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Communication is Key during an Injury Claim!

As with any other professional service, communication is vital when it comes to interacting with your lawyer. Not only your connection to the lawyer but the lawyer's connection with you. Lack of communication can be the downfall of any accident or injury claim. There is too much at risk to not be in constant touch with your lawyer and vice versa.

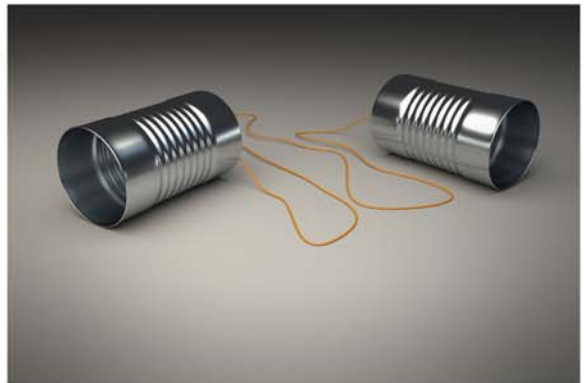
Why is communication with your attorney key?

We understand that communication is key at The Miley Legal Group. We have established several methods to ensure both lawyers and staff keep in constant discussions with our clients throughout their claim. With the new technology in case management software, it is effortless to stay in touch with clients consistently.

If you are consulting with another law firm, it might be a good idea to find out how they intend to keep in touch with you, how often, and with what available tools they will use. Here at our firm, we use several methods besides phone calls, including texting, emails, and direct mail pieces. We understand that you are busy and may not have time to take a call regardless of how quick it may be.

Keep in mind that there are a number of periods during a case that contact can slow down, for example, while a person is still treating or when we are waiting for an offer from an insurance company. Still, for the most part, the other steps within the injury claim process require constant communication between client and firm.

From the beginning, our clients know that we will be in constant contact, whether it be to copy our



clients on any letter we send on their behalf or through staff follow-ups every 30 days. There should never be a time when a client has no idea what is currently transpiring with their case.

One of the first communications you can expect from our office is after you reach out to us for help. Whether you do so by phone or online, our firm will respond to you immediately.

If you are not available when we reach back out, we will continue to make every attempt to get in touch with you to make sure you have all the answers you need to make the best decision for your claim.

If you or a loved one, would like us to evaluate a potential injury claim, reach out to us at (866)654-9352



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

- Angel C.
- Jonathan M.
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- Boyd W.
- Jim T.
- Rickie H.
- Donald S.

Your Home: 5 Tricks to Easily Liven Up Your Home

Your home is your sanctuary, where you rest and relax to recharge for the next day. Why not spruce it up with some easy hacks that will take only a few items and a few minutes, but will add value and pride to your home!

#1. Framing your bathroom mirrors. Not only does it change the look and feel of the bathroom, it does not require huge amounts of work. Take a 2 inch molding piece and use it to add a wooden frame (painted or stained) that surrounds the mirror.

#2. Lighting fixture update. Replacing an open



light fixture with a mason jar, not only adds interest, but can change a look in any room.

#3. Add a backsplash in the kitchen. Most home improvement stores offer a cheap vinyl tile that would look perfect as a backsplash.

#4. Add open shelving. Any room can use a little decluttering in your home. Either your bathroom, kitchen or a bedroom, open shelving can add some organization and a way to display some of your valuable wares.

#5. Fill your home's gaps and cracks. As homes settle, cracks in corners, behind trim and even between cabinets begin to appear. Take some caulk and fill cracks throughout the home. A side benefit: it can help with the heating and cooling costs of your home.

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UPDATE: Zantac Case Requirements Established

The latest news from the Zantac Cancer Case has been the establishment of the courts requirements to make a claim. So if you or a loved one was not sure if you would qualify for a portion of the settlement, read on.

The judge in the case established two sets of questions to be answered, one for those that have already filed and one for those that have not been filed in the case. The idea is to be able to group the claimants by types of injuries and the extent of the injuries. This will allow the judge to determine the level of settlement dollars that can be disbursed to each group.



Here are some of the questions that can be found on the form:

1. Was the Zantac prescribed or over the counter?
2. How long did you take Zantac or its generic version?
3. What is the physical injury sustained by the claimant?
(In other words, what type of cancer were they diagnosed with?)
4. Is there proof of use? Proof of diagnosis/medical records?

As in similar cases, the court will then take the answers and determine what type of value can be assigned to each injury sustained. Once the value is placed and the amounts agreed upon by all parties, the case can then be settled.

