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I was invited to speak at the Southern Trial Lawyers Conference held from February 16-19 in New Orleans. I discussed how Meldon Law has navigated the challenges of Covid.

When the Covid pandemic started two years ago, our office had to make some radical changes and move almost everyone to their home and serve our clients remotely. We stored all of our files in the "cloud" with an advanced software system so that we didn't have to rely on paper files.

After we got settled in at home, we made a decision to expand our practice even though everyone else was heading for the hills and shrinking. We signed our most important contract ever to become the "Only Official Injury Law Firm Partner of the Florida Gators" and proceeded to let everyone in North Central Florida know about it. We opened new offices to better serve our expanding family of clients. We also started preparing for growth by hiring the best team members that we could find.

The attendees at the conference included some of the best lawyers in the South and they could not have been more gracious and appreciative of the information I shared with them. And of course being in New Orleans for five days is always fun. As they say "Laissez les bon temps rouler."



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 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. Unfortunately, we did not have a banquet last year due to COVID, but stay tuned for this year. At every banquet, 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.

EVIE PITTS is a senior on the Branford High School weightlifting team. She is the defending state champion in the 139 pound weight class, with a 160 pound bench press and 195 pound clean and jerk. Not only is Evie a star in the weight room, but her and her teammates hold the school record in the 4x100 relay race in track. She even signed a softball scholarship to play for Valdosta State University. In the classroom, Evie yields a 4.0 GPA, loves math, and belongs to four different clubs.

CALVIN DAVISON is a point guard on the Forest High School Men's Basketball team. Davison, a sharpshooter on the floor, has already drained over 30 shots from the three point line and is averaging just over 11 points a game. Calvin Davison has been homeschooled for the entirety of his life but this hasn't minimized his excellence in education. Davison currently posts a 3.84 GPA and prefers to be taught at home because of the freedom it entails. Although un-

To nominate someone for Scholar Athlete of the Week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributer in his or her sport, and a high school senior. To nominate an athlete, email christopher.pinson@wcjb.com



REVIEW OF THE MONTH

In my case these guys were on TOP of their game. I am impressed with the fact that kept in touch all of the way, and I honestly would recommend Meldon Law to anyone...THANK

YOU!!! - Michael Cooper





\$500,000.00 SETTLEMENT: AGGRESSIVE, HIGH-SPEED DRIVER CAUSED HEAD-ON COLLISION

Our client was a driving on a curved road in a residential neighborhood in South Florida at midnight when he was struck head-on by a high-performance sportscar traveling at a very high rate of speed. One of the witnesses to the crash was a U.S. Army Officer who saw the sportscar literally "fly through the median" prior to striking our client's vehicle. Fortunately, the at-fault vehicle initially struck bushes and knocked over a palm tree prior to the collision, otherwise the injuries to our client most likely would have been fatal. An expert hired by our firm concluded

that the at-fault driver not only was driving very recklessly, but also failed to activate a Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) system in the sportscar that could have prevented the vehicle from swerving and flying over the median. Lucky to be alive, the client still suffered severe injuries to his neck and back that required surgery. A life care plan for the client was prepared by a highly qualified, well respected certified life care planner hired by our firm, and ultimately, the case settled for \$500,000.00.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - SHAYLA'S AIR-FRYER APPLE PIE

INGREDIENTS:

- -8 oz can biscuit dough
- -1 cup apple pie filling
- -1 tbsp. apple pie spice
- -1 tsp. cinnamon
- -3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter



DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a small bowl, combine the sugar and apple pie spice. Set aside.
- 2. Open the can of the biscuits and pull each biscuit apart in the middle, dividing them equally, so you now have 16 circles.
- 3. Roll each circle into a thin round shape, about 3-4 inches in size.
- 4. In a medium bowl, combine the apple pie filling pieces with the cinnamon. Stir together to combine well, so the apple bites are coated.
- 5. Place a spoonful of the filling into the center of each circle of dough, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch around the edges.
- 6. Grab the edges and pull up, then pinch them together, making small round balls.
- 7. Use parchment paper with holes, or lightly brush the basket of your air fryer with olive oil. Depending on the size of your basket, place bombs in the basket and leave about ½ inch in between each piece. Don't overcrowd or overlap in the basket. Work in batches if necessary.
- 8. Cook them in the air fryer at 350 degrees for about 6-8 minutes, until the biscuits are golden brown.
- 9. Once they are all cooked, dip each piece into the melted butter, then dip into the combined sugar and spice mixture. Repeat until all the pieces are coated.





SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

WHEN:

MARCH 19-20TH, 2022 **WHERE:**

GARDENS
4700 SW 58TH DR
GAINESVILLE, FL 32608



The Spring Garden Festival features about 125 booths offering plants, landscape displays, garden accessories, arts and crafts, educational exhibits, and, of course, foods. Also featured is live entertainment and live auctions.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

Why shouldn't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

Because they're always a little short.

When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?

When it's a French fry.

Why did the leprechaun walk out of the house?

He wanted to sit on the Paddy O'.

Why do leprechauns hate running?

They'd rather jig than jog.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can.

-Frida Kahlo



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MELDON LAW AND FRIENDS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: CHARLES RICKIE

Not Tim Curry

Charles has been Meldon Law's Marketing Director since September. He has a tremendous passion for ALL things marketing! He's been involved in Sales & Marketing for roughly 25 years and loves that fact that a great idea can turn into an accountable solution that can be measured. In his free time, he loves to spend time with his wife and four daughters and loves traveling, poker, and sports-betting.





TRIVIAL PURSUIT QUESTIONS

- 1. When is International Women's Day?
- 2. When was the first Women's History Day celebrated?
- 3. T/F: Women were not able to get credit cards in their own name until 1974
- 4. Who was the first female to fly nonstop and solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
- 5. Susan B. Anthony was arrested in 1872 for what?
- 6. What is the annual theme of Women's History Month 2022?
- 7. Who was the last reigning monarch of the Hawaiian Islands?
- 8. One of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War was a Black woman who had escaped from slavery. Can you name her?
- 9. How many women have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
- 10. Which U.S Amendment gave women the right to vote?

J. March 8th 2. February 28th, 1909 3. True 4. Amelia Earhart 5. Attempting to vote in the Presidential election 6. Women Providing Hope 7. Queen Liliuokalani 8. Harriet Tubman 9. Eighteen 10. Vineteenth Amendment