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MELDON LAW CARES

The COVID-19 Crisis has shaken up the world in ways that none of us ever imagined or experienced. This has changed all of our lives in different ways and while many are adjusting well, some are not. We encourage everyone to reach out and help someone who may need a little positive energy. A simple phone call to an old friend may make a big difference in someone's life.

Meldon Law started our "*Meldon Law Cares*" program recently. We are providing pizzas and hamburgers to our dedicated hospital workers using local restaurants as our partners. We have already donated to Shands Hospital, North Florida Regional, and the VA in Gainesville, hospitals in Ft. Lauderdale and we are expanding to the Marion County hospitals next.

Meldon Law started a Free Attorney Hotline to help anyone who needs some guidance during these challenging times. Just call Meldon Law (1-800-373-8000) and one of our attorneys will give you free legal advice on whatever problem you are dealing with. So far everyone calling has been so appreciative that they have someone to listen to them and help them find a solution. Our website (*MeldonLaw.com*) also has a very informative "*COVID-19 Resource Page*" to let you know what agencies in our community are providing assistance to those in need.

Our team has daily Zoom meetings while we are working from home that are both productive and energizing. We are working harder than ever to meet the needs of our clients and the community.



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Quotes of the Month

"Nothing would be done at all if one waited until one could do it so well that no one could find fault with it."

- John Henry Newman

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

- Leo Tolstoy

"Sometimes something worth doing is worth overdoing."

- David Letterman

Jokes of the Month

Which U.S. state is famous for its extra-small soft drinks?

Minnesota

Why do trees seem suspicious on sunny days?

They just seem a little shady!

"LAW TALK LIVE" AIRS ON SATURDAYS!

Tune in and listen LIVE every Saturday morning to Law Talk LIVE at 10:30 A.M. with your hosts Jeffrey Meldon, Carey Meldon, Chris Qualmann, and special guests on WSKY 97.3 FM News Talk Radio.

Entering its 18th consecutive year on air, Law Talk LIVE serves as the longest running Legal and Public Affairs radio program in the Southeast United States. The Meldon Law team brings you the latest discussions on legal topics and issues that you care about. For more info and program listings, please visit www.thesky973.com.

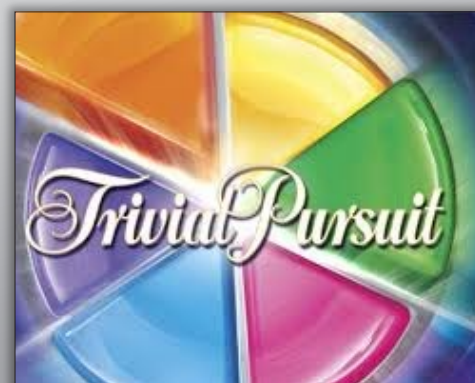


"Jeffrey on the Air"

This month's "Trivial Pursuit" >>>

Questions:

1. What colorful name is often applied to a sequoia?
2. Who was the first American astronaut to enter space?
3. What NFL team moved into Soldier Field in 1971?
4. What is the name of the Egyptian goddess of the sky?
5. "The Tonight Show" premiered in what year?
6. What fruit is packed with the most calories?
7. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
8. What are the two basic types of Scotch Whisky?
9. Who was the Greek god of craftsmen?
10. What Beatles song has a French horn solo?



Answers: 1. Redwood 2. Alan B. Shepard 3. Chicago Bears 4. Nut 5. 1954 6. Avocado 7. Michelangelo 8. Single malt and single grain 9. Hephaestus 10. For No One

HAS YOUR BUSINESS BEEN INTERRUPTED BY COVID-19?



During this crisis, businesses across the entire state of Florida have been affected by reduced hours or shutdowns. We are here to help you navigate the process and submit the information you need for your claim, but don't wait. With so many businesses being affected by the Coronavirus in Florida, it is crucial that you begin the process of submitting your claim now. Call us at (800) 373-8000 for a FREE case evaluation.

