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Summer is upon us, and it has been a fantastic year at J. Franklin Burns, P.C. In this issue we have included some great information for you concerning workers' compensation benefits. We also provided a great recipe for summertime or any time!

As we reflect upon the generous support we receive from our families, colleagues, and friends, we are especially grateful. We also send a special note of appreciate to all service members as well.

On behalf on J. Franklin Burns, P.C. we would like to thank all service members, veterans, and their family members for their outstanding service and sacrifice.

We honor the courageous men and women dedicated to preserving our nation's freedom.

Happy Independence Day!

CONGRATULATIONS

to

THEOLA JOHNSON!

**She was the winner of the
April Newsletter Trivia
Challenge !**

Please be sure to send in your response for the July Newsletter Trivia Challenge in this issue for your chance to win a \$25 gift card!

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News You Can Use!

Thousands of Injured Georgia Workers Give Up Before Obtaining Workers' Compensation Benefits

Workers' compensation is designed to help injured workers by allowing them a streamlined way to obtain compensation while they recover from their injuries. The Georgia workers' compensation program is a no-fault program, meaning an employee will not be required to show that someone other than himself was at fault for his injuries. Of course, an injured worker must be able to prove that the injury occurred while on the job or through the performance of job-related activities.

Despite the good intentions behind the workers' compensation program, sometimes obtaining benefits can be difficult. This may be because an employer contests the claim, arguing that the injury did not occur at work or that the specific injury alleged is not a covered type of injury. In fact, earlier this month, a local Georgia news source issued a report outlining the difficulties that Georgians who are injured on the job have in obtaining workers' compensation benefits.

According to the recent report, approximately one in five Georgians who missed a week or more of work reported having "big problems" in obtaining their benefits. Making matters worse, in many cases, injured workers rely on these benefits to pay for the medical expenses related to the injury. The troubles injured employees have can range from repeated delays on the part of the insurer to contested claims. Roughly half of those reporting "big problems" explained that their employer or the employer's insurance carrier did not want to provide the necessary level of care in the wake of their injury.

While new rules are pending and are likely to pass in the coming year, the reality is that tens of thousands of injured Georgians are forced to wait for their benefits. In some cases, injured workers report being "worn down" to the point where they will accept sub-standard care rather than continue to fight.

The Benefit of Having an Attorney's Assistance

While it is possible to file a workers' compensation claim without the assistance of an attorney, having an attorney in your corner can greatly simplify the process and increase the chance that your application will be heard on its merits without undue delay. Georgia's workers' compensation laws are exceedingly complex, and an unknowing employee can make any number of missteps along the way.

Have You Been Injured in a Georgia Workplace Accident?

If you or a loved one has recently been injured while on the job, you may be eligible for temporary workers' compensation benefits. The dedicated workers' compensation attorneys at J. Franklin Burns, P.C. have extensive experience assisting our clients with seeking the benefits they need and deserve. Attorney Burns understands how insurance companies approach and defend against these claims, since he spent 15 years defending insurance companies in workers' compensation claims before opening up his own practice representing injured employees. Call 404-303-7770 to schedule your free case review today.

July 4th Fun Facts!

- * Only two people actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4: John Hancock and Charles Thomson, secretary of Congress. Most of the others signed on August 2.
- * Americans consume around 155 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July each year. They also spend \$92 million on chips, \$167.5 million on watermelon, and \$341.4 million on beer.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT STEPHANIE NOWICKI



Stephanie has over 12 years of client service experience, including high end retail management, salons, spas, as well as professional experience in multiple office environments.

She truly enjoys being at the “front of the house” and providing a comforting and enjoyable experience as soon as you walk through the door.

Her interests include: traveling (she grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa), reading, and pet sitting. When she is not busy pet sitting for friends, she volunteers at her local animal shelter.

Stephanie has studied Fashion Merchandising but plans on finishing her degree in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science.

Welcome, Stephanie!



Ultimate Guacamole

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 lime
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup diced cherry tomatoes
- 1-2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/2 seeded and minced jalapeno pepper
- 1/2 tsp cumin (optional) 1/2 tsp sea salt (optional)

Directions: Begin by mashing the avocado flesh in a bowl. Simply stir in the remaining ingredients until everything is nicely combined and serve. –by [Christina Bedetta](#)

Happy Anniversary!

Yazmin Rodriguez

13th Anniversary

Tabatha James

3rd Anniversary

Congratulations on your work anniversaries at J. Franklin Burns, P.C.

Thank you for your dedication!

July Challenge!!!

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

In Workers' Compensation, TPD means:

- A. Total Permanent Disability
- B. Temporary Payment Donation
- C. Total Payment Deduction
- D. Temporary Partial Disability

The **4th** participant to email Tabatha@jfblaw.com with the correct answer will win a \$25 Amex Gift Card!
Good luck!

Previous winners may not enter.

Check out more games and contests in upcoming issues!



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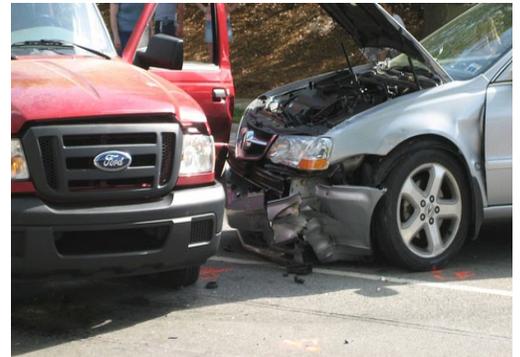
WE CAN HELP!



(Pictured Left to Right) John B. Corbally, J. Franklin Burns, and Shannon D. Rolan

Remember! We work with attorneys across the state in matters outside of workers' compensation. As a result, we can help you, a loved one, or a friend with injury cases involving:

- Auto Accidents**
- Truck Wrecks**
- Personal Injuries**
- Medical Malpractice**
- Slip and Fall Accidents**
- Wrongful Death**
- Product Liability**



We have 67 years of combined legal experience and have recovered over \$80 million for our clients since 2002.

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