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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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Accident Injury Claim Takes Forever. Local Lawyer Helps Clients Quicken Pace!



If you suffer a personal injury in an incident such as a car accident that you did not cause, your lawyer may seek compensation on your behalf from the at-fault party's liability insurance company.

The length of time it takes to get a settlement from things like a car insurance claim varies from case to case. Ideally, insurance carriers would respond quickly and pay every valid claim immediately. Unfortunately, insurance companies rarely operate that way.

A lawyer CAN and WILL help to speed up the process.

The process of seeking payment from an at-fault party's insurance policy usually starts with your personal injury attorney sending a demand letter on your behalf. (This is what makes this claims process different from the process of making a claim to your own insurance company, which

typically begins with you filing a claim directly with your insurer via its website.)

Upon receipt of a demand letter, an insurance company will assign an adjuster to handle it. An adjuster's job at the company is to review claims and to decide whether the carrier should pay them as opposed to an insurance agent who sells and maintains insurance policies.

Typically, under the terms of the insurance policy and/or by state law, the adjuster must complete an initial review and send a response within a reasonable amount of time – usually on the order of 30 days.

This is the point in the process at which, if things operate as they should, the insurance company should acknowledge its policyholder's legal liability and pay the claim right away. Unfortunately, as we said above, oftentimes that's not how things go.

You see, insurance companies and the adjusters who work for them have strong incentives not to pay the full value of a liability claim, and not to do so quickly.

However, when a lawyer becomes involved, the "feet dragging" usually stops with the threat of legal action.

A lawyer can also be a buffer between you and the adjuster. Your lawyer represents you and has experience in dealing with shady insurance adjusters and their bosses. **If you or a loved one has been in an accident, DO NOT GO IT ALONE! CALL MLG!**

Court Watch: We Kicked State Farm's Butt!

You read that right! We kicked State Farm's butt at trial. We take on the biggest insurance companies in the country when they do not treat our clients fairly. If State Farm, or other insurance companies like Nationwide, Allstate, Erie, Progressive, or Geico, refuse to treat our clients fairly and settle their cases when they should, our team is ready, willing, and able to take them to court.

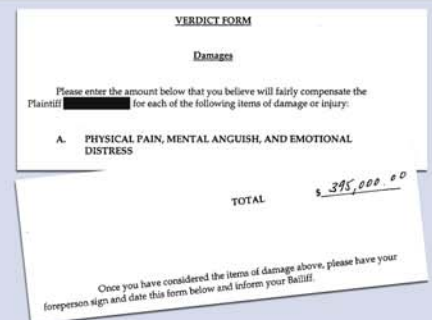
Take this last case (the one where we kicked their butts in court), State Farm knew their insured was at fault...they rear-ended our client, causing him to suffer serious neck and upper back injuries. Yet, State Farm refused to settle with our client for a fair

amount, so we were forced to SUE!

Obviously, we never want to put our clients through a trial because it is stressful. However, when insurance companies make "low ball" offers to our clients, we step into action.

We took State Farm to court after it offered our client \$45,000 to settle his injury case. After the 3-day trial, the jury awarded our client **\$395,000** for his medical bills and pain and suffering. Take that State Farm!!!

If ANY insurance company is not willing to pay your injury claim and, if necessary, take the you a fair amount for the injuries someone else insurance company to court for you. caused to you, call us and we can help you navigate



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Guest Column: Warmer Weather = Motorcycles!

Guest Columnist: Jose "Joe" Loureiro, Legal Assistant, MLG

The season for motorcycle riding has kicked-off. As the weather becomes hotter and drier you will see motorcyclists on the road soaking up the sun. It's during this time bikers get together for all kinds of rides whether it be for personal or charity reasons – bikers are out there, and we want to use this forum to discuss some points of safety.

First, and always – everyone needs to keep their eyes on the road. Distracted driving hurts so many people every year whether another motorist by car, a pedestrian, or a biker. While any kind of injury is bad enough, running over a pedestrian or rear-ending a biker both with minimal protection can have serious to fatal consequences. I am not trying to minimize any kind of impact on anyone – I just want to paint a picture of the smaller profile a biker has versus someone in a car should they be rear-ended while at a stop.



This is a great point to speak to another issue with motorcycles, bicyclists, etc. Travelers on motorcycles or bicycles have smaller profiles and it's easy to miss them if you are not looking for them. When at an intersection or pulling away from a parked position, take that extra moment to really look and ensure you can travel safely. A motorcycle or bicyclist can easily be missed in your mirrors' blind spots.

