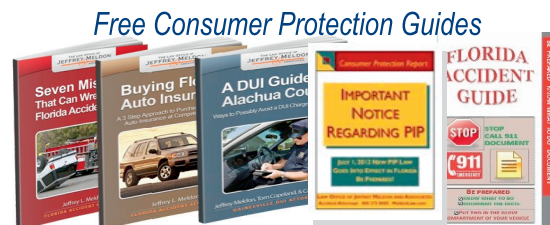


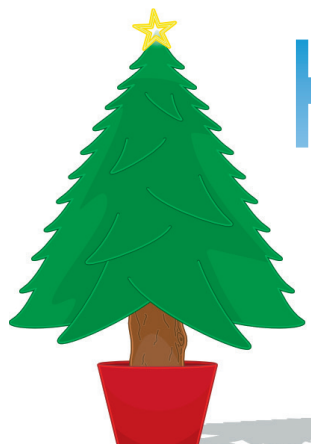
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Happy Holidays From The Meldon Law Family!

From all of us at the Meldon Law Firm, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season! A special thank you to all of those who subscribed to our newsletter. We look forward to continuing this informative publication in 2018!

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. How many U.S. states border the Gulf of Mexico?
2. What's the ballet term for a 360-degree turn on one foot?
3. Which was the first nation to give women the right to vote?
4. Which country has not fought a war since 1814?
5. What's the most common non-contagious disease in the world?
6. What does VSOP stand for on a bottle of Brandy?
7. What was John Lennon's middle name?
8. Which is the only country in the world which sports the Bible on its national flag?
9. Which is the largest country in Central America?
10. Who has been the only bachelor President of the United States?



Answers: 1. 5 2. Pirouette 3. New Zealand 4. Sweden 5. Tooth Decay 6. Very Superior Old Pale 7. Winston 8. The Dominican Republic 9. Nicaragua 10. James Buchanan, Jr. (His niece assumed the role of First Lady)

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Quotes of the Month

"Life is about making an impact, not an income."
-Kevin Kruse

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."
-Napoleon Hill

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."
-Amelia Earhart

"Every strike brings me closer to the next home run."
-Babe Ruth

"Definiteness of purpose is the starting point of all achievement."
-W. Clement Stone

Help Meldon Law Spread Holiday Cheer!

During the Holiday Season Meldon Law likes to help those who could use a little gift to brighten their spirits and make the Holidays a little happier for everyone. Earlier this year we had a contest to give away \$25 Gift Certificates for one of our favorite restaurants, Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille located in Gainesville and Ocala. We had a great response to the giveaway including Elmer and Sharon Boniek who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary at Harry's and wrote us a beautiful thank you letter about their special dinner.

This year we have decided to give away 50 Harry's Gift Certificates (to the first 50 people who contact us) in the amount of \$25 each to anyone who needs a little extra holiday cheer. All you have to do is email or call us with the name and address of someone who needs a little present this year to put a smile on their face and we will take care of the rest. You can email Joshua Howard at jhoward@meldonlaw.com or call the office at (800)-373-8000. Meldon Law owes so much to all of you who have helped us make 2017 a prosperous year, and we want to send our special thanks to everyone who has been part of our success. May you and your loved ones have a happy and healthy new year.



Sincerely,

Jeffrey Meldon and the Meldon Law Team



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You Matter Most



Jeffrey Meldon

Thank You For Your Referral:

Chris Smithers, of Smithers Insurance, is one of our favorite clients. He recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, knowing that it would be handled with the utmost professionalism. As a thank you for thinking of us when making this referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of his choice.

-The Meldon Law Team



Community Events

Downtown Countdown: A New Years Celebration

Sunday, December 31st, 2017 @ 9PM
@ Bo Diddley Plaza

Downtown Gainesville rocks in the New Year with live music provided by the area's most popular bands. There will be a countdown to midnight, and so much more. For more information call 352-334-ARTS or go to www.gvltculturalaffairs.org.



Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 From 6:30 PM-8:30PM
@ Countryside Christian School
10926 NW 39th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32606

Join us for a night of family FUN!

We will have a number of contests you can enter. For those not wishing to enter the contests, there will be games and activities to participate in.

Contests are: Gingerbread House Contest: \$10 Entry Fee (1st place prize will receive a \$100 gift card!) Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest and Holiday Cookie Contest: \$10 Entry Fee (1st place prize will receive a \$100 gift card!) For further instructions call (352) 332-1493.



Belinda's Classic Holiday Cookies:

Sugar Cookies:

Ingredients:

- o 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- o 1 teaspoon baking soda
- o 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- o 1 stick butter, softened
- o 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- o 1 egg
- o 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

- o Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- o Mix softened butter with the white sugar.
- o Then put in the flour and mix again.
- o Put in baking soda, baking powder, and vanilla extract.
- o Finally beat in the egg.
- o Form mix into balls and place on cookie sheet.
- o Bake 7-10 minutes in the preheated oven.
- o After their done, wait two minutes for them to cool (decorating optional).
- o After two minutes, you can begin eating the sugary delights you have created.



Chocolate Chip Cookies:

Ingredients:

- o 1 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- o 1 teaspoon baking soda
- o 1/2 teaspoon salt
- o 1/2 cup salted butter, at room temperature
- o 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- o 7 tablespoons granulated sugar
- o 1 large egg
- o 2 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- o 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

- o Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- o Put butter in microwave for 15 seconds
- o Mix the partially melted butter with the brown sugar and white sugar.
- o Add flour.
- o Beat and add the egg
- o Add the vanilla extract, salt, and baking soda.
- o Add the chocolate chips and mix everything together
- o Form mix into balls and place on cookie sheet.
- o Bake for 8-10 minutes.
- o Let cool for two minutes and then enjoy!



This month's topic of interest: December 2017

Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest.

Here's a topic worth discussing.

Meldon Law South Florida Office Grand Opening

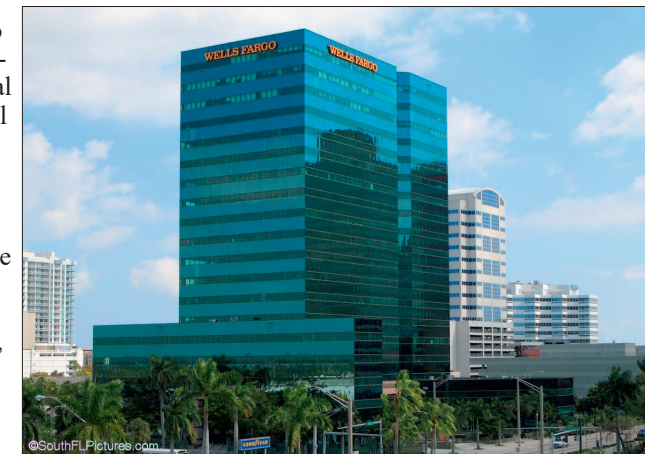
Meldon Law is excited to announce the opening of its South Florida branch office this month in addition to its main offices in Gainesville and Ocala! Firm partner Carey Meldon will be opening the new office effective December 1st of this year. Although Carey will primarily be in Gainesville/Ocala, he will be traveling between North Central and South Florida to oversee the new office expansion, Meldon Law firm founder, Jeffrey Meldon, will be quarterbacking our cases in North Central Florida as well as providing sage advice and counsel in our satellite office as well.

Carey has selected former Gainesville-based attorney and prosecutor Kenneth Ferguson to man the downtown office in Fort Lauderdale in the Wells Fargo Building next to the Federal Courthouse. Kenneth has several years of legal experience litigating personal injury and criminal matters throughout Florida. Meldon Law will be primarily focusing on representing our clients in DUI Criminal Defense and Automobile Accident cases in the tri-county area, including Palm Beach, Dade, and Broward counties.

As an added bonus, Carey looks forward to spending South Florida time with his sister, Jessica Meldon Nessim, Brother-in-Law, Alan Nessim, and their beautiful children, Noah and Naomi who are living in North Miami Beach, Florida.



Kenneth W. Ferguson



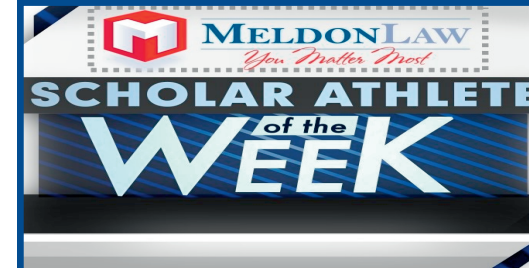
Wells Fargo Building, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Jeffrey, Carey, and Ian Attend Blood, Breath and Tears Conference in Orlando, FL

The Blood, Breath, and Tears Conference XXII

A Seminar for the DUI Practitioner– Presented by *The Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers*

This year's seminar was based around DUI cases and DMV hearings with a panel of judges providing insight into their rulings. During the 12 hour seminar all aspects of DUI defense work is completely covered by the group of speakers. The FACDL has a customized array of services to provide the training, contacts, resources and information lawyers may need. All FACDL seminars are intended to promote the excellence of, disseminate knowledge to, and provide education to the criminal defense community.



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB TV20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the school year a high school senior in the North Central Florida area is chosen as the Scholar-Athlete of the Week and given a \$100 scholarship and a plaque.

At the end of the school year we hold a banquet for all the winners and their families. Last year nearly 200 people attended the Scholar Athlete Banquet where one male and one female are chosen as **The Scholar Athletes of the Year**.

The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement. Starting in 2003 the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with WCJB TV20 to promote the event widely on TV 20.

Our Most Recent Scholar Athletes!

October 18th, 2017: Trey Saunders is a dual sport athlete playing lacrosse and football at **Oak Hall High School**. Not only does he play sports but Trey is also senior class president. He is planning on attending Florida Southern University and has maintained an impressive 3.4 GPA.

October 26th, 2017: Arena Acree is a setter and right-side hitter on **Williston High School's Volleyball Team**. She has incredible leadership skills and is always helping out her community. Arena is also maintaining a 3.8 GPA and has done over 150 hours of volunteer work.

November 1st, 2017: Daisy Masciale is a three-varsity athlete in volleyball, softball, and weightlifting at **Interlachen High School**. She has also managed to keep an impressive unweighted GPA of 4.15. Daisy is determined to achieve all of her goals by becoming a large animal veterinarian.

To nominate someone for Scholar Athlete of the Week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor in his or her sport, and a high school senior. Call in or email nominations to Elgin Rucker at (352) 416-0646 or erucker@wcjb.com