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Happy New year!

The Meldon Law Team thanks everyone for allowing us to continue serving the community in 2024 and for the optimistic vision we share for 2025. We take pride in supporting local charities and businesses throughout North Central Florida. Our weekly podcast, Meldon Law and Friends, and our 23-year running radio show, Law Talk Live on the SKY (Saturdays at 10:30 AM on 97.3 FM), help us connect with the community.

We're excited to announce the opening of a new office in Williston and plans for further expansion, including a new location in The Villages.

Finally, we want to thank our newsletter subscribers for their continued referrals. There's nothing more gratifying than knowing you trust us to help when a serious accident turns your life upside down. We are committed to being there for you in 2025 and beyond.



Angela, at the Gainesville chamber awards with Elio Piedra and his wife.



Kids making free throws at the post-game layups at the O'Dome



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20 *Scholar Athlete Program*
WCJB abc

26th Anniversary

Nominate a Scholar Athlete of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the Scholar Athlete Program since 1997. Every week of the 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.

Former Scholar Athletes:

If you are a former scholar athlete or know one, please get in contact with Meldon Law at (352) 373-8000

MICHAEL GOODALE: Some people are born leaders. Some work tirelessly to become great. When you find someone with both qualities, you've got a game-changer. Chiefland's Michael Goodale is just that a game changer. "I've always been like this as a kid. I've come from a pretty hard past, and it's just... I grew up in this role," said Goodale. From a young age, Goodale fell in love with the game of football, dreaming of the NFL long before most kids even knew what that meant. He shared, "Well, ever since I was a younger kid, I always had dreams of going to the NFL. I was a little bit bigger than the rest of the kids, a little bit more skilled in football. I would say I'm a quick learner, so that helped as a young kid. But when I started knowing I was good at football, it was about 10th grade.

KEENON JOHNSON: They said I'm a dog. So, my coach, my little league coach started calling me K9. Ever since then, they've been calling me that." 3,800 yards. 39 touchdowns. 7.6 yards per carry. The stats tell a story, but it's the passion that drives Keenan Johnson, otherwise known as K9, to be the top dog in Hawthorne's explosive offense. "When I was younger, I always watched football. After I told my mom that I wanted to play, I've been playing since I was, like, 6, 7. It's just been a dream for me. I love the game of football," said Johnson.

Criteria: He or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor of their sport, & is a high school senior.

Send nominations to taylor.burr@wcjb.com or jake.rongholt@wcjb.com



TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Barbara Caswell

Director of Finance

Barbara has been a key part of our success at Meldon Law. Her strong financial expertise, careful attention to detail, and ability to handle important financial decisions have made a big difference. Barbara is reliable and proactive. She has truly become an invaluable member of our team.

Meldon Law Core

Values:

Compassion
Accountability
Reliability
Excellence
Sense of Urgency



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

CMS TRANSPORT

CMS Transport is a transportation company located in Lake City, FL specializing in non-emergency medical transport services for patients across North Central Florida. Available 24/7, they are committed to providing reliable and compassionate transportation. For pricing inquiries or any other questions, feel free to contact them at 386-752-2112 or via email at cmstransport@cmsprostaff.com. They are always ready to assist you!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

JOANNE'S AVOCADO TOAST

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 2 slices of bread (your choice)
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional toppings: red pepper flakes, lemon juice, or herbs



DIRECTIONS:

- 1-Toast the bread slices until golden.
- 2-Mash the avocado in a bowl, adding a pinch of salt and pepper.
- 3-Heat a non-stick pan over medium heat, then cook the eggs (fried or scrambled) to your liking.
- 4-Spread the mashed avocado on each piece of toast.
- 5-Top with an egg, sprinkle with salt, pepper, and any optional toppings.



Joanne Jarufe

Marketing Specialist



Rabbi Mendel Goldman and the real Ocala Santa on the podcast



Jeffrey on the Nutcracker rehearsal.



Jeffrey with Liv Schreiber in Miami for an Event to support Israeli Ambulances and Blood Bank services.



Jeffrey and his Family celebrating the Holidays.

REFER A FRIEND



At Meldon Law we love helping people and continue to work hard to provide our clients with the best experience through challenging times.

If you happen to know of anyone who may need the services we provide, please have them reach out to us at 352-373-8000.



GOOGLE REVIEW OF THE MONTH

“They did an amazing job with an impossible company. They didn't back down and I am grateful. They checked in with me every step”
-Lori Lesbott



CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2025

MILLION DOLLAR CAR CRASH RECOVERY

Meldon Law helped a victim of a serious car crash recover over a million dollars. The crash caused a serious low back injury that was not corrected by surgery and a spinal cord stimulator had to be implanted in order to reduce the pain. Fortunately our client got excellent relief and was able to go back to a productive work life and could engage in many of her pre-crash activities. And this was accomplished without the need to file a lawsuit and go to court. Remember, most cases are settled without a lawsuit if the law firm presents a compelling case to the insurance company.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

- Why don't lawyers play hide and seek?
Because they always find a loophole
- What's a lawyer's favorite exercise?
Jumping to conclusions.
- Why don't elephants use computers?
Because they're afraid of the mouse.
- Why did the tomato turn red?
Because it saw the salad dressing!
- Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself?
It was two-tired.



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JANUARY 2025 ISSUE



THIS MONTH'S TRIVIAL PURSUIT QUESTIONS

1. What is the most common New Year's resolution?
2. What fruit is traditionally eaten at midnight in Spain for good luck in the New Year?
3. In which year did the United States first start celebrating New Year's Day on January 1st, as we do today?
4. What is the name of the New Year's holiday celebrated in Japan?
5. Which color is considered lucky and is often worn for New Year's celebrations in many Latin American cultures?
6. Which famous scientist's birthday is celebrated on January 8th?
7. Which country invented the tradition of celebrating the New Year with fireworks?
8. Which famous movie released on January 1st, 1999, stars Will Smith and focuses on a high-tech future?

(1) Lose weight (2) Grapes (3) 1865 (4) Shogatsu (5) Yellow (6) Albert Einstein (7) China (8) I, Robot

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“New year, fresh start. The journey starts now — make it your best one yet!”

-Anonymous



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