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Eliezer Nieves, the float designer, working with Angela, Joanne, and Erika to help paint the float.



Angela Ladino and Angel Torres, both from Business Development, enjoying the parade.

Homecoming Parade

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This year's homecoming parade took place on Friday, October 18th, and MeldonLaw participated in a big way, with our entire team walking and riding along the 2-mile route. Angel Torres led the effort and brought together a talented group of craftsmen to help us build our first major float for the parade. The homecoming tradition began at the University of Florida in 1916, and in 1948, the current format featuring marching bands and other parade participants walking from the UF campus to downtown Gainesville was established. We loved the energy exhibited by everyone at MeldonLaw, and a great time was had by all. We are already planning next year's float, and everyone is welcome to join us!

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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

AIDAN BELL: GHS' Aidan Bell is redefining what it means to be a competitor. From the moment he stepped onto the field at age six, every sport he played became a battleground for his one true passion—football. Last season, he excelled on the court, racking up 69 rebounds, 88 points, and 25 blocks. However, it's the strong bond he shares with his football teammates that truly motivates him. Off the field, Bell is just as dedicated, volunteering with the Gainesville police department and Alachua County Fire Rescue. He finds purpose in giving back.

GINO PALAZZOLO: Buchholz's Gino Palazzolo runs not just for himself but for dreams yet to be realized. He runs to honor the past that shaped him, uplift his teammates, and ultimately, to find himself. By the age of 12, he lost both his parents. Grieving over these losses, he found an outlet in running. Not only is Palazzolo a leader, but he's also a talented runner. He boasts a two-mile time of 9:05, has a 5K personal record of 15:27 and helped his team place first in the 4xMile at the Indoor Nike Championships. Running transformed not just Palazzolo's life but also his views on academic success. He holds an impressive 4.55 GPA.

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 JOANNE JARUFE marketing specialist

Joanne's exceptional skills and creativity have been a tremendous asset to Meldon Law's marketing efforts. Her consistently positive attitude, team-oriented mindset, and reliability make her an invaluable member of our team.

Meldon Law Core Values:



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

JUST CELEBRATE!

Just Celebrate is a family-owned business founded by Jimena Estrada, who has called Gainesville home for 17 years. **This delightful cake shop specializes in custom cakes and desserts for every occasion.** Jimena considers herself fortunate to share her passion with the community and aspires to continue growing while creating sweet, memorable moments for her clients. To learn more about her and the shop, you can **reach out at (352)-681-1124**



RECIPE OF THE MONTH JOANNA'S CROCK POT MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN INGREDIENTS:

-4-6 boneless skinless chicken thighs -1 jar of roasted red peppers drained (cut into bite sized pieces if large) -1 small jar of green olives with pimentos (drained) -1 jar of Kalamata olives (drained) -14 oz marinated or canned artichokes (don't drain) -1 packet of Italian seasoning

-Salt and Pepper to taste

TO SERVE:

-Feta cheese a couple tablespoons per person

DIRECTIONS:





JOANNA MONTGOMERY Case Manager in Pl

-Put chicken thighs in the crock pot. Put the next 6 ingredients on top. Cook on low 4-6 hours or on high 2-3 hours until the chicken is done.

-When done serve with a sprinkle of feta cheese on top and enjoy!



Jeffrey and his wife, Patricia, at the Walk to End Alzheimer's with Hunter Wallace from Wind F.M.



Jeffrey and 'Queen Lizzie' Jenkins, ready to get on the

float.



Maria, Zan, and Nikki are in their '70s costumes to honor the year Meldon Law was founded.



Jeffrey and Carey with UF President Kent Fuchs and Gainesville Mayor Harvey Ward.

GOOGLE REVIEW OF THE MONTH

WONDERFUL STAFF! WHO GO ABOVE & BEYOND FOR THEIR CLIENTS STARTING FROM THE FIRST CALL TO THE LAST STEP. **99**

-Natalia Esquivel

CASES OF INTEREST: NOVEMBER 2024

SLIP AND FALL

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Our client was delivering food to a home during inclement weather when the homeowner had removed the doormats from the front door, causing our client to slip and fall on the front porch. Our client sustained neck, back, and brain injuries. The insurance company did not fully acknowledge the brain injury until our client's deposition. Shortly after the deposition, the insurance company tendered the policy limits.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH

Client was involved in a motor vehicle crash resulting in non-surgical neck and back injuries. The insurance carrier refused to offer even enough to cover his medical expenses pre-suit. After filing a lawsuit, the insurance company ended up tendering the full \$100,000.00 policy limits.



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.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

Squash!

How do you organize a space party?

You planet!

What do you call a factory that makes good products?

A satisfactory!

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Why was the computer cold?

It left its Windows open!

Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of socks?

In case he got a hole in one!



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