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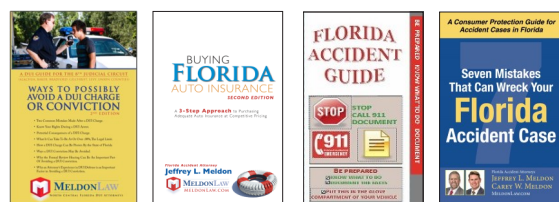
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Hello,
September!

Quotes of the Month

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

-Dr. Seuss

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

-Bernard M. Baruch

Jokes of the Month

What did one autumn leaf say to another? I'm falling for you.

What did the tree say to autumn? leaf me alone.

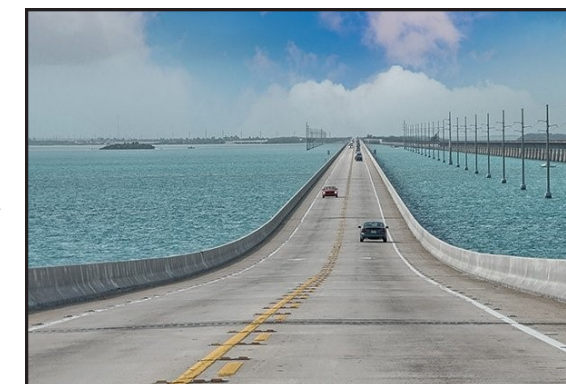
What is a tree's least favorite month? Sep-timber!

Danger on Florida Roads

Many folks in Florida are unaware that most drivers on the road can seriously injure you and walk away 'scot-free'. In Florida you need to protect yourself and your family with uninsured motorist coverage in the event you are injured so badly that you can not go back to work and have lifelong permanent injuries. We recently settled a case where the at-fault driver had only \$10,000 in bodily injury liability insurance and our clients had broken bones requiring surgery with rods and pins in her legs. Fortunately, our client had purchased \$500,000 in underinsured motorist coverage, and we were able to get her own company to pay \$500,000 to settle her case. Without this valuable coverage, she would have been stuck with a mountain of medical bills and no way to support herself while she recovered from her injuries.

In another case, our client was seriously injured on his motorcycle due the negligence of an underinsured motorist who was not paying attention. He had purchased motorcycle insurance that was part of his auto insurance and had stacked the coverage so instead of just \$100,000 he had \$200,000 in total coverage. Anyone riding a motorcycle is at high risk for injury and should make sure you have good uninsured motorist coverage not only on your car, but on your motorcycle as well. Put it on one policy and make sure you get stacking coverage.

I've written the book "Buying Florida Auto Insurance" to help consumers. It's short and easy to read, and you can get it **FREE** just by going to MeldonLaw.com and clicking on the "Free Offers" link where you can then download it immediately. Feel free to also call the office at (800) 373-8000 and we'll send it to you in the mail!



Thank You For Your Referral:



Denise Mongiardo is one of our favorite clients. She 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 her choice.

-The Meldon Law Team

In The Community... Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County

Location: 2661 NW 51st Street, Gainesville, FL 32607 **Website:** www.myboysandgirlsclub.com

For more than a century, Boys & Girls Clubs have helped young people stay on the path to great futures. Their mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. The vision of the organization is to provide a world-class club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters the doors of a facility. While demonstrating good character and citizenship, members are driven to stay on track educationally, and to graduate high school with a plan for the future. For more information about the wonderful organization, check out their website at myboysandgirlsclub.com.



Community Events

2018 End of Summer Bash

Saturday, September 15th, 2018, 10AM-2PM
@ Tuscowilla Park, 829 NE Sanchez Ave, Ocala, FL
The summer is ending, but the party is just starting! Join us as we blow out the summer with live entertainment, food, vendors, a kid's zone and many surprise activities! Bring your surfboards, sandals and Hawaiian shirts for a great family time.



2018 Davis Car & Truck Show

Saturday, September 29th, 2018, 9AM-2PM
@ Davis Chevrolet, 2600 N Main Street, Gainesville, FL
Fun for the whole family...bring the kids! Food Trucks, Raffles, Music. Over 50 classes of vehicles plus rat rod class -- professionally judged. Awards presented at 2:00pm. Show proceeds help The Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County. Rain or shine.



Stefany's White Chicken Chili

Ingredients:

- 1 Packet McCormick's White Chicken Chili Seasoning
- 6-8 boneless chicken thighs
- Chicken broth
- Red bell pepper (chopped)
- Jalapeno peppers (optional) (chopped)
- 1 can navy/black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1 can whole corn (drained)
- 2 cans Rotele diced tomatoes w/green chilis
- Salt, pepper, garlic powder

Directions:

1. Boil the chicken in water w/salt, pepper and garlic powder for about 30 mins.
2. Remove chicken and cut into bite sized pieces. Keep the broth in the pot.
3. Add the seasoning packet to the liquid, whisk until blended.
4. Add peppers, strained beans, corn, and tomatoes into pot.
5. Add additional chicken broth and/or water until you have the desired consistency.
6. Add chicken and bring to a boil and then reduce heat and simmer for about 45 minutes.
7. Top with shredded cheese, sour cream.



Stefany Harrod is a Paralegal/Case Manager and has been with Meldon Law since April, 2017. We are lucky to have her!

This month's topic of interest: September 2018

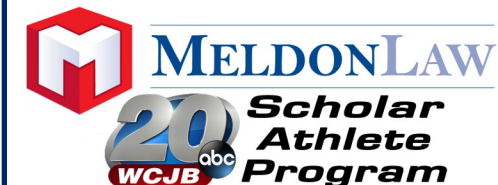
Each month our staff takes a number of calls from people within the North Central Florida Community. We use our clients' comments to come up with ideas for the topics of interest. Here's a topic worth discussing.

Auto Accident Data For Florida

Each year, the State of Florida releases statistics regarding auto accidents throughout the Sunshine State for the previous year. As 2018 comes into full swing, it can help to look back at the prevalence of auto accidents and injuries and to find ways to increase safety on the roads. The following are some statistics regarding traffic crashes in Florida in 2017:

- Total crashes reported = 389,641
- Crashes that caused property damage only = 225,043
- Crashes that caused injuries = 161,886 (with a total of 247,198 people injured)
- Crashes resulting in fatalities = 2,732 (with a total of 2,915 fatalities)
- Crashes involving commercial vehicles = 42,194
- Crashes involving pedestrians = 9,057 (with 607 fatalities)
- Crashes involving bicyclists = 6,462 (with 107 fatalities)

Even though the numbers have decreased a small amount from 2016, hundreds of thousands of people still suffer injuries each year in traffic accidents which makes this a major public health issue. At Meldon Law we see all too frequently how a car accident can change your life. We want everyone to stay safe in 2018, but if you are injured, please do not hesitate to call our auto accident attorneys at (800) 373-8000 or contact us online at MeldonLaw.com.



Welcoming Back 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.

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 email him at erucker@wcjb.com.

Employee Spotlight



Abbie E. Knight

Abbie has been working at Meldon Law for over 30 years providing excellent legal services to the North Central Florida Community through her combined roles as Executive Legal Assistant and Office Manager. She is a valuable member of the Meldon Law team and we are lucky to have her!

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for handling not only my case, but for always being a calming support. I know you have handled many cases like mine, but I would not have gotten through without you always reassuring me it will be alright and working with my quirks. I am forever grateful."

-Client Testimonial