

# **HUSBAND AND WIFE LAW TEAM**

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

## A NOTE FROM MARK & ALEXIS

Dancing, Driving, and Dunking

We just got home from Talia's dance recital for her high school. We were very impressed with the production. Talia has been very focused on turning 16 so that she can get her license. She's already counting down the days to get her permit and talking about how she is going to sign up for driver's education as soon as she can. Editor's Note From Mark: Yes, this is all true. Talia is already asking me to teach her how to drive. In order to get a license in my family, every kid has to drive 2,000 miles between the time they get their permit and the time they can drive. They are also required to do a driver's education class. Our other kids do not start giving these requirements much thought until they get their permit. Talia is already planning and pushing to ensure she has a license on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Ariella was supposed to be in the dance recital but she had to skip it because she had a big high school speech and debate tournament. She decided to change her subject so she had to work extra hard to perfect the speech. She usually lets us go to the tournament but she said she's not sure she wanted us to be there. I think Mark may have been having a heart attack not being able to be at her tournament. He always likes to go and watch all the competition.

Editor's Note From Mark: True, I like to be there for my kids when they are competing, when possible. Plus, I enjoy watching the competitors do their speeches. Most of my kids do not care if I show up, or at least do not admit it. Ariella? She is the first kid to try to get me to be there when she has done any type of sport or event. So it was surprising that she did not want me there. I could have pushed her more...but this speech was during March Madness...so I was able to stay fully distracted.

Zev and Tate spent the weekend together. For one of their holiday presents, we gave Tate a trip to be with his brother at college in Miami. Tate was super excited. I know he was excited to see his big brother but I think missing school for a day was super exciting for him as well. Tate is definitely getting ready for college. Although he did come to our room the other day telling us how he doesn't want to get old and leave the house. We must have been holding him accountable for something at the time he said it. Editor's Note From Mark: It is great watching the kids who used to fight about everything - or, in this case, the big brother who was always being annoyed by the little brother - spending time together and loving it. Tate came home and walked into our room and what was the first thing he said? Was it: "Thanks Mom and Dad for the amazing trip?" Nope. Was it: "It sure is great to be back home with the rest of the family?" Wrong answer. Instead, the first thing Tate said when coming home after three days with Zev was, "I miss Zev already."

Zev is winding down his college years. It's crazy to think that four years went by that fast and he's onto his new adventure. We are excited to see what next year looks like



Our client was driving down the middle lane when another driver crossed multiple lanes without seeing her, causing a major collision. She suffered from major injuries and required extensive follow-up care.

During our investigations, we found that the at-fault driver was driving a loaner vehicle because her car was at the dealership for repairs. We made this discovery after already successfully negotiating the policy limits from the at-fault driver's insurance policy. Due to this, another claim had to be filed with the dealership's insurance. On top of that policy, we went to work and demanded the policy limits on our client's underinsured motorist coverage.

Not only did we successfully collect the policy limits from the at-fault driver, our client's UIM policy, and the dealership's policy, but we also got a significant reduction in our client's medical bills!

Many attorneys will stop pursuing additional claims after successfully negotiating one settlement, but we do not leave any stone unturned. We work hard to deliver the best results and an exceptional experience to our clients!

#### A NOTE FROM MARK & ALEXIS (cont'd)

for him! Editor's Note From Mark: Zev has not changed. At the same time we are getting calls from Kailey - who is only a college junior - wondering what she will find as her passion, Zev is weeks away from graduating and seems totally relaxed. No concrete plan, but he is just sure it will all work out as he casually considers his options.

Karina has been dancing a lot and was so excited to see Talia in the dance recital. Once the show was over Karina started doing her own dance moves in the audience area. Karina has been practicing a lot for her own dance recital that is coming up. Karina has decided she wants to try out for a play and she has been practicing her singing which actually isn't too bad. She's never had any lessons either. One of our favorite family things that we like to do is sing karaoke. Editor's Note From Mark: I do not know if I would label karaoke as one of our favorite family activities, but we do get the chance to do it sometimes. My voice is horrible, but I just want the mic. Karina, on the other hand, is one of the few singers in the family. Since she started considering trying out for a musical, however, she is singing daily. And it is usually the same song. Over and over. For weeks. Fortunately, she sings with such enthusiasm that we generally love it.

