

ALEXIS & MARK'S NEWS

A Little about the law-A lot about everything else!

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A Note From Alexis & Mark

Summer is here! The kids are very excited about being out of school. After always discussing each kid from oldest to youngest, this month we are switching it up. Just to keep you guessing, this month we are going to work backwards from youngest to oldest.

Karina: Karina is starting to talk. Her favorite words are please, thank you and mama. She has perfectly mastered the stomping of the feet and the hitting of my arm to get my attention. She is signed up for preschool next year and based on my in-depth conversations with her, she is very excited to go to school. She finally succumbed to the fact that she has to wear shoes in this life and is keeping her shoes on for more than 5 minutes at a time, which I consider to be a miracle. *(Editor's Note from Mark: Karina is such a climber. She cannot be stopped. Yesterday she pushed a kitchen chair all the way to the front door, climbed up, and unlocked the door. She also was able to climb up the big slides at her brother's birthday party . . . I wasn't sure I could make it up those slides!)*

Pierce: Pierce is turning 4 this month. He is having his birthday party at Pump It Up. With work I am very organized, but my home life suffers so usually the invitations for the kids parties go out about a day before the party. I am very proud to say Pierce's invitations went out almost 3 weeks ahead of time. Of course, as soon as I sent them out he decided he wanted his party at a different place. He has a new favorite game, "Rock, paper, scissors." It is his favorite because he always wins because he waits until the other person puts out their rock, paper or scissors and then he puts out what will beat them. After he legitimately beat Mark, which doesn't happen often (Mark is the master at rock, paper, scissors) Mark left the room and Pierce - in his almost 4 year old voice - yelled out, "LOSER" *(Editor's Note from Mark: Pierce and I were sitting in bed and he was not going to sleep. So I told him he could sit with me for a little bit. Then, Pierce asks me to get him a glass of water. I told him I am thirsty, so he should get me a glass of water. We agreed we would settle the dispute with a rock-paper-scissors. I do not let him cheat, anymore. At least I was not going to let him cheat if it meant me having to go downstairs and get us both a glass of water. So, the kid gets lucky and won. However, I did not expect him to rub it in. As I am leaving the room - while Alexis is working on the computer listening to all of this - the kid yells out "Wooser" - and laughs at his poor father as I dead down to get him the water. I want a re-match.)*

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A Little About The Law:

Arizona Full Coverage Insurance: Is it Enough?

We receive far too many phone calls from people who believe they have "full coverage" insurance on their car. If you look at any Arizona statute, there is no definition of full coverage. We have seen full coverage mean nothing more than the minimum limits allowed under the law, and we have seen full coverage mean every possible type of insurance that can be purchased. We have also seen everything in between when it comes to Arizona insurance company secrets.

Do not accept the fact that you have "full coverage" auto insurance. After a serious personal injury accident, you can find that the agent who sold you the "full coverage" insurance actually sold you a "bill of goods." In other words, in the effort to try to get your business, the insurance agent reduced the coverage you had but still told you that you had "full coverage." Then, when it's time to make the claim, the insurance adjuster (very different than the insurance agent and not trying to get your business but often trying to prevent you from receiving full and fair compensation for your injuries) explains to you that you do not have uninsured motorist coverage or underinsured motorist coverage, which you need to protect yourself when making a Phoenix automobile accident and injury claim.

If you find yourself in this position or you know someone who is making an insurance claim but they are being told that they do not have full coverage, do not accept this at face value. Call us and we will review your policy!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if your child is hurt by another child it may be possible to make a claim against the homeowner's insurance of the home the child lives in?

Did you know that if you live with a blood relative even if you are not on their insurance policy the relative's policy might cover your injuries?

Did you know that a photo radar ticket requires service of a summons for it to be effective?

Did you know that there are specific regulations for nursing home facilities?

Did you know that \$10,000 is the minimum amount of coverage allowable by law and that if someone causes damage to your car in an accident they may only have \$10,000 in insurance to fix your car?

Did you know that you only have 180 days to file a Notice of Claim with any city or government entity if they are the party that caused the negligence.?

