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

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Don't Let Social Media Destroy Your Injury Case

Social media has become a major part of our society. Everyone is posting pictures, memes, stories, videos and anything else they can find. Sharing your life on Facebook can be fun, but if you have a personal injury claim pending, it could end in disaster.

Once you have filed a personal injury claim, your social media profile and posts will be scrutinized by insurance companies and their attorneys for anything they can use against you. Post a meme about winning a lawsuit and receiving funds, they will say that you are: *"Greedy and only in it for the money."* Post a picture of you skiing five years ago, they will say that shows that you: *"Are fine and not really hurt."*

Writing about your accident, medical situation, posting pictures or commenting on certain posts can become evidence that can be used against you.

Here are some examples of social media posts that can harm your injury claim:



Maybe money can't buy happiness, but I think it's only fair to give me some and let me learn that lesson myself.



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Example 1: Someone claims that they can't workout out in a manner that they could before the accident, but posts daily about how they go to the gym or how they do crossfit twice a week.

Example 2: Someone claims that they have horrible back pain caused by a fall, but shares photos of them riding a roller coaster at the county fair.

Example 3: Sharing memes that imply the person is only interested in money and nothing else.

Example 4: An accident victim claims that they can not live a normal life, but posts photos of them out to dinner with family or playing in the snow with their children.

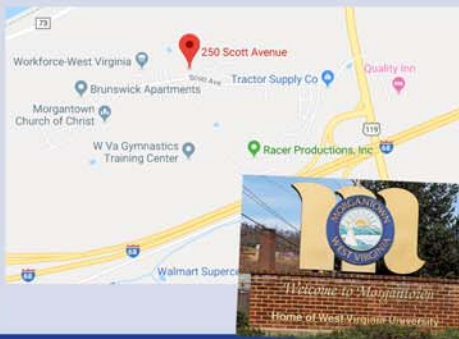
Social Media profiles tell a story, they tell your story. They are a window into our lives. The best way to avoid any issue with your accident claim due to social media is to avoid posting anything about your accident or your injuries. You do not want to see that photo of you skiing down a steep slope become exhibit A during a trial.

(Meme examples from coolfunnyquotes.com and rottenecards.com)

Announcement: MLG has a New Office in Morgantown!

Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group, announces the opening of a new office location in Morgantown at 250 Scott Avenue, Suite 100. Although, the personal injury firm has been serving the Greater Morgantown area for over 13 years, this additional location will provide current and future clients with more direct access to the firm, including staff.

"I am delighted to open this new location in Morgantown," stated Tim Miley. "This not only provides better access to our services for residents of the area, but this will build upon our customer-service oriented



approach to helping injury victims."

The new location will also allow for MLG to be more integrated within the Morgantown community. With the new location near existing and developing businesses, the firm and its staff will have an opportunity to work with organizations that have a direct impact on the quality of life in the region.

"As is the history and culture of The Miley Legal Group, we will continue to strive to be an important fixture in the further development of the Morgantown area," Miley said..

With two offices to serve you:

229 W. Main Street, Suite 400, Clarksburg, WV 26301

250 Scott Avenue, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26508



MLG and WBOY Celebrating Volunteers

Marsha Whisler of the Fraternal Order of Eagles: Ladies Auxiliary 2353



When many West Virginians move into retirement one of their primary goals is to enjoy life. Many retired West Virginians also seek more purpose and have a desire to make change within their community, to leave sort of a legacy. Throughout the few years that we have recognized volunteers across our region, we have come across many retirees that have “come out of retirement” to serve their community. This was the case for Marsha Whisler. Marsha is an avid member of the North View community who loves her Dallas Cowboys and loves helping her community. She was asked by a friend to come to a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Eagles in Clarksburg and she was hooked.

Marsha’s life story has an added layer that makes her accomplishments extra special. As she got older and moved into retirement, Marsha lost her vision to the point where she is no legally blind. But that has not stopped her from contributing to her community and pushing forward with her support for her fellow West Virginians. Marsha is very self-sufficient, one can see that when they step into her home. Although she does rely on a few very good friends, her blindness has not slowed her down.

Marsha is a member of the Ladies Auxilliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2353. Her service to her community is unmatched by many in our area. She uses the skills that she developed before losing her vision to create warmth and opportunity for the homeless in our area. She does that through creating plastic mats to separate the cold, wet ground from the bodies of those that may not have a place to sleep at night.

Her plastic mats are hand “crocheted” recycled plastic shopping bags that have been cut into strips. She weaves each mat carefully and with love. Creating hundreds of mats over the years has given her a sense of purpose, one that provides her with a special place in our community.

“I started creating these mats because it provides me something to do while creating something useful for the homeless,” said Whisler. “I needed to find a way to occupy my time and I always loved to crochet. Once I was introduced to making plastic mats, I was hooked and have not stopped since.”

“Marsha is a wonderful example of many retirees in our community. She not only volunteers her time for the community through her involvement with the Ladies Auxiliary, she also creates a handmade gift for the homeless in our area,” stated Marisa Matyola of WBOY-TV. “Her dedication is an amazing testament to her strength and resilience. I am glad to have met her, and I am glad to help honor her.”



Recent Victories

✓ Each client we receive is connected with a legal assistant that will work with them throughout their claim, this relationship has, on more than one occasion, led to a specific discovery of additional evidence that has increased the client’s settlement ten times.

