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STRANGE LAWYER STORIES

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Signed.....A. Fraud

If you follow us on social media, you'll understand that although we take our cases very seriously, we do not take ourselves seriously. We love to laugh, and there is nothing we love to laugh at more than lawyers! (If you don't follow us, what are you waiting for? We post good stuff, not stuffy lawyerish stuff!) This doesn't just extend to our social media pages; if you ever read our website, most of our pages start with a lawyer joke.

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter as we bring back a previous fan favorite: Strange Lawyer Stories! It's cringy and awful, sometimes unethical, and sometimes just pure ignorant. Here is a preview of one we posted from back in 2017:

Most lawyers do not like to hear that their order for a client is sitting on the judge's desk, waiting to be signed. Unfortunately, this happens from time to time, but most of us know the drill and do what we can while waiting. Judges, like busy lawyers, have schedules and other pressing matters to attend to, so reviewing the matter and signing orders may take some time.

Attorney Jose Camacho got tired of waiting and took matters into his own hands. Camacho had just been sentenced to 364 days in jail and 10 years of probation for forging the signatures of multiple judges.

Camacho got caught when Judge Marina Garcia-Wood noticed a document with her signature that was dated while she was out of town. Oops. Needless to say, you can't forge a judge's signature and get away with it!

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DELLUTRI ALWAYS STRIVES TO BE GREAT *Just Like U.S. Olympic Athletes*

As I write this, the 2021 Summer Olympic Games are just a few weeks away. I can't wait! There's nothing like those days every four years when the whole world holds its breath to watch the best athlete's duke it out for gold, silver, and bronze. As long as Team USA is playing, you can find me glued to the TV. Marjorie, the kids, and I watch as many events as possible together, and sometimes, the rest of the Dellutri clan crashes at our home to get in on the fun. That's exactly what happened four years ago during the last Summer Olympics, but with a twist — my Uncle Joe from New Jersey showed up.

Uncle Joe loves to cook, drink wine, and feed everyone around him. He's a total Italian guy, and his love language is good food (and good times!). One night during the Olympics, the two of us were the only ones still awake. Team USA was going to compete at midnight, so we huddled around the TV in the family room decked out in our American flag T-shirts and hats. Things were about to get started when Uncle Joe looked over at me.

"I could use a sausage sandwich," he said, "how about you?" (Uncle Joe makes a mean sausage.) "Sure, that sounds great!" I said. He grinned. "How about we open a bottle of wine, too?" Now that's what I'm talking about! I said the only thing a reasonable person would say, "That sounds even

better." Before I knew it, Uncle Joe was in the kitchen. He didn't just throw one sausage on: He made a whole 30-inch sausage ring! It was a feast.

By the time the game started, the two of us were chowing down on sausage sandwiches, drinking wine, and loving life.

It felt almost criminal to be having such a good time while everyone else was sleeping. Each time Team USA scored, we silently cheered, high-fived, and raised our glasses. It was Italian-American patriotism at its finest! When the night was through, we'd polished off the whole sausage ring and a full bottle of red. Then we scrubbed down the kitchen and hid the evidence so no one would know we'd partied without them.

Of course, the next morning, the first thing my mom said when she walked into the kitchen was, "Who was cooking on my stove last night?!" I shot a look at Uncle Joe over the grease spot we'd missed — busted! Then, Uncle Joe's daughter, Gina, chimed in. "Did anyone else wake up in the middle of the night and smell sausage?" We tried to play it cool, and it almost worked. But then, my Aunt Mary Jane found the bottle of wine we'd thrown in the garbage. The evidence was too strong! Pretty soon, the whole story of our Olympic midnight snack came out.



We may have gotten the third degree for our two-person feast, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat! The Olympics and my Uncle Joe's sausage are an inspired combination. I went back to work after that mini-Olympian vacation feeling energized by the athletes and inspired to work harder to make a difference in my clients' lives.

Olympians will do anything to get that extra inch of advantage over the competition, and as an attorney, I get it! I want to put in that same level of hard work to help my clients get that edge in their cases. Sometimes the smallest shift can make the difference between gold and silver, a good outcome and a great one. Dellutri Law Group always strives to be great.

-Carmen Dellutri

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BANKRUPTCY IN THE MILITARY

We recently realized that a certain blog on our website was being viewed more and more. It's something that is near and dear to our hearts, as we love America and honor our service members as often as we can. The biggest question we are being asked is: Can you file bankruptcy while in the military?

Well, if you're currently serving or have served in the military, you know that you're expected to uphold a higher standard of living than your civilian counterparts. Sometimes, life takes unexpected turns that may leave you in a less than the ideal financial situation. Nobody goes through life thinking they may someday file for bankruptcy. However, doing so can give you the fresh financial start you need to move forward.

