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Season's Greetings!

May you and all those you love experience a wonderful holiday season. We hope that peace, happiness, and good health come to you and yours throughout the coming year.

We would also like to thank you for seeking out our legal services over the years and for referring your relatives, neighbors, and colleagues to us.

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LEGAL SERVICES

- Automobile accidents
- Motorcycle accidents
- Truck accidents
- Uninsured motorist
- Underinsured motorist
- Bicycle accidents
- Pedestrian accidents
- Boat accidents
- Aircraft accidents
- Railroad accidents
- Construction site accidents
- Farm accidents
- Injuries on property
- Dog bites and attacks
- Injury to children
- Legal malpractice
- Injuries caused by doctors or hospitals
- Birth injuries
- Surgical mistakes
- Product liability
- Defective products
- Dangerous chemicals
- Nursing home injury and abuse
- Injuries caused by inadequate security at hotels and shopping malls
- And all other accidents involving personal injury or death

Holiday toy safety

Have a happy and *safe* holiday season. Parents and grandparents should select toys for young children that cannot choke, cut, stab, burn, or injure through falls.

Ahead of time

- ★ Go online for toy reviews to cpsc.gov; usp.org/issues/toy-safety; and toysafety.org.
- ★ Read toy labels for age and safety guidance.

When shopping

- ★ Purchase toys to suit the age, abilities, skills, and interest level of the intended child. This is particularly important for riding toys.
- ★ Seek toys that are well-constructed with secure small parts.
- ★ Avoid toys with loose small parts, sharp edges, points, or that launch projectiles.
- ★ Choose battery-operated over transformer toys.

When opening gifts

- ★ Discard dangerous wrapping that can be swallowed or which can strangle.
- ★ Supervise play.
- ★ Don't let younger children play with older children's toys.



Providing compassionate and effective legal representation.

Slips and falls

Managers of shopping malls, airports, and other public places take steps to prevent falls by patrons. They maintain lighting over common areas, install handrails on stairs, and keep floors dry and free of obstacles.

As visitors, we should also take care to not trip and fall. Most of us watch where we're stepping; avoid wet spots, loose carpets, and other hazards; and walk around obstacles.

A fall can occur in the blink of an eye. If you or a loved one falls in a public place, act right away to protect your rights.

ZACHAR LAW FIRM Case update

We are presently representing a man who slipped, fell, and was injured at a local grocery store.

We have very good evidence that store employees knew or should have known of the spill that caused the slip before our client fell.

The store denied liability, and Zachar Law Firm has filed a lawsuit. We are in active litigation, and discovery is currently under way.

We anticipate a favorable result in the near future. Stay tuned.

PAIN

If you have suffered injury from an auto accident, a fall, or some other way, you may experience temporary or permanent pain.

To help you obtain fair compensation for harm done to you from others' negligence, it is important to describe your pain accurately to an examining physician, during depositions, or when testifying in court.

Expressing pain isn't easy, so doctors may ask a patient to rate pain on a 1-10 scale.

However, to help patients accurately describe their pain, the American Pain Foundation suggests using a "L-O-C-A-T-E-S" memory aid to talk about pain to a doctor.

Location of the pain and whether it travels to other parts of your body.

Other associated symptoms, such as nausea, numbness, or weakness.

Character of the pain, such as throbbing, sharp, dull, burning, or other.

Aggravating or alleviating factors, such as what helps or hurts?

Timing of the pain: how long it lasts and whether it is continuous or intermittent.

Environment in which the pain occurs.

Severity of the pain, using a 1-10 scale.



In 2008, Zachar Law Firm took on representation of a young woman who sustained a serious neck injury in a motor vehicle collision. She underwent surgery and had an excellent outcome.

At the onset of our involvement, neither of the insurance companies would accept responsibility. Ultimately, through a hard-fought battle, we were able to obtain policy limits from one driver and a very substantial settlement from the policy of the second driver.

Jurors in the Internet era

Trial judges are adding new instructions to empanelled jurors.

Judges have always instructed sitting jurors to avoid newspapers or not talk to friends about a trial to avoid bias or partiality. Jurors should reach verdicts solely on a judge's instructions as well as facts and evidence presented by prosecutors and defense attorneys.

For today's "wired" jurors, judges are adding cautions about blogging, e-mailing, twittering, or posting trial comments on Facebook or personal Web pages.

Some jurors, equipped with wireless PDAs or cell phones, have done their own online research and shared information with jurors and others about trial plaintiffs, defendants, or witnesses.

Others, violating the bench's instructions, have issued up to 60 outgoing opinionated "tweets" about individuals or companies on trial. One juror's online communications led to litigation. Owners of a building-materials company appealed a \$12.6 million jury verdict, noting a juror posted messages on Twitter during deliberations and alleging the posts demonstrated improper bias.

The status of facts, data, and outside opinions that may be introduced at trial is undergoing thoughtful consideration. Evolving case law will help courts resolve how high technology can help or hinder trials. Until then, jurors should comply with the judge's instructions.