Pierce and Cade have been spending a lot of time outdoors which I think is great. Pierce still wants to be a kicker and Cade is now loving basketball. He told me he wants me to get them a hoop that is smaller so he can dunk. Pierce has been looking forward to summer camp. Each summer he goes away for a month of overnight camp. Cade has been trying to convince us to let him go but I told him he's my baby and he can't go away for that long. I don't think he really likes that explanation. Editor's Note From Mark: Pierce and Cade have been playing on a hoop we recently purchased. That has created some good things - like far more time off the couch and playing basketball. It has also created the (expected) challenges of the two kids arguing over what happened. When I was a kid, our hoop was attached to the roof of the garage, so the height was 10 feet and wasn't moving. This hoop can be raised and lowered, so now they fight about the height of the rim. Plus, Cade has been watching way too much college basketball, because he is upset that he cannot yet dunk. I tried to explain that he may want to start with dribbling, passing, and shooting. Nope. He just wants to dunk! Pierce has also been doing his job of being the big brother that always wins every game, so the "fighting" is mostly Cade getting mad that Perice keeps winning, the hoop is too high, and he can't dunk.

Kailey came home the other week for a short visit and the first thing she did was go and hug all her siblings. When Cade found out that Kailey was coming home he said he needed "Kailey Protector Armor" from all her hugs and kisses. Editor's Note From Mark: Kailey used to come home and just go hang out with friends, other than some more limited time with the siblings - though she was always pretty good about spending some time with Alexis and

me. Well, that has changed! She tells the younger kids how much she loves them and lets the little ones know how much she is going to kiss them. Threats such as, "When I get home I'm going to kiss your face off!" These have become regular parts of her calls home when she hears younger siblings. Pierce and Cade say they hate it, but then they keep coming around for more when she is home and she chases them. She still catches them, not sure how much longer that will last!



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for the

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Review!





Our client was hit by a car while riding her motorcycle. Her injuries were so severe that doctors thought she would lose her leg. During our investigations, we found two policies to collect on. But we did not stop there! We demanded limits from five policies that we discovered, and successfully won a large settlement for our client. We went above and beyond to passionately pursue the best outcome for our client!

Two of our team members, Delba and Vanessa, were twinning with Breyer blue!

Our client's young daughter was bit by her grandmother's dog. This case presented challenges because the grandmother lived in Washington, and there was only a small amount of medical bills. Despite the

challenges, we won the policy limits that we demanded from the insurance company. We then helped the family put the large settlement into a restricted account for our client.

We had a great time at our Frank and Lupe's VIP Dinner. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!

Our client's dad was exiting an office building when he tripped and fell, causing him to hit his head on a parked car. He passed away shortly after the accident. Our client came to us just as the statute of

after the accident. Our client came to us just as the statute of limitations date was approaching. We sent in a demand to the city, who owned the complex, and had tough negotiations with the property management company following

the demand. In the end, we got great results for our client and they were thankful that we could help them through the difficult legal process.

Our team had a great time painting at Board and Brush!

Our client was a passenger in his girlfriend's car when she sped into a wall while trying to avoid another vehicle that

had come to an abrupt stop. After tough negotiations, we secured a large settlement for him and dramatically reduced his medical bills.



a yummy recipe:

# **APPLE BREAD PUDDING**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

Pudding
4 CUPS SOFT BREAD CUBES
1/4 CUP RAISINS
2 CUPS PEELED AND SLICED APPLES
1 CUP BROWN SUGAR
1 3/4 CUPS MILK
1/4 CUP MARGARINE
1 TEASPOON GROUND CINNAMON
1/2 TEASPOON VANILLA EXTRACT
2 EGGS, BEATEN

Vanilla Sauce 1/4 CUP WHITE SUGAR 1/4 CUP BROWN SUGAR 1/2 CUP MILK 1/2 CUP MARGARINE

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 7in x 11in baking dish. In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, milk, and margarine. Cook and stir until margarine is melted. Pour over bread mixture in bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and eggs. Place bread mixture in baking dish, and pour egg mixture over bread. Bake in preheated oven 40 to 50 minutes, or until center is set and apples are tender.

While pudding is baking, mix white sugar, brown sugar, milk, and margarine in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat and stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla. Serve over bread pudding.

We threw a surprise baby shower for our team member,

Our client was hit by a driver who failed to yield to the right of way in traffic. She suffered major injuries and had to take an extended leave from work, which ultimately resulted in her losing her job. Not only did we fight and win to get policy limits for her, but we also reduced her medical bills to just a small fraction of what she originally owed.

Mark and Alexis surprised the team with mini bundt cakes!



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