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## Rushed Day Leads to Large Traffic Tickets: What to do When Your Pulled Over

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If you're like most other Americans, you are often running late to wherever you are headed. With the advent of technology comes the increased need to rush about daily activities. Get to work quickly, get to school before the bell rings and then get home before a favorite show starts. All of the in-between generally requires rushing around in a car, which eventually leads to speeding. And speeding will eventually result in blue lights and a siren. (Although being pulled over is nothing but a headache, at least now you have something to post or snap about today!)

*It's been awhile since the last time you got pulled over or maybe you have never been pulled over before, what should you do?*

When you see the flashing blue and red lights, you want to pull over to the far right side of the road as quickly and safely as possible. Sometimes it is difficult to pull over to the side of the road. In this case, slow down and turn on your flashers to indicate that you recognize the officer is pulling you over. This assures the officer you are not trying to make a getaway.

Immediately after pulling over, make sure you stay in your car. When you get out of your vehicle without being asked, police officers usually think you either have something hiding in your car, or you are about to become aggressive with the officer. Just roll down your window, turn off the engine, and turn the interior car lights on if it is dark outside. Have your hands on the steering wheel as the officer approaches. Seeing your hands in plain view will put the officer's mind at ease.

Trying to be tough or edgy is one of the worst things you can do. Remember, the officer has the choice to give you a ticket or let you off with a warning. Remaining civil and polite almost always results in a better outcome, even if you think you were pulled over for a bogus reason. The officer will likely ask for your license, car registration, and proof of insurance. While reaching for these DO NOT make any sudden movements. There is no benefit to doing so, and it makes you look incredibly suspicious.

After the police officer has left your car, merge back into traffic safely. Sometimes it is a good idea to take a moment to sort your belongings or calm down if needed. If you are issued a ticket, you can contest it in court. For speeding tickets and other minor traffic violations, you don't need an attorney to contest, but it may help. Unless you enjoy getting speeding tickets, try to leave five to ten minutes early so you can arrive at your destination on time and safely.



## Safety Tips: Protecting Your Family

Keeping your family safe is always a major concern, and the good news is that even in today's world there are a number of simple things you can do to help reduce possible dangers and increase safety.

A good way to help secure your family's safety is by getting to know your neighbors better, whether you live in the suburbs, in an apartment or even in the countryside. Not only does knowing your neighbors make life more pleasant but it can also enhance safety and give you a stronger understanding of your family's surroundings.



If you have young children, limiting the access they have to certain items or areas of your home is crucial. Gates across steps and locks on cabinets are home safety essentials and as your children get older other steps should be taken to prevent unsupervised access to kitchen knives, prescription medicines and cleaning supplies. Kids should also be aware of the potential dangers of home products they may regard as safe, to ensure they make smart choices away from the home.



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

**Thelma C.**  
**Randy B.**  
**Dr. Morrison**  
**Kettera O.**



# MLG and WBOY Celebrating Volunteers Wilbur England, a Volunteer for the WVU Medicine Morgantown Maraton



As the marathon season approaches, runners have been well underway with their training and preparation for many local events. Many local marathons and other races focus on supporting a cause that further assists members within our community. One such event, the WVU Medicine Morgantown Marathon was established to raise funds for Operation Welcome Home. The funds are used to support programs that allow veterans and their families to "overcome barriers to employment and provides them with the knowledge and resources needed to secure a fulfilling position in the civilian workforce."

The Morgantown Marathon is in its 4th year, and as with all significant events, the planning, preparation, and execution are immense and require a considerable source of manpower. One such volunteer that works closely with Operation Welcome Home and the Morgantown Marathon is Wilbur England. Wilbur, a Vietnam veteran and

member of VFW Post 9916, works each and every week to help Operation Welcome Home plan their large fundraising events, including the Morgantown Marathon. In fact, it is very common to enter the Operation Welcome Home offices and see Wilbur working hard to help his fellow veterans locate a new job or even find additional financial resources or health care.

In addition to the Morgantown Marathon and his work with Operation Welcome Home, Wilbur can be seen at most, if not all of the local events honoring our military members. Just recently he traveled to the State Capitol to work to promote the interests of veterans across the state. "Not only is it important to provide assistance to veterans, but it is also important for our state and country to support them in their time of need," England stated.

The Morgantown Marathon is an annual event that takes place September 16th of this year. The 26.2-mile race careens through Morgantown, including the WVU campus. Other options do include a half marathon and the Mountain Mama 8k race. (Register for the event at [MorgantownMarathon.com](http://MorgantownMarathon.com))

"With West Virginia having the highest per capita of veterans in our state, the resources that Operation Welcome Home provides with the support of fundraisers such as the Morgantown Marathon, provides the support needed for our local Veterans," stated Marisa Matyola of WBOY. "Without Operation Welcome Home, many veterans would find it more difficult to identify employment opportunities within our community and gain the knowledge needed to gain successful employment."



## Recent Victories

- ✓ We recovered \$30,000 above what the insurance company initially offered our client for his injuries sustained at a retail establishment..
- ✓ In negotiating a medical bill for one of our car accident clients, we were able to get the bilol reduced by 50%, saving our client over \$13,000.

### Facebook Review:

★★★★★ "Excellent service and very professional. The Miley Legal Group was very helpful when I was hit by a driver on Route 50."

John P.

"Wilbur England and his fellow veteran volunteers have helped to create an abundance of resources in our region for our veterans and their families," said Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "The hard work that they undertake has helped to fill the gap between the needs of veterans and the services provided by the state and federal government. Veterans and other military members will always have certain needs, and the volunteer work done by Wilbur can only help alleviate some of the difficulties they face."

To learn more about the WVU Medicine Morgantown Marathon, visit [www.MorgantownMarathon.com](http://www.MorgantownMarathon.com). To learn more about the services offered by Operation Welcome Home, visit [www.WelcomeHomeWV.com](http://www.WelcomeHomeWV.com).

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 TV 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.

# Recipe of the Month: Calico Beans

## Ingredients:

1/2 cup bacon, chopped  
1 lb. lean ground beef  
1 (15 oz.) can pork and beans  
1 (15 oz.) can kidney beans, drained  
1 (15 oz.) can butter beans  
1 (15oz.) can lima beans  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1 cup chopped onion  
3 Tbsps white wine vinegar  
1 tsp mustard powder  
1/2 cup chopped celery



## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place bacon and ground beef in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium heat until evenly brown. Drain and set aside.
3. In a 4 quart casserole dish, mix together bacon, ground beef, pork and beans, kidney beans, butter beans, lima beans, ketchup, onion, vinegar, dry mustard and celery.
4. Cover and bake for 1 hour.

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

## Words of Encouragement

"Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom."

- James 2:12

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

- Colossians 3:13

"The summer night is like a perfection of thought."

- Wallace Stevens,  
American Poet

## July's Cases of Interest

### Family Pets Involved in Accident:

With two dogs in his SUV, our client was returning home after a short trip to the local park when he approached traffic that was backed up just over a knoll on a busy street. After coming to a complete stop he was struck from behind by a distracted driver. The impact of the second car was so hard that it pushed his SUV into the rear of his car. Although his dogs received a serious jolt, they were not injured in the accident. Our client, however, had a trip to the emergency room that ended with a referral to physical therapy. His treatment has



lead to a number of days of missed work. He reached out to us only after being harassed by the other driver's insurance company and only after they began to pepper him with questions about the accident and who would be placed at fault.

### Pulling Over for Car Issues Goes Terribly Wrong

When our client was having car trouble on a state highway, she did what most drivers would do, she pulled her car to the shoulder to see what was wrong. Upon pulling her vehicle to the side of the road, she turned on her flashers to warn oncoming traffic. Once she realized she could not figure out what the issue was, she contacted a relative and was waiting for their arrival when a friendly driver pulled over to check on her. The good samaritan did not want to leave our client to wait alone, so he pulled his car in front of our client's and turned his hazard lights on as well to provide additional

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

warning to oncoming traffic. Unfortunately, the flashing lights on two vehicles were not enough. Within ten minutes the back of our client's car was struck by a distracted driver. The car lurched forward and unfortunately, our client and the good samaritan were still in front of the stopped vehicle, under the hood when the car was hit and both the gentleman and our client were thrown into the other parked vehicle, smashing through the windshield. Lucky for our client a state trooper was following the truck that hit her and was there to immediately assist.





*Check out our blog at  
MileyLegalBlog.com*



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# Miley Family Fun



**Kaitlyn Elliott and Robbie Miley,  
MLG Summer Interns**



**Congratulations Jenna Soltesz  
BHS Class of 2018**