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Hiring a Lawyer Does Not Mean You Will End Up in Trial

There is a common misconception out there that most people believe when considering to hire an attorney. Most people believe that if you hire an attorney to take on your accident case, whether it is a car crash or a dog bite injury, that you will end up at trial in court, before a judge. We are here to tell you that most clients we have served have not had to take one step into a courtroom. Nationally, it is believed that only 5-6% of all accident cases end up in court. So that means that 95% of all accident claims do not end up in court. We see that statistically with our clients as well.



will always put you in the best position. (Did you know that when you hire an attorney, on average what you pocket from your claim is 30-40% higher?)

Why you ask, will your claim not go to trial?

1. Our attorneys know the approximate value of your claim. After years of experience, our attorneys have an idea of how much each claim is worth after all of the evidence is gathered. With that in mind, we are in an excellent position when dealing with an adjuster and generally can get a claim settled even before a lawsuit is filed. (Keep in mind, the goal is to get the best amount available for your claim, and we are prepared to go to trial.)

2. The insurance company does not want to pay the expense of a trial. Trials are expensive. Insurance companies have to hire attorneys, experts, etc. when they go to trial. The primary goal for an insurance adjuster is to keep the costs low for his or her company, whether that is to avoid a trial and settle, or attempt to undercut the value of the claim. In either instance, having an experienced attorney that knows the process and the value of your claim

3. Going to trial is generally caused by the insurance company not agreeing with your attorney. The number one reason that accident cases go to trial is because the insurance company has either not accepted responsibility for the accident or is unwilling to settle the case for what your attorney thinks is appropriate. When we submit a demand to the insurance company, we have already gathered the evidence needed to support your claim. If your case gets to this point, and again only a small portion do, your attorney is prepared.

Our attorneys understand the process and have extensive knowledge and experience when dealing with accident injury claims. We understand the motives of the insurance adjuster and know the tactics they use to reduce your claim. We know that most people want to avoid going to court. Although we cannot guarantee your case will not go to trial, we can ensure that we will get you the best outcome possible for your claim and the circumstances you find yourself in.



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

**Enliven
Chiropractic
Care,
Pam P. &
Brian M.**

Spotlight: How Dangerous is RoundUp? Should You Be Worried?

The answer is YES, you should be worried about the dangers of RoundUp. What specifically are the dangers? Well how about non-Hodgkin's lymphoma? Those words alone should cause you some concern.

Glyphosate, the primary chemical in RoundUp has been recently linked to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma by experts in a federal court case. That connection led to a jury returning a \$289 million verdict for damages. This and other recently filed lawsuits claim that Monsanto, the embattled maker of RoundUp, knew about



the cancer risk, and chose to ignore it as they marketed their product to unsuspecting homeowners.

What does this verdict mean for those West Virginians that have used this chemical in their gardens and on their lawns for years?

Well, it means that if you or a loved one has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or any other cancer and were consistently in contact with RoundUp, you may want to reach out to our office to learn more about this national case and how it could impact any claim that you may have.



MLG and WBOY Celebrating Volunteers Carol Petitto of On Eagles' Wings Therapeutic Horsemanship



To many West Virginians, family is most important. This is especially the case around this time of year. The holidays are a time for family and friends to gather with their children and celebrate the season through traditions old and new. Warm and friendly family gatherings are the norm for many children across the state, but some children may not experience what the majority of West Virginians get to during the Christmas season. Those in the custody of the state through the foster care system may or may not get to experience the wonderment of Christmas.

That is where groups like Boxes With a Purpose come in. Boxes With a Purpose was established to "provide a normative experience of holiday joy and fun for children who are in foster care." Through their work, the organization attempts to demonstrate to the children in foster care that they are not alone and there are people that care about them.

The goal of Boxes With a Purpose is to supply each child with a small box that contains pajamas, popcorn, hot cocoa, and a movie. The idea is that the child will use these items and create a special holiday moment with the foster family that they currently live with, providing a way for each foster child to experience some magic of the season.

This year Boxes With a Purpose through their volunteers, like Judy Ritchie, are working hard to reach their goal of 4,500 boxes, the most that they have provided ever. As the Randolph County Point of Contact, it is Judy Ritchie's job to help identify the children in foster care and gather supplies to assemble the Christmas boxes. With a staggering 6,000 of West Virginia's children in foster care, this is no small feat. Her hard work and dedication to providing a "Christmas Eve Moment" to these children is why Judy was selected as this month's Celebrating Volunteer Award Winner.

