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## JOE RECEIVES A SUPER SURPRISE

Do you know our very own attorney Joe LoTempio is a HUGE Marvel fan? He started reading Marvel Comics in 1995, and it quickly became his most passionate hobby. Now Joe owns thousands of Marvel Comics, and a boat-load of other Marvel memorabilia.

Joe is not only an awesome attorney, but he's also a Chapter Success Coach for several BNI Chapters in the area. When Joe showed up at a meeting of the Referral Links chapter, they told him they had a special gift for him. Turns out that BNI member Kevin Knapp of Floorcrafters actually knows legendary Marvel Comics artist Mark Bagley, who drew the very first Marvel comic Joe ever bought – Amazing Spider-Man #405. Kevin got Mr. Bagley to draw and sign a custom Spider-Man sketch just for Joe (and even included a picture of himself doing the sketch)!

Many thanks to Kevin and the BNI Referral Links chapter. Joe says this was the best gift he has ever received. You rock!

For more lawyer stories and DLG news and updates, be sure to follow us on social media!



# Growing Together with You

## The Pets of DLG MEET OUR 4-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS!

Nothing in life is perfect.

That little puppy you picked up at the humane society, brought home with you, and love so much? He's the same dog that will poop on your carpet the next day.

That dream job you've always wanted and finally got? Next week, it will make you shake your head in frustration.

But there's one big difference between the puppy and the job: Through the good days and bad days, the highs and the lows, that dog will love you unconditionally. As a dog owner myself, I promise you'll forget about the ruined carpets, but you'll always remember the joy your pet brings to your life!

These photos are about sharing that joy. The first week in May is National Pet Week, and it's about time we introduced you to the dogs, cats, snakes, hamsters, and goldfish in our DLG family. After a long day of dealing with opposing counsel, insurance adjusters, bankruptcy trustees, and the daily grind of legal practice, these friendly companions make everything better.

One of the best things about having pets is that they're always happy to see us – unlike the judges in the courtroom! They keep us motivated to get up every morning, fight the good fight for our clients even when the world tries to slow us down, and come home to see their cute little faces again at night.

Nothing in life is perfect, but our pets are pretty dang close.

If you have a fur baby at home, give them a squeeze for me.

*-Carmen Dellutri*

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# CAR ACCIDENTS CAN BE TRICKY

## Be Sure to Ask if the Driver Owns the Vehicle

You were just sitting at a traffic light, minding your own business, and you get rear-ended. Now you are injured, disoriented, and maybe on the way to the emergency room. The last thing you want to worry about is who owns the vehicle that hit you.

However, you do have to think about who actually owns the vehicle that hit you. Many times, the driver is the owner of the vehicle. If that's true, consider yourself lucky. But, in today's world of Uber, Lyft, and other ride-share programs, and tourist season in Florida, it's become more important than ever to know who owns the vehicle that hit you at the time of the accident.

Rental cars pose a unique situation. Normally, when law enforcement investigates the accident, they will ask for a driver's license, registration, and insurance. In a rental car accident, the owner of the vehicle is the rental car company, and the insurance company is the rental agency's insurance. It is up to the individual to ask the investigating officer to get the driver's personal automobile insurance as well. Often, the rental car's insurance does not cover our client's injuries.

We are then forced to track down the negligent driver's personal automobile insurance information. This takes more time than you can imagine. Especially if they are from a different state or country, and it complicates the case



unnecessarily. It also could delay getting necessary treatment for our client's injuries.

Oftentimes, we send out letters to the insurance companies, and their insured has not notified their personal insurance carriers thinking the rental car insurance provides coverage. Again, these hurdles could have been avoided in many instances.

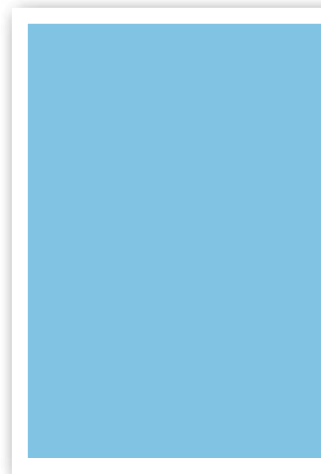
If you are unfortunate enough to be in an automobile wreck, and you are able to talk to the law enforcement officer, just ask if the person who hit you owns the vehicle. If not, please ask the officer nicely if they can ask for the driver's personal auto insurance information as well, just in case.

It may take 30 seconds, but it may save you months of aggravation in the future.

*-Carmen Dellutri*

# Introducing Our Office Manager Christie Shares Her Positive Attitude

It's been a while since we've put the spotlight on some of our team members, and we think it's high time to bring it back! Do you know our amazing office manager, Christie? There is a good chance you haven't had the pleasure because she's on the backend of what keeps us moving forward, and what a shame that is! We need to push her into the spotlight so you all know just how amazing she is. Not only does she keep our office running and keeps everything in check, she also keeps us all positive every day!



Christie greets every day with a beautiful internal sparkle, and when she says, "Have a great day," she means it. Her enthusiasm and brightness are contagious, and it is her mission to make the best impression she can on everyone she meets. Outside the office, she really enjoys reading mystery and suspense novels, when she's not busy spending time with her husband, Rob, and their son, Jackson, of course.



## Summer Strawberry Spinach Salad

This refreshing and seasonal salad will go great with whatever meat you throw on the grill this Memorial Day.

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, grated or finely minced
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tbsp strawberry jam
- Freshly ground salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/3 cup raw, sliced almonds
- 5 oz organic spinach
- 2 cups strawberries, halved
- 1 large avocado, sliced
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup feta crumbles
- 1/4 cup roasted pistachios, chopped

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine balsamic vinegar, olive oil, chopped garlic, Dijon mustard, and strawberry jam. Mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste.
  2. In a pan, toast the almonds over medium heat until they are golden brown.
  3. In a large bowl, add spinach. Then layer on strawberries, avocado, red onion, feta, toasted almonds, and chopped pistachios.
  4. Toss dressing in salad or serve on the side.
- Inspired by AmbitiousKitchen.com*

## Testimonial

Our Clients Say It Best



"I would give 10 stars if possible! I can't say enough good things about this firm. Going through a difficult situation, Mark and Teresa made this experience easy. I am impressed with the attention to detail, personal service, kindnesses and professionalism. I had a lot on my plate and Teresa was always guiding me along the way with patience. Mark was always flexible to get me in because of my schedule. I am beyond thankful for them taking the time to always answer my many questions, follow up with me when I'd forget to do something and always felt like they truly cared. Thank you for getting me through this difficulty, you made it EASY!!!!"

-L.C. GOOGLE REVIEW, OCT. 2021

## What's the Good News?

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

HEBREWS 11:1

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

Last month we had ...

- X referrals from friends, family, or previous clients
- X returning clients for a new matter
- X referrals from other attorneys
- X referrals from other professionals in town
- We sent out X referrals to our trusted referral partners

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