediately understand what happened to our client. As she was turning onto Lodgesville Rd., she was rammed into by a car coming out of a local restaurant parking lot. As a result she received extensive injuries to her leg, including a cut that went straight to the bone. With these extensive injuries and her medical condition it took months and months for her to heal properly. After all of her treatment, the insurance company provided her with a very low offer and so she contacted our office for help.







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# Miley Family Fun



**“Checking out Law Schools in California”**  
Elizabeth and Jordin at Univ. of San Diego



**“Teachers at the Capitol”**  
Tim, Cara H, State Senator Ojeda, Jerree S. and Cameron