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FALL IS HERE!

Fall is here, and so much is happening at J. Franklin Burns, P.C.! We have celebrated several birthdays, anniversaries, and new additions to the team, and we send well wishes to our intern, Tommy Johnson, as he begins law school this fall.

Several of our employees are very active in their communities as well. Ms. Jeanne Lappin was recently invited to play the clarinet with the Agape Players Orchestra in the production of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Yazmin Rodriguez is very involved with the non-profit group Mothers and Daughters Association (M.a.D.) which does a lot in the community. Tabatha James is preparing to speak at a book signing at the AJC Decatur Book Festival.

Though there is a lot going on outside the walls of J. Franklin Burns, P.C., the inside is filled with hard working, passionate employees who love to help injured workers.

Attorney Justin Lowery recently celebrated four years of dedicated service at J. Franklin Burns, P.C. Our office manager, Belinda Crate, celebrated one outstanding year of service, and Tabatha James recently celebrated her one year anniversary.

Congratulations to each of you!

There are several holidays in the month of September. Labor Day is September 7, Grandparents Day is September 13, and Yom Kippur begins on September 22.

Once again we'd like to thank our wonderful colleagues, clients, friends, and families. We appreciate the notes, letters, referrals, and kind words of thanks and encouragement. You have greatly contributed to our success.

Don't forget to check out the holiday recipe and the newsletter quarterly challenge for a chance to win a prize!



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Current News: Social Media Discovery

TO THE INJURED WORKER: BE CAREFUL -- YOU MAY BE ON CANDID CAMERA



John B. Corbally, Esq.

Nothing has changed communication more profoundly than social media. Electronic platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Email, text messaging, and Instagram are easily accessible on computers or smart phones and allow an individual to communicate to hundreds or thousands of people with just the click of a button.

This modern phenomenon presents significant potential dangers to a workers' compensation claimant. O.C.G.A. § 9-11-26 (b) makes this information potentially discoverable in the litigation process. The Code provides that any party may obtain discovery regarding any matter that, not privileged, is "reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence."

While there are objections that can be raised to prevent the injured worker from being required to turn over the contents of their social media accounts, the claimant must be aware that the Court could Order that this material be produced to opposing parties in any claim or lawsuit. This means that anything posted on any social media platform, or sent to anyone via text message or electronic mail, can be exposed and used against you.

Even if a claimant is not ordered by the Court to produce the contents of social media accounts, there is always the danger that someone else linked to the claimant (i.e. a social media "friend" or contact) can leak potentially harmful information to adverse parties, including photos, statements, videos, or textual information that has been sent.

BE CAREFUL AND BE SMART! With the evolving, fast-paced world of social media, litigants are advised, at the very least, to set all social media profiles to the most secure and secret settings; however, it is best to completely disengage from social media until your claim has been completed. Don't be caught on Candid Camera!

Red, White, and Blue Strawberry Shortcake

Ingredients:

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pint blueberries, rinsed and drained
- 2 pints fresh strawberries, rinsed and sliced

Directions:

- Prepare cake according to package directions and bake in a 9x13 inch pan. Cool completely.
- Frost cake with whipped topping. Place blueberries in a square in the corner and arrange sliced strawberries as stripes to make an American flag. Chill until serving.

Congratulations!

J. Franklin Burns, P.C.
13th Anniversary

Shannon Rolan
8th Anniversary

Cynthia Gehling
7th Anniversary

Justin Lowery
4th Anniversary

Tabatha James
1st Anniversary

Belinda Crate
1st Anniversary



National Grandparents Day

is



September 13, 2015.

On behalf of J. Franklin Burns, P.C., we celebrate all grandparents on this special day!

A Very Special Welcome!



Debra Sarden

Debra recently joined our team as Paralegal to Justin K. Lowery, Esq. Prior to joining the team, she worked for 15 years as a Workers' Comp Defense Paralegal. Debra is excited about working at J. Franklin Burns, PC and representing injured workers.

Debra loves bowling and loves entertaining family and friends. She is a proud mother of one daughter, a 2015 graduate of the University of Central Florida. She enjoyed watching her daughter play volleyball (Conference Player of the Year!) She is now a Grad Assistant Athletic Academic Advisor at Michigan State University.

Congratulations, Debra! We are pleased to have you here.



Heather O'Connor

Heather O'Connor is the Client Liaison/Administrative Assistant for J. Franklin Burns, P.C. Hers is the friendly voice clients hear when she calls to give status updates, obtain new information, and keep everyone up to date and smiling.

Prior to joining the team she worked part time as a receptionist in our office and as a stylist for glamour and fashion photography. She also gave tutorials on special makeup application for individuals with aesthetic impairments from scars or pigmentation issues.

In her spare time, Heather enjoys yoga, mountain hikes with her two daughters, and she is an avid archery competitor and bow hunter.

Welcome aboard, Heather!

September Challenge!!!

Fill in the blank.

The Law office of J. Franklin Burns, P.C. has recovered over \$_____million dollars for our clients.

(HINT: www.jfblaw.com)

The 3rd 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!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Belinda Crate



Belinda began as Office Manager for J. Franklin Burns, P.C. last summer. She enjoys her job and her coworkers very much.

She has two boys, David and Joshua, who are 16 and 13 years old. She attends church at Mt. Paran North, where she plays on the ladies ALTA tennis team.



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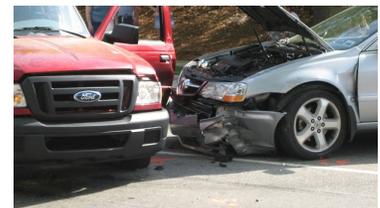


(Pictured Left to Right) Justin K. Lowery, J. Franklin Burns, Shannon D. Rolen, and John B. Corbally

WE CAN HELP!

Remember! We work with attorneys across the state in matters outside of workers' compensation, and 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.