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- Injuries caused by inadequate security at hotels and shopping malls
- Criminal
- Traffic Violations/ DWI
- And all other accidents involving personal injury or death

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU

Our senior partner and mentor, Michael Tobin, Esq., has retired from the practice of law. Mr. Tobin has headed for sunny Florida where he will be spending the winter and returning to New Jersey in the spring. Mr. Tobin's clients are being handled by our new managing partner, Scott P. Kessler, Esq., and other partners/attorneys will participate in your case as needed. All of us wish both Mr. Tobin and Mr. Kessler the best in their future endeavors and success in managing the firm.

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Everyone is aware of various social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and similar sites. What you may not know is that insurance companies and their attorneys are very interested in finding out what you post on these sites involving accidents and your injuries and claims or lawsuits you are making. In fact, it is not at all unusual for insurance carriers and their lawyers to obtain Court orders permitting access to your account and posts. All of our clients are cautioned that under no circumstances should you be posting any information about your accidents, injuries, claims or lawsuits. This information may become discoverable and used against you. If you have already posted information about these subjects, it would be a good idea to close your account. Of course, if you should have any specific questions, you should speak with the attorney handling your case.

ESSEX COUNTY JURY TRIALS ON HOLD

Because Governor Christie has failed to nominate Judges in Essex County to fill vacancies, civil jury trials have been placed on hold. This is creating a backlog of cases awaiting trial. Justice Rabner of the New Jersey Supreme Court has temporarily appointed certain Newark Municipal Court Judges to hear domestic violence matters to free up Superior Court Judge. Hopefully this will reduce the backlog of personal injury jury trials. As matters now stand, there is a temporary stay in effect concerning the trial of civil jury cases that are expected to last more than a few days. If yours is one of the cases placed on hold, we sympathize with your frustration. We hope the situation will be resolved so that civil negligence jury trials will resume.

TEAMLAW RELOCATION

You may have noticed that our main office building located at 1743 St. Georges Avenue in Rahway is for sale. We have a buyer and are in the process of finalizing paperwork regarding the sale and hope to relocate this year to new office space in Rahway. We will be moving to a location that will be readily accessible by both public transportation and automobile.

TEAMLAW WELCOMES WALTER J. CURTIS, ESQ.

I would like to welcome Walter J. Curtis, Esq. as the newest member of our workers' compensation department. Walter is an experienced workers' compensation and social security law practitioner with an excellent reputation for vigorously representing his clients. We wish Walter J. Curtis, Esq. the best.

NEW TEAMLAW PARTNER

Felix Zydallis, Esq., previously a workers' compensation associate with the firm has now joined us as one of our workers' compensation partners. This is a well deserved promotion in light of the excellent work Felix has performed over the years for our clients. Welcome aboard!

TEAMLAW WEBSITE

You will soon see a completely new look for our Teamlaw website. The site is being completely upgraded and revised. We are also working on a mobile version of the website which will be user friendly and accessible on your smart phones, i-pads, kindles and other electronic devices. Eventually, you will be able to contact us by simply tapping on a mobile smart phone application. Stay tuned for further news.

TEAMLAW EXPANSION

Many of our clients are not U.S. citizens and have a need for legal representation in connection with immigration matters. We have now expanded our practice areas to include immigration law. Previously a client requiring the services of an immigration lawyer would be referred to an immigration practitioner. We are now able to service your immigration needs. Immigration matters will be handled primarily by Andrew J. Clark, Esq. from our office with other attorneys from the firm participating as needed.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT REEXAMINING

THE RIGHT OF A PET OWNER TO SUE

In an interesting case that has attracted national attention, the New Jersey Supreme Court is poised to decide whether a pet owner who witnessed her dog being violently attacked and killed by another dog can sue for her emotional anguish. The plaintiff's Maltipoo (a cross between a Maltese and Poodle) was her close companion for years and the loss was especially difficult for her because her husband had left and her children had gone off to college. The lower Appellate Court dismissed the case and the plaintiff appealed to the State Supreme Court, claiming that the emotional distress sustained as a result of witnessing the violent death of her canine companion should be compensable and the suit should be reinstated. Normally, New Jersey law only permits the recovery of a pet's replacement value and sometimes the veterinary expenses. If you are a pet owner and lover, I am sure you can sympathize with the plaintiff. It will be interesting to see how the Court decides this case.

HELP US TO HELP YOU

In the movie Jerry Maguire, actor Tom Cruise plays a sports agent and advises his one and only client Cuba Gooding, who portrays a cantankerous NFL free agent in search of a contract to "help me, help you." It is critical that you cooperate with our office during all stages of your case including advising us of any new accidents, injuries, surgeries, and medical treatment you are undergoing whether or not related to your case. Our advice to you and how we handle your case is completely different if new circumstances arise. If we are unaware of your change in circumstances, the advice we give you may be incorrect. Keeping us advised will help us to help you and maximize your dollar recovery.

THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERINSURED AUTOMOBILE COVERAGE

All of you are probably aware that New Jersey law requires an automobile owner to be insured. What you may not be aware of is underinsured motorist coverage. Underinsured motorist coverage can protect you if you are injured in an automobile

accident where the dollar value of your injuries exceeds the liability limits for an insured driver who injures you. A simple example is where you are injured by an insured defendant who only has a \$15,000 liability limit which is far below the value of your injuries. If you are insured for more than \$15,000, for example, let's assume you have a \$50,000 liability limit and also maintain \$50,000 underinsured motorist coverage, you will be able to make a claim against your own insurance policy for an additional \$35,000. Be sure to check your own policy or speak with your insurance agent concerning the amount of underinsured motorist coverage you are presently carrying. If at all possible, you should purchase the most liability and underinsured motorist coverage that you can afford.