"I want each child in foster care to have a wonderful Christmas like any other," said Judy Ritchie. "I needed to find a way to help these kids experience some normalcy in their lives. It is hard this time of year for children to feel as if they are all alone, and I want to work to fix that, even if just for an evening."

"This is a wonderful program that provides a Christmas gift to children that have experienced heartache," stated Marisa Matyola of WBOY-TV. "Supporting great causes like Boxes With a Purpose is an important gesture to show that as a community we care about the children that are in foster care."



Boxes with a Purpose

- Helping Bring Christmas Joy to Children in Foster Care -

Recent Victories

✓ We recently helped a client reduce a medical bill to \$0 after discovering a computer software issue did not properly document a required health insurance reduction.

✓ We work hard to keep our clients informed on their cases. Part of that process is periodic evaluation forms we send to each of our clients. Recently, a client provided us with key feedback on their form that ultimately helped us settle their case.

Google Review:

★★★★★ "This law firm has really been great. They truly helped me. They really cared, an honest law firm."
-Shain J.

"With the ever-increasing impact opioids has had on our state and community, programs such as Boxes With a Purpose become more important than ever," stated Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "What Judy and her fellow volunteers do to provide an evening filled with Christmas spirit can only help these children now and in the future."

To learn more about Boxes With a Purpose or to donate supplies or funds visit www.BoxesWithaPurposeWV.org or "Like" their Facebook page at facebook.com/boxeswithapurposewv.

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.

"I am an avid supporter of volunteerism in our communities," Miley stated. "The Celebrating Volunteers program is a way that we can recognize the hard work and dedication of individuals across our region."

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: **Slow Cooker Taco Soup**

Ingredients:

2 pound ground beef
 1 onion, chopped
 1 (16 oz.) can chili beans w/liquid
 1 (15 oz.) can of kidney beans w/liquid
 1 (15 oz.) can whole kernel corn w/liquid
 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
 2 cups water
 2 (14.5 oz.) cans diced tomatoes
 1 (4 oz.) can diced green chile peppers
 1 (1.25 oz.) package of taco seasoning

Directions:

1. In a medium skillet, cook the ground beef until browned over medium heat. Drain and set aside.
2. Place the ground beef, onion, chili beans, kidney beans, corn, tomato sauce, water, diced tomatoes, green chile peppers and taco seasoning mix in a slow cooker. Mix to blend, and cook on Low setting for 8 hours.
3. Serve in a bowl with shredded cheese, sour cream and some tortilla strips as garnish.



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

Words of Encouragement

"Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved"
 - Psalm 55:22

"Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace, because they trust in you."
 - Isaiah 26:3

"When there is no struggle, there is no strength."
 - Oprah

They Choose MLG: Cases of Interest

Woman Suffers Serious Injury After Being Thrown From her Vehicle and Then Run Over by a Truck

MLG is helping an accident victim who was thrown from their vehicle after a collision occurred with another vehicle. Upon landing outside the vehicle, our client was then run over by a second truck. She sustained serious injuries and we are now working to hold the initial driver responsible.

Patient Dies After Routine Surgery Ended With Doctor Error!

Our client's mother passed on the table during surgery deemed necessary for a common medical condition. During the surgery, the doctor made a number of errors that caused a number of complications ending in the death of the patient. MLG continues to investigate the errors and is working to determine what exactly occurred and who is ultimately responsible for death.

Man Traveling Interstate 79 Forced off the Road by Distracted Driver

While heading to work on a Monday morning, our client was traveling in the slow lane on I-79 when a distracted driver in the fast lane began to signal and move into our client's lane unaware that our client was currently in that lane, which resulted in a collision with our client. Upon impact, our client lost control of his car and was thrown into a ditch on the opposite side of the interstate.

Congratulations Abbie!

Abbie B. of Clarksburg won our coloring contest we held to determine the cover of our upcoming release of our **Bike Safety Coloring Book!** Her prize included having her coloring printed as the cover and a \$50 gift card to a store of her choice. (She chose Target!) and another \$50 gift card for her favorite teacher! (She chose her current Kindergarten teacher!) Congratulations Abbie!



Pictured are Tim and Abbie (Left) Kindergarten Teacher and Abbie (Right - Credit: Hope Bailey)



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Miley Family Fun



Congratulations Debbie Stout!
Winner of our
\$200 Christmas Gift Card Giveaway. (Above)



**Congratulations on Your
Graduation Maria! (Left)**