CHILD SAFETY:

Your Kid Swallowed What?



Pet food?

The dog and cat dish are within a baby's crawl zone. Your pet is a favorite family member. So of course your baby is going to be curious about what the kitty or puppy are eating. "Pet food carries the same risk as Play-Doh and crayons," an expert says. "It's not going to be toxic. But if it's the right size and shape to block the airway, you do need to be concerned." Your child will be fine if a little pet food or saliva-laden water has made it from the animal bowl to her mouth, but you may want to buy food that's in smaller chunks until your child is older.

Also, beware of watch batteries. If a child swallows a watch battery they could receive very serious injuries or even may die from the chemicals released from the battery.

A NOTE FROM

Talia: She has been convinced (by me) that she wants to stay at the same school so she can watch Karina and keep an eye out for her at school. This is a good thing. Although it is apparent that she needs to go to summer camp as she has told me she wants me to fire every babysitter as they are all mean and all they do is send her to her room and make her clean. She doesn't like it, and she repeatedly tells me they need to be fired. She got a cut on her foot the other day and I have been lucky enough to be the one that she has showed her foot to about 100 times. *(Editor's Note from Mark: Talia does lose a little credibility when she claims EVERY babysitter is mean to her. She also has not yet realized that the fact that they make her clean is considered a good thing to us! I also had the pleasure of seeing the cut on her foot. It had to be a total of a fraction of an inch, but she still wanted to get some sympathy. She got none from me, but give Talia credit for trying!)*

Ariella: She is now in first grade. She cried the first week after school let out for summer because she missed all her teachers and classmates. Of course, she got all their numbers and sometimes it seems like she has called every single one of them looking for a "play date." She was very excited to go over her friend Nicholas' house and while she was there she told the mom that she didn't want to leave and wanted to sleep over. Although we told her no to a sleepover – we were already concerned that she chose a play date with a boy instead of a girl – we are allowing her to go to the same camp a Nicholas, which she is very excited about. *(Editor's Note from Mark: A boy's house. My daughter went over a boy's house. I'll be putting a quick end to that nonsense. I mean, I didn't even know about it until I read this. What does he intend to do with his life? What are his college choices?)*

Tate: He is going to Boston with my parents for a couple of weeks. We are very excited for him. Imagine how great it is to be one of seven kids and still get to spend almost two weeks alone with your grandparents. Needless to say, he is thrilled. In addition to getting ready for the trip, Tate has been working on his song writing with Ariella. The last song was about "a chic who got together with her boyfriend and then they kissed." Funny lyrics coming from a 8 year old. Tate is turning 9 in August and we promised him a cell phone for his 9th birthday when he was just 5 years old. Somehow he has remembered throughout the years. *(Editor's Note from Mark: Tate recently put on a performance as a rapper. His stage name was "Hip Hop Chile" and he had two girls dancing around him while he rapped (Ariella and Talia) a Producer that put the show together (Kailey) and even an adoring fan that kept trying to rush the stage and get in the way of his performance (Karina) – Watch-out American Idol. Here come the Breyer Kids!)*

Kailey: She is getting ready for her dance national finals competition in Florida. Mark's parents, his aunt and uncle, and my parents are all going down to cheer Kailey on. Kailey has recently discovered "the mall" with the help of some of her older friends. All of a sudden, she

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has "no clothes" and needs to go to the mall everyday. As you can imagine, I have no time to take her to the mall everyday so in short we are quickly getting the taste of what she will be like as a teenager. When she is at home, Kailey has been sponsoring her own Breyer camp for the little kids while they have been home and has her own "special classtime" for them. It is amazing how when she yells "classtime" they are all run and listen to her. She actually gives out rewards and discipline notes which the kids are required to bring to me to sign! Hmmmm..... you see a future lawyer here? **(Editor's Note from Mark: Not me. I see no future lawyer. I think I see a future President of the United States, or CEO of a major corporation!)**