Filing for Bankruptcy in the Military

There are no legal restrictions that prevent military personnel from filing for bankruptcy. While serving in the military, you have the same rights as a regular civilian to file for bankruptcy protection. When you join the military, there's an expectation of you to maintain a decent standard of living. However, this doesn't mean that you're immune to financial hardships.

Members of the military are often afraid of filing for bankruptcy because they are worried that it will interfere with their service or ruin their reputation. The reality is that you'll be better off if you can maintain a strong financial situation.

Filing for bankruptcy can give you the opportunity to get back on your feet and can give you a fresh financial start.

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) offers special protections when a member of the military files for Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy. These laws were put into place to help active military members focus on their duties rather than their financial situation. The SCRA gives courts the right to stay or postpone bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy proceedings while you are on active duty. The law is able to prevent a range of proceedings during the bankruptcy process that could be detrimental to members of the military, such as default judgments related to the discharge ability of a debt, obligation discharge objections, debtor examinations, and collection actions that may occur after the bankruptcy proceedings have finished.

Special Protections and Exemptions

When civilians wish to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, they must pass the means test. The means test determines whether a debtor's income is low enough to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. However, if you're a disabled veteran, you may be exempt from passing the means test if your debts were mostly incurred during active duty or while performing activities related to homeland defense.

If you're a member of the National Guard or a reserve unit of the Armed Forces and

were called to active duty or performed a homeland defense activity for at least 90 days after Sept. 11, 2001, you may also be excluded from Chapter 7 means testing requirements. An experienced bankruptcy attorney will be able to help you determine whether you qualify for these special protections and exemptions.

Filing for Bankruptcy May Affect Security Clearance

Filing for bankruptcy doesn't automatically affect your security clearance. Whether your security clearance is affected depends on a number of factors, including why you filed for bankruptcy, your job performance, your position in the military, and more. Having large amounts of debt may affect your security clearance, but in some cases, filing for bankruptcy can help you because it shows you're taking a step in the right direction. However, in order to see classified information, you will have to obtain high-level security clearances that require extensive background checks. Unfortunately, this could mean that bankruptcy will have a negative impact on your ability to work in these positions.

If you're serving in the military and are considering filing for bankruptcy, the best thing you can do is to meet with an experienced bankruptcy attorney. There are special protections and exemptions that exist for military personnel who are facing bankruptcy, and a bankruptcy attorney will be able to explain these to you.

Testimonial

Our Clients Say It Best



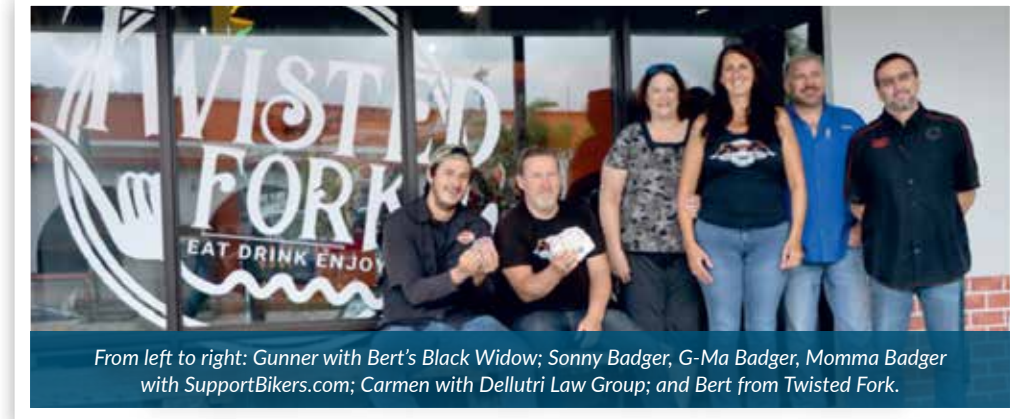
"I was extremely nervous in choosing a lawyer. So many flyers you receive, but after reading Dellutri's profile and researching the firm, I'm glad I chose this firm. My lawyer walked me through the whole process and special thanks to Lauren, she did an amazing job of letting me know what I needed to do to complete my paperwork. When my back was against the wall with a summons, I'm grateful Dellutri Law Group was there to help me in my biggest time in need. The understanding and compassion from my lawyer are great!!!"

-E. (Verify this Review on Avvo 3/22/2021)

Ready for World Record Poker Run

As the title sponsor for the World Record Poker Run, we are so excited this event is finally almost here! We thought our friends at Steel Horse Life magazine told the story best:

It all begins in Port Charlotte at the Twisted Fork and Bert's Black Widow, a poker run designed to set a new world record. Beginning on July 30, 2021, riders will gather in the parking lot of the Port Charlotte Harley