✓ We travel all of the time to meet with our clients, this flexibility allows our clients to meet in the comfort of their home during recovery while easing their apprehensions with hiring an attorney.

Mid-Case Review:

★★★★★ “Extremely satisfied with the work of MLG thus far.”

-Ben S.

“With the increasing drug issues in our region, homelessness will only continue to skyrocket. The Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary through members like Marsha, helps provide some comfort to those that don’t have a place to lay their heads at night,” stated Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. “I genuinely appreciate what Marsha does for her community, even though she is a Cowboys fan.”

To learn more about the Ladies Auxiliary 2353 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, visit their Facebook page by searching “FOE Clarksburg, WV Auxiliary 2353.”

The Celebrating Volunteers awardees receive public recognition for not only themselves but their organization. They also receive a \$500 contribution to the organization they represent in their name. Marisa Matyola of WBOY and Tim Miley of The Miley Legal Group work together to select the awardees from the many nominations received from the public. The chosen volunteer will have demonstrated their commitment to an organization through volunteerism and support.

We look forward to recognizing some worthy individuals while giving their organizations a part of the spotlight. The program will continue accepting volunteers throughout the coming year. To nominate a volunteer to receive this award, please visit MileyLegal.com and click on The Celebrating Volunteers logo.

Recipe of the Month: Smoked Salmon Chowder

Ingredients:

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| 10 slices bacon, chopped | 1 1/2 Tbsp dried dill weed |
| 2 large onions, finely chopped | 8 red potatoes, cubed |
| 4 stalks celery, finely chopped | 1 cup butter |
| 3 carrots, finely chopped | 1 cup all-purpose flour |
| 5 green onions, finely chopped | 5 cups milk |
| 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley | 3/4 cup white wine |
| 1/2 cup water | 1/4 cup lemon juice |
| 6 cups fish stock | 1 1/2 lbs flaked or |
| salt to taste | chopped smoked salmon |
| 1 1/2 Tbsp ground black pepper | 1 1/2 cups frozen corn |



Directions:

1. Place the bacon into a large pot set over med. heat. Cook for a few minutes to release some of the drippings, then add the onions and celery. Cook and stir until bacon is crisp and onions and celery are tender.
2. Put in the carrots, green onions and parsley and then pour in water and fish stock. Season the soup with salt, pepper and dill. Cover and simmer over low heat until carrots are tender, about 15 minutes. Add the potatoes and simmer for another 20 minutes, or until tender.
3. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a small skillet over med. heat. Stir in flour until smooth. Continue to cook and stir until mixture is light brown. Pour in a little milk to thin the roux, then pour it into the pot with the vegetables. Pour the remaining milk in the pot and heat through, stir consistently.
4. When the soup has thickened slightly, stir in white wine (optional). Mix in the lemon juice, smoked salmon and corn. Cook over medium heat until hot but not boiling. Serve.

Recipe & Picture Courtesy of Allrecipes.com. Submit recipes to mlg@mileylegal.com

Words of Encouragement

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
- 1 Peter 5:7

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
- 1 Timothy 4:12

"Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it."
- Andy Rooney

February's Cases of Interest

Family Experiences Multiple Crashes in a Short Period of Time

Our clients were involved in two car accidents within a very short period of time. The first of the two collisions occurred while waiting at a stop sign. The second accident came a week later, where they were again struck from behind. In both accidents, the driver and the passengers received multiple injuries and now are receiving treatment, including physical therapy and chiropractic care.



With two accidents close together comes a series of problems dealing with multiple insurance companies. This situation will get tricky and we are glad they hired us.

Christmas Gifts in Car Lead to Injury After an Accident

We were contacted by a grandmother who was in a car accident with her grandson. She had just dropped off a number of gifts to a some of her family she was slammed into by a distracted driver.

Unfortunately for her and her grandson there were still a number of gifts and packages in the vehicle, including a small battery operated car that became loose from the front seat flew into the back seat of the vehicle on impact and struck the grandson in the head, causing a significant cut.

The impact was so hard, both the grandma and the grandson had to be extracted from their vehicle before being transported to the emergency room for treatment. Both are now on the road to a long and difficult recovery. Luckily they both were still able to participate in many of their family Christmas traditions.

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

Tractor Trailer Cuts off Driver Leading to Injury

Interstate congestion is a common occurrence, however how drivers respond to it can either prevent or lead to a horrific accident. For our client's sake, it was the latter.

While traveling southbound on a congested I-81, our client was driving along with a tractor trailer in the lane next to him. It became apparent that the truck driver was not paying attention because as they quickly approached the stopped traffic, the tractor trailer swerved into our clients lane to avoid colliding with a stopped car.



Unfortunately, our client could not stop his vehicle in time, slamming into the back of the tractor trailer causing extensive damage and significant injuries.



Check out our blog at
MileyLegalBlog.com



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Give this newsletter to a friend. They will thank you for it and so will I.

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Miley Family Fun

**Happy Birthday
Heidi! (Right)**



**Congratulations Kelly Goodwin!
Winner of our
Super Bowl TV Giveaway**



**Shout out to Emily Drive Kroger
for Supplying Moving Boxes for
Tim and Susan!**