



# Miley Legal News

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## Welcome Tom Basile, the Newest Attorney Added to our Team!

Please welcome Tom Basile to The Miley Legal Group Family! He brings over 25 years of experience practicing law and avid community involvement. He joins the firm to further assist our current and future clients with their injury cases, mass torts and other legal issues.

Graduating from Notre Dame High School, and receiving his B.A. in Religion from The University of Notre Dame, Tom began his professional career in the education field. His educational background led him to teach religion courses to high schoolers in San Antonio, Texas. He also helped establish and run a school to educate immigrant children from Mexico.

As a way to continue his education, Tom found his way back to West Virginia by entering a Masters program at WVU in Public Policy and then continuing on to WVU's law school to complete his J.D. Over the years Tom has specialized his practice to include injury clients, toxic torts, manufactured housing issues and Medicaid benefit disputes.

"We are excited to have Tom join our team," stated Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "With his years of experience practicing law, he has a good working knowledge of protecting the rights of clients when dealing with



not only injury cases and mass tort cases but in a number of other areas as well."

Although from the Clarksburg area, Tom currently resides in Charleston where he plans to continue to work and offer legal services. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Josephine and his three daughters, Joanna, Emily and Sarah. He spends his free time exploring museums, historical sites, amusement parks and the natural beauty of our great state!

This addition to the team allows The Miley Legal Group to better serve clients and potential clients in the Charleston area. Join us in welcoming Tom to the MLG team!



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

- Lisa D.
- Debra S.
- Kattie R.
- William H.

## Announcing: Healthcare Heroes with WBOY-TV

No one can dispute the importance of healthcare and emergency workers, especially during these past few months. They have been thrown to the frontline to battle not only in a pandemic, but to also continue on with the services they offered before it struck. That is why The Miley Legal Group along with WBOY-TV wanted to recognize the healthcare heroes in our community.

Each week a healthcare worker will be selected as a hero and recognized on the Thursday evening news and the Friday morning news. The selected person will be interviewed and their

contributions highlighted so the entire community can thank them for their services.

If you know of a healthcare worker that has had an impact on our community, COVID-19 related or not, visit [WBOY.com](http://WBOY.com) and click on the Community Tab to nominate them right now!



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# BAD DRUG: ELMIRON Causes Vision Problems, Drug Company Continued to Sell!



Under most circumstances, if it was discovered that a product caused severe damage to those people that used it, the product would be pulled from the shelves or at the very least changed. Not only did Janssen Pharmaceutical NOT pull Elmiron from the shelves, it continued to let patients use the drug.

Elmiron is used to treat patients with bladder pain or discomfort from interstitial cystitis. It has been on the market and in use for years. Thousands and thousands of unsuspecting patients used the drug to treat their issue only to be later diagnosed with blurred vision or retinal maculopathy.

In fact, Elmiron associated maculopathy is so similar to age-related macular degeneration that there are probably hundreds of users that were misdiagnosed thinking their vision went bad due to advanced age.

Study after study discovered that Elmiron users were negatively impacted when it came to their vision. In 2018, the bladder drug prescribed by urologists across the country was directly linked to causing a macular disorder. The study done by Emory Eye Center led to additional studies that not only confirmed what they had discovered, it was also found that if a patient began taking Elmiron and discontinued, maculopathy could continue to progress well after the patient stopped taking the medicine.

Maculopathy distorts vision by either creating dark spots in the line of sight or creating a cone-like blur, generally in the center of the line of sight. Although the main cause of maculopathy is advanced age or diabetes, a misdiagnosis could have occurred in patients taking Elmiron. The primary way to detect a misdiagnosis is to look at family history and even run a DNA test.

If you or a loved one has been taking Elmiron for any length of time and has been diagnosed with blurred vision, poor night-time vision, macular dystrophy or macular degeneration, you may have a claim against the drug maker. Let us help you hold Janssen Pharmaceutical responsible for their blatant disregard for the safety of their customers. Even if you only took Elmiron for a short time, get an eye exam by an ophthalmologist to see if your vision has been damaged in any way.



## Recent Reviews

★★★★★ "Well the intake fella is very nice. So far I have been treated well. They are definitely persistent, but that is why I called them back. Hopefully they will fight hard to help my life out" -Michelle K.

★★★★★ "If you are looking for an attorney that will see you as a person that matters and not a number, if you are looking for a team that will listen to you and fight for what is fair, look no further, The Miley Legal Group is who you want on your side!" - Gina S. (Grafton)

★★★★★ "Thank you to MLG. Everyone I encountered in person or by phone extended the utmost professionalism and courtesy. I felt in good hands." - Tim M. (Bridgeport)

## Pet Peeves: Rely on Your Furry Friends

Hello Friends,

Many of you that have had furry friends for years understand the benefits and joys of having us in your lives. But there are a few of you out there that may not understand the importance of having a pet, especially during stressful times such as the current pandemic we are all going through.