In The Community...**Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation**

Location: 2408 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 Website: www.jjccf.org

The Mission of the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation is to provide emergency financial assistance for children fighting cancer to ensure access to basic human necessities. Additionally, the Foundation advocates for and raises awareness of childhood cancer. JJCCF is dedicated to providing temporary financial relief to help families pay for everyday needs such as utility bills, medical expenses, rental costs, car payments, and groceries. This type of direct and tangible assistance allows families to have access to the most basic necessities that are vital to the survival of these children receiving cancer treatment.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - LEMON SUGAR COOKIES

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Butter cold, cut into cubes
- 2 cups Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 2 teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2 tablespoons Fresh Lemon Juice
- 2 tablespoons Lemon Zest
- 3 cups Flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar for 4 minutes until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla, lemon juice, lemon zest and stir to combine.
3. Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt and mix just until combined.
4. Drop dough onto baking sheet.
5. Bake for 11 minutes, take out and sprinkle sugar on top. Bake for an additional 3 minutes.
6. Let cool, and enjoy!



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Everyone participates in our "Commit to 3" program which allows each team member to name their top 3 priorities for the day so that we can keep our focus sharper than ever. We celebrate our successes together and play fun games to keep our spirits up. During these strange times, our team at Meldon Law has grown stronger by staying positive and focused. We are here to help everyone in the community get through this crisis and help get things back to normal. We strive to be "informed optimists" by being safe and at the same time planning for our future growth in the middle of a pandemic. At Meldon Law "You Matter Most!!"



Attorney Jeffrey Meldon

Bring COVID-19 Habits to the Car

It's almost impossible to see any silver linings to the coronavirus pandemic that has turned our world upside down. That being said, one of the positives that have come out of the stay at home orders throughout our nation is that car accidents are down considerably. As a foreseeable result, less people are being injured or killed in car accidents.

Since the early twentieth century, automobiles have captured Americans' hearts. From the Ford Model T to the Mustang in its many iterations, part of American culture is embedded in our car experiences. Cars provide us with the ability to get to work, freedom to see locations we would otherwise not see, and greet people we would otherwise not see.

However, cars also can pose a danger to us. Accidents are one of the most common form of fatalities and physical impairment in our country.

People's lives get altered in a blink of a second. Quite simply, our bodies were not built to be able to withstand the forces that occur when two heavy metal objects collide with one another, often at high speeds.

The coronavirus has made many of us think more about our actions, and how they affect ourselves and other people. Today, everyone is thinking twice about where we go, how we get there, what we touch, who do we stand next to, etc.. Once this pandemic is over, let's hope motorists take the same caution when operating our beloved cars. It is important for people returning to the roads to appreciate the freedom that driving gives while being mindful of their surroundings.



Attorney Carey Meldon

Raving Fan of the Month!



"Carolyn has been awesome at assisting me with my car accident suit along with Jeffrey Meldon. Then in addition Daniel Vazquez called me and gave me pro-bono advice yesterday on landlord issues that I'm experiencing. He went over and beyond to give me advice, talk to me on the phone...listening to all my issues and really caring on what I'm dealing with right now. Anyone needing an attorney should use this firm as they are extremely knowledgeable, caring and will go to extremes to work for you."

-Jenna Snyder



Our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 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 TV-20** to promote the event widely on **TV-20**.

Yaree James is in her fourth year on **Gainesville High School's** weight-lifting team. Yaree maintains an impressive **3.4 GPA**. She is a 3 time state qualifier and competes in the 110 pound weight class. Yaree is planning on attending Santa Fe College. She will then apply to transfer to the University of South Florida where she hopes to become a social worker.

Emily Barras is a dual-sport star for **Trenton High School**. Emily is an integral part to both her school's softball and basketball team while maintaining a superb **4.2 GPA**. Upon graduation, Emily will attend Mercer University to continue her softball career.

Cassidy Bowlin is the cheerleading captain at **Vanguard High School**. She leads her team in cheering on the football and basketball teams while keeping an outstanding **4.45 GPA**. After graduation, Cassidy is hoping to attend FSU, where she would like to study Family and Child Development.

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 **Cierra Clark** at (407) 485-3344 or Cierra.clark@wcjb.com.