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## Check Out Our Spoof Videos on YouTube

Have you seen our newest spoof video?! If you've been following our office for some time now, you are sure to know one very important thing about us. We take our cases seriously, but not ourselves! If you haven't seen it yet, you have to find us on YouTube (@TheRealDellutriLaw) and check out our "Godfather" spoof or just Google "Godfather of Law" and click videos, then tell us what you think! Comment on the video with your favorite part! Here are some fun behind-the-scenes pictures we shot that day. We won't give away the plot, but if you don't watch to the end, you may wind up sleeping with the fishes.



# Growing Together with You

## Welcome to My Day in Music!

### WHY I'VE GIVEN MY LIFE A SOUNDTRACK

When I was in law school, I had a roommate named Mike who absolutely loved jazz. He was from New York and his CD collection (yes, I'm dating myself) took up more room than our couch. I'd never seen so many CDs in one place! He could have had a listening session every night for a year and never put on the same music twice. Every weekend, we would stop in at Tower Records near the French Quarter, and he would pick up two or three more discs to add to the pile.

Mike and I lived together for two years, and over that time, he educated me on the jazz greats. At night, he would put on a CD and tell me about the musician, how and why the song was written, and which instruments were playing in the background. Afterward, we'd close our eyes and just feel the music.

It wasn't long before I became a jazz lover – not because of the songs themselves, but because of Mike's stories and his passion! When I heard that June 21 is World Music Day, my mind jumped to Mike. He was a jazz-for-all-occasions man, and my wife

Marjorie is a country-for-all-occasions gal, but I like to match my music to my situation. It gets me in the mood to tackle each moment. Here's a glimpse of my day in music.

- **Housework:** Working around the house or in the garage means '70s music. Marjorie knows that if she wants me to get something done in the house, she just needs to tune the radio to the '70s station and off to work I'll go! Seventies tunes (specifically Al Green, Billy Joel, Elton John, Chicago, and one-hit wonders are the soundtrack of my childhood.
- **Exercise:** When I'm on the exercise bike or the treadmill, I throw on a little disco to pump myself up. Working out to the Bee Gees, KC and The Sunshine Band, or Village People hardly feels like exercise!
- **In the Car:** On a long drive, my tastes are even more specific: I need some vintage pop like Billy Joel's greatest hits Volume 1 and 2 or Elton John's greatest hits as a soundtrack.
- **With my Wife:** When I'm with Marjorie, we listen to country. She loves it so much that we used to make an annual pilgrimage to the Country Music Festival in Nashville. It's good, wholesome music, and I love real singer-songwriters like Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, and even Taylor Swift. We have gone to see Garth Brooks a couple of times.

- **With the Kids:** Nick, Alyssa, and I listen to Disney soundtracks all the time. At 16 and 20, they aren't too old for it yet, and neither am I! We love singing along together, although it's just as cool to hear them belt out my favorite songs. Alyssa, in particular, loves music of all genres, and she can sing along to country, pop, and '70s.
- **Relaxation:** When I want to unwind and really focus on the music itself, I default to jazz or classical. I found classical music in high school when I took a course on it. It was absolutely fantastic. To this day, nothing gets my mental wheels spinning faster than Mozart.
- **On a Rough Day:** Last but not least, when I'm feeling mentally spent, I put on anything by Vanessa Williams or my all-time favorite R&B song: "Piano in the Dark" by Brenda Russell. Every time I listen to it, it gives me goosebumps. Somehow, the way she sings reaches inside of me and touches my heart. That song always puts me in a better mood, and I keep a CD player on my desk so that I can access it at a moment's notice.

If you've felt unmotivated lately, I'd suggest adding music to each part of your day. If you know what you like, it will lift your spirits and get you in the mood to conquer the world.

*-Carmen Dellutri*

*"Marjorie knows that if she wants me to paint a room in the house, she just needs to tune the radio to the '70s station and off to work I'll go!"*

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# When Should I Hire an Attorney After a Car Accident?

Almost everyone has a scary story about a car accident or a near-miss—including attorneys! Here's something that happened to our very own Carmen Dellutri just recently:

"I was sitting at my desk working when Attorney David Fineman told me he was taking his car in for service, and he asked me to follow him and bring him back to the office. 'Sure, no problem, I'll be right behind you.' At least, that's what I thought. I was driving southbound in the left lane of a three-lane road, with no one in front of me. Then, out of nowhere, a car came from a side road on my right and tried to cut across three lanes of traffic to make a U-turn. I drive a big, black pick-up truck—there's no way she couldn't see me. As her car zoomed from out of my blind spot, I slammed on my brakes as quickly as I could, but it was too late. CRASH! As if this wasn't enough, her insurance company tried to blame me for the accident: BAD IDEA."

We hear stories like this every day. There you were, minding your own business, safely cruising down U.S. 41, I-75, I-4, or any number of other local roads, just trying to get from point A to point B. And then, all of a sudden, BAM! Out of nowhere, your car spins out of control and it feels like your whole world has been rocked. Or, you were sitting at a red light, rocking along to Bon Jovi, Jason Aldean, or Talk Radio while you wait for the green light, and you're rear-ended by a careless "multitasker" who's texting while driving. Even worse, you're hit by one of the countless irresponsible drunk drivers who turn their cars into weapons of mass destruction, with total disregard for their own lives and the lives of everyone on the road.

We could go on, but we think you get the point. Now, you may see why we aggressively go after drunk and distracted drivers. You know as well as we do that Florida highways are dangerous, and they get worse each and every year. We like to think (and sometimes even joke) that the snowbirds are the real problem causing all the traffic and accidents. But, let's be honest for a minute, even out-of-season, we have a ridiculous number of distracted drivers on our roads at any given time. We see them driving, cell phone in hand as if it is glued to their fingers, just waiting for that all-important text.

Chances are pretty good that, at some point in time in your life, you (or a loved one) will be involved in an automobile accident with a distracted driver. If that happens, the insurance company will begin working on your claim immediately after the accident takes place. When the person they are insuring seems to be liable, they will undoubtedly try to shift the blame to the other driver to minimize the payout. It is essential, therefore, that you speak with an attorney as soon as possible after the accident.

If you are unsure of whether you should hire an attorney to represent you, here are some scenarios in which you absolutely need to reach out to an attorney at once:

- You suffered injuries or substantial vehicle damage
- Another party's actions contributed to your injuries
- You suffered injuries that are severe and permanent
- The accident was fatal



After last month's cover article about our new Attorney, Mark Martella, a former personal injury client of mine called. She told me that she was doing fine now, which is great news, but the severity of the accident really put things into perspective for her. She said she never really thought about having an estate plan or what would happen to the members of her family if she were to pass away suddenly. She told me that it was never discussed in her home growing up.

So, after the accident she and her husband created an estate plan, including a will, durable power of attorney and a living will, and it gave them both some peace of mind. I was very happy for them both.

Peace of mind, even in one area of life, is priceless. She went on to say that the reason for the call was that she was so happy that we now have a Trusts and Estates Attorney who can help our clients. She asked if we would set up an estate plan for her parents, and she wanted to give it to them as a gift. She wanted them to have the same peace of mind that she now did. I thought that was a wonderful idea.

She also asked if I would work with her on a payment plan, and I told her that wouldn't be a problem. We learned a long time ago to listen to our clients. They will tell us what they need, and we want to be there to help them!

## THANK YOU!

### A Huge Thank-You to Our Referral Partners!

Last month we had ...

- 37 referrals from friends, family, or previous clients
- 20 returning clients for a new matter
- 20 referrals from other attorneys
- 3 referrals from other professionals in town
- **We sent out 87 referrals**

## What's the Good News?

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Psalm 56:3

## Grilled Chicken Shawarma

Inspired by FeastingAtHome.com

A spice-filled marinade and time do all the work in this recipe that features Middle Eastern flavors.

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp ground cumin
- 2 tbsp ground coriander
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 tsp allspice
- 8 garlic cloves, minced
- 6 tbsp olive oil
- 2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs

### DIRECTIONS

1. To create marinade, whisk all spices with the garlic and olive oil in a medium bowl.
2. Add chicken to the bowl, coat well with marinade, cover, and let sit in the fridge for at least 20 minutes — or up to 48 hours. Strain off excess marinade before cooking.
3. Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Grill thighs for 10–12 minutes on each side, or until a meat thermometer reads 165 F.
4. Serve with rice, vegetables, or pita bread with tzatziki.

## Testimonial

Our Clients Say It Best



At the beginning of 2020, I had consulted with the Dellutri Law Group for bankruptcy. I met with David Lampley. He presented my options, explained the process, what to expect, both the pros and cons. I decided to retain them and start the process. The legal assistants and Mr. Lampley made the process very simple. Everyone was extremely organized, detailed, and helpful from start to finish. Plus, I enjoy the informative news articles mailed out each month.

-R.F., March 2021