Study after study shows the benefits of having animals in your home. As we all practice social distancing and staying home, it may be Fido or Charlee that helps you get through the day. From the friendly cat that jumps onto your keyboard when you work or the barking dog that wants to play with his ball just as that Zoom meeting starts, pets have become a mainstay in work from home lifestyles. They provide emotional support, generally are not judgy (here's looking at you cat) and often help reduce everyday stress and anxiety.

So here's to the family pet during this crisis! Let them do one of their many jobs, and just love and support you!





## Recipe of the Month: Southwest Chicken Casserole

### Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 Tbsp taco seasoning mix
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite size pieces
- 2 Tbsps zesty italian dressing
- 1 cup canned "no salt added" black beans, rinsed
- 1/2 cup frozen corn
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 cup chunky salsa
- 1/2 cup mexican style shredded cheese
- 2 2/3 cup hot cooked long-grain brown rice



### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Add seasoning mix to chicken in medium bowl and toss evenly.
2. Heat dressing in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook and stir 5 min. or until evenly browned. Spoon into 1 1/2 qt casserole dish, cover with layers of beans, corn, onion and salsa.
3. Bake 20 min. top with cheese; bake 5 min. or until melted. Serve over rice.

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

## Words of Encouragement

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."

- Proverbs 12:25

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

- 1 Corinthians 16:13

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

- 1 Peter 5:7

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

- Helen Keller, Author

## Your Safety: Pandemic Empties Roadways, Speeders Take Over

The Washington Post is reporting that the United States is facing another issue during this pandemic, and it is not with the virus itself, but the results of the decreased number of cars on the road. All across the country from New York, Georgia, Illinois and Minnesota, most states are finding an increase in speeding on empty highways which has led to an uptick in accidents and even deaths.

"We're getting reports every week of dozens of drivers being cited for traveling over 100 miles an hour," Michael Hanson, Minnesota's director of the Office of Traffic Safety stated.

In early April, there were even reports on social media of a new coast-to-coast speed record. A 3-man crew drove from New York to Los Angeles in 26 hours and 38 minutes. It was reported that to make the time they did, the speed of travel would have to be well over 100 mph.

Nationwide, traffic has been down on average over 40%. But comparing that to an average drop of 20% in accidents, it would seem that there has not been a correlating drop in auto accidents across the country.

You can read the full article at [Washingtonpost.com](http://Washingtonpost.com) and click on the Transportation Section. Author: Luz Laxo (May 11, 2020)



## June's Cases of Interest

### Passengers Injured When Car Runs Stop Sign!

Passengers in vehicles are sometimes one of the most injured when it comes to running stop signs. In one of our current cases our client was a passenger riding in a vehicle driven by a friend, when the driver blew threw a stop sign and was subsequently slammed into by another vehicle.



Unfortunately, for our client, the brunt of the impact was on his side of the vehicle, resulting in a number

of injuries that included a concussion and lacerations on his face. He is currently still recovering and receiving medical care in hopes that he fully recovers soon.

### Parking Lot Accident Leads to Injury

Our clients were in the parking lot of a local establishment getting ready to leave and putting on seatbelts, when the vehicle they were in was struck by another car. The driver of the other vehicle claimed that she could not see them even though our client's vehicle was not moving.

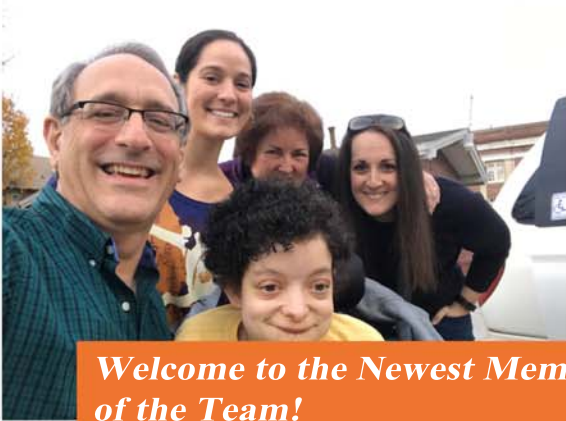
In the end all three people in the car were injured and required treatment. Unfortunately, for our client her trip to the ER resulted in multiple X-rays and included a CT Scan. Although, she is on her way to recovery, she now has thousands of dollars in medical bills that need to be dealt with, which ultimately led her to hiring our firm for help.







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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

*What are you doing  
while social distancing?*

Email us a picture at [mlg@mileylegal.com](mailto:mlg@mileylegal.com) to post on social media showing us what you and your family have been doing to pass the time and if we select your photo, we will send you a gift certificate to a local restaurant!

(Entries must be received by June 30th)