How does this impact those affected by Zantac? The impact is directly with the amount of money each claimant can recover based on the circumstances put forth by the court. The court has a limited amount that they will need to divide between all of the participants, so the more evidence of injury that can be shown, the better off the claimant will be.

If you or a loved one used Zantac for several years and as a result, had a diagnosis of cancer, you need to reach out for a free case review.

Recent Reviews

★★★★★ "This law firm as a whole is amazing. They worked hard and never gave up or dropped the ball! They got me more than I ever would have by myself or with any other lawyer!" - Tasha K. (Buckeye)

★★★★★ "Always in contact with updates. Entire staff professional and easy to work with. Would use again if necessary." - Ben B. (Clarksburg)

★★★★★ "Thank you for taking the time and helping with my husband's case. Hands down the best lawyers to have. Very down to earth and helpful with everything!" - Kourtney S. (Salem)

Pet Peeves: Pet Adoption Awareness

Hey there everyone! With fall and winter approaching, so does the colder weather. So, we wanted to share what we recently saw on TV. On WBOY over the past few months, they have been advertising a program called "Clear the Shelter."

We love this program as it encourages people in our area to visit local animal shelters and rescue all the dogs and cats at each facility. (We're sure there maybe other animals as well, but we know that they are primarily full of cats and dogs.) "Clear the Shelters" is a way to raise awareness for the fur babies currently housed by shelters and hopefully get them to nice warm homes before the snow flies.

If you have ever thought about adopting or adding another furry friend to your family, now is the time to do so! The more we help get adopted, the more that get to experience the true love of a family before the holidays. Don't forget, with Halloween coming up, you may not be aware that fur babies, also love Trick or Treating.



Recipe of the Month: Tomato Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 (9 inch) deep dish pie crust
- 4 large tomatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped basil
- 3 medium green onions, sliced
- 1/2 pound bacon (cooked, drained and chopped)
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. In alternating layers, fill pastry shell with tomatoes, basil, scallions, bacon, garlic powder, oregano and red pepper. In a small bowl, mix cheese with mayonnaise. Spread mixture over top of pie. Cover loosely with aluminum foil.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil from top of pie and bake an additional 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold.

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

Words of Encouragement

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

- Galatians 6:9

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

- John 15:12

"Cast your burden on the lord, and he will sustain you."

- Psalm 55:22

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

September's Cases of Interest

Route 50 Accident Leads to Broken Neck

Another day, another accident on Route 50 in our region. It seems as though we hear this story on the news over and over again. This time, the results sadly lead to a broken neck and a client that is potentially paralyzed from the waist down.

Our client was driving towards Parkersburg on Route 50 when he was struck from behind by a distracted driver. Unfortunately, the distracted driver was behind the wheel of a tanker truck that was going almost 15 miles an hour over the speed limit.



The truck hit our client so hard that he was thrown over the median past oncoming traffic and into a ravine where his car stopped, crushed from the impact.

The injuries sustained by our client included a broken neck, multiple deep lacerations and a broken leg. He was life flighted from the scene to Ruby Memorial where he is still in ICU recovering. It is unclear if he is paralyzed due to the broken back or the swelling that his body is struggling under.

With accidents such as these, it is important that no stone is left unturned while investigating when, how and why it happened. This all starts with a recreation of the accident and can lead to a digital compilation of the accident and the impact it had on our client's vehicle and his person.

Accident in Front of Coliseum Leads to Injury

Our client was traveling through Morgantown in a work truck. Once coming to a complete stop at the light directly in front of the Coliseum, he and his passenger were struck from behind. The driver that struck our client immediately admitted fault at the scene.



Unfortunately, the injuries our client sustained have prevented him from returning to work, so not only are his medical bills piling up, so are his lost wages. In addition to all of

these issues, the driver of the vehicle that struck him is insured by one of the most difficult insurance companies to deal with. We are currently focusing the efforts of our client on recovery as we begin gathering evidence in his case.

A Bus Ride Leads to Shoulder Injury

Our client was riding on a local public bus in Morgantown, when the bus suddenly jerked to a stop, causing passengers to go flying throughout the bus. Unfortunately, for our client the sudden stop led to a shoulder injury that will keep him in a sling for almost two weeks and could possibly lead to surgery down the road.

After receiving the initial treatment, our client became concerned with both his lost wages (as the injury was to his dominant arm) and any future medical costs that will come with additional treatment, which may include surgery and physical therapy.



Our firm is currently investigating the incident and attempting to gather the video footage from the bus cam to see the injury to our client as it happened.



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