If you see a motorcyclist wearing jeans, long sleeves, a jacket, maybe leather chaps on a hot day it is not because they are crazy, it is because they are taking precautions should they have to put down their bike. As one who has experienced road – rash I can tell you that sliding on pavement is no fun. There is a saying, "Dress for the slide and not the ride." It is tempting to wear short sleeves and minimal clothing in gorgeous weather, but one never knows what could happen so it's wise to take a moment to don safety gear which may go a long way minimizing injury.

Whether you are traveling by car, motorcycle, bicycle, or on foot let us all be mindful and respectful of each other on the roadway. We wish you a great summer and safe travels.

Recent Wins!

★★★★★ "I appreciate all Doug and Nicole have done to make sure I was taken care of. They were always there when I needed anything and made sure I got everything I deserved. Thanks so much for taking care of me. I will definitely recommend you." -Carrie M.

★★★★★ "Although I made the mistake of contacting this firm very late in the litigation process, they were eager to assist me with resolving my claim, with I am very grateful for. Mr. Keith Gould always took his time with answering my questions and was prompt with returning my telephone calls and email inquiries. I would highly recommend The Miley Legal Group and its team of professionals!" -Robert E.

Pet Peeves: Summer Pool Safety

Here's the scoop, humans: We love the pool! Your pets love the pool, not the bath, the POOL! But with water and pets comes the issue of safety. We want to have fun, but we also want to be safe. Hundreds of dogs drown each year in family pools and through boating incidents.

You might think that most dogs and cats know how to swim. We all have heard of the "doggy-paddle." But did you know that most dogs have no idea what to do in a pool at first? The American Kennel Club (AKC) recommends that you slowly introduce your pet to the water. Taking care to praise them when they do something right. You also need to make sure your pet knows how to exit the water safely.

Make sure your dog is comfortable in the water. Most injuries happen in the pool as a result of a dog panicking and not being comfortable with its surroundings. We all want to have fun this summer, including your furry friends, we just ask that you be careful and have fun safely!



Love
Mia & Clarabelle


Recipe of the Month: Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Ingredients:

2 cups crushed pretzels	2 (10 oz.) packages of frozen strawberries
3/4 cup butter, melted	1 (8 oz.) container of frozen whipped topping, thawed
3 Tbsp white sugar	1 cup white sugar
1 (8 oz.) pkg cream cheese, softened	
2 (3 oz.) pkg strawberry flavored Jell-O	
2 cups boiling water	



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 Tbsps of sugar; mix well and press mixture into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. Bake 8-10 minutes until set, Set aside to cool.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread mixture onto cooled crust.
4. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in frozen strawberries and allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.
5. Be sure to keep salad refrigerated, enjoy!

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

Words of Encouragement

"Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."
- 1 Peter 5:7

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

"Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
- John 14:27

"The only person that can stop you from reaching your goals is you."
- Jackie Joyner-Kersey

June's Cases of Interest

Another Accident in Wilsonburg Rt 50 Area

Our client was driving on Wilsonburg Rd. near the BFS Gas Station, when a water truck pulled directly in front of him. Unfortunately, our client was unable to stop and struck the truck at a decent rate of speed.



The injuries sustained by our client include soft tissue injuries, but more severely, he is experiencing numbness in his lower back.

Unfortunately, truck accidents in this region of the county keep happening. Whether due to speed or distraction by either the truck driver or the driver of the other vehicle, both accident types end in injury. The Miley Legal Group is working with local and state agencies to figure out how to make this area safer for residents and for commercial drivers.

Distracted Driver on I-79 Rear-ends Car

Most of the time when we receive a call in reference to a rear-end collision, it is at a red light and the car behind the injured caller did not stop in time. Once in a while, we will get something different, as was the case with our most recent rear-end collision.

Our client was traveling near Exit 119 on the interstate, when she was struck from behind by a car that was traveling at a quicker pace. The driver of the car that struck our client claimed that she was utilizing her cruise control at 70.



Unfortunately for our client, the driver is either being dishonest or was just plain distracted and our client has the injuries to prove it.

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

Driver Injured After Other Vehicle Flips

Our client was injured in Grafton when her vehicle was struck by a car that was flipped on its side after being struck by a third driver.

The impact that caused the car to flip was strong enough to push the vehicle on its side fast enough to strike our client's vehicle and cause injury.



After receiving treatment at Grafton City Hospital after the accident, our client was diagnosed with fractured ribs and other soft tissue damage. The injuries will require extensive treatment including some physical therapy for her inflamed muscle tissue.

Accidents that involve more than one vehicle can be tricky. Determining liability and whose insurance policy should be tapped into can cause a lot of confusion. It is important in situations where more than one vehicle is involved that the injured consult with a lawyer before moving forward with their claim.



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Miley Family Fun



**Maddy's 5th Grade
Graduation Parade and
Hunter's Last Day
of Middle School**



**Congratulations MacKenzie Gould (Left) and Emma Romano (Right)
2021 Graduating Class Bridgeport High School**