Zev: As a boy entering 7th grade, Zev is very excited to be out of school. If I let him, Zev would stay in front of the tv or play videos games 24/7 until school starts. I finally "made" him go to California to visit my brother with my parents and now I have not heard from him since. I am hoping he plans on returning. I told Zev since he is 12 years old and he has to work at the office over the summer, but he doesn't seem to keen on the idea. Although he did tell me he plans to open a satellite Breyer Law Offices in Texas after he graduates from UT. **(Editor's Note from Mark: That's right. 12 years old, time to get a job. Why, in my day we started working at around 7 years old, and we had to walk to work, three miles each way, uphill, in the snow, barefoot...)**

Mark: Mark is doing very well. He has a couple of oral arguments in front of the Judge this month and the rulings came out... "Don't mess with Mr. Mark Breyer." We have several trials coming up and he has been flying around a lot for depositions in different cases. The last place he went to was Sacramento which I have never been and wanted to go to however he tells me that it's work and it's not fun. Something tells me sleeping late and not being woken up by 7 kids is nothing but fun. **(Editor's Note from Mark: First, how did I get put into the list of kids this month? Second, I cannot recall sleeping late during a single out-of-town deposition, ever. Often, I land after midnight and have to get up at 7am on the East Coast - 4am AZ time, only to fly back later that day. Of course, that probably is still easier than getting the 7 kids off to school!)**

Thank you all for your referrals. We were flattered this month as we received more referrals from other lawyers around Arizona than we ever have before. It is always nice to see other lawyers, clients and former clients trust us enough to recommend us to someone who has questions about a personal injury case. If you know anyone who has been involved in an accident and needs help, please have them call us. If you need a referral for a lawyer who does not practice personal injury law, we are happy to recommend any lawyer we trust in that particular area of law.



**Kailey & Mark Breyer
At Daddy-Daughter
Dance**

CONGRATS TO THE CONTEST WINNER!

We are pleased to let you know that
Michael Ferry
is the winner of the contest of the month for May!
The Mom he suggested is his fiancé, her name is
Tracy Cathers!

SOMETHING FROM OUR CLIENTS

Everybody at Breyer Law Offices was helpful. Whenever I called they answered all my questions. Everybody was wonderful. You guys did a wonderful job. You took the fear out of the unknown.

- Chanel, Phoenix, Arizona

Alexis and Mark:

Chanel was involved in an automobile accident where the insurance company denied that any of her injuries were related to the accident. We had to file a lawsuit and attend several depositions. We spoke with Chanel's doctor at length who agreed to testify on behalf of Chanel. Just before trial the insurance company increased their offer to a fair amount.

Word Search Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.

Accident	Motorcycle	Children	Paralegal
Law	Bicycle	Office	Injury
Lawyers	Negligent	Court	Trial
Automobile			

Y	O	A	C	C	I	D	E	N	T	H	O	I	M
R	V	M	Y	R	E	F	W	G	A	G	O	N	W
U	M	A	U	T	O	M	O	B	I	L	E	C	S
J	O	D	E	B	V	T	E	L	T	D	H	S	P
N	T	M	Z	J	R	C	D	A	E	I	P	T	T
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Deadline to enter is June 30, 2009. The winner will be posted on our website on July 2, 2009! Contest rules are posted on our website.

INTERESTING CASES WE ARE HANDLING

Not sure what a personal injury lawyer does? Here are some stories behind clients we have helped:

A woman is in the car with her family running some errands when she suffers a serious and permanent leg injury when a car turns left in front of the car she is traveling in. In spite of denying liability from start-to-finish, the jury finds in favor of our client and awards her almost 10-times more than the initial offer she received from the insurance company.

An elderly woman is placed in a nursing home. She dies due to the neglect of the nursing home facility.

An on-duty police officer causes a serious accident with a client who suffers serious injuries. Fortunately, the client contacted us right away, and we were able to save the case from being dismissed in spite of very short deadlines the government uses to help shield itself from liability.

A man suffers serious injuries on a construction site. He is told that he can only claim workers compensation, but is later encouraged to call our office. We are able to help him obtain compensation in addition to the monies he receives through workers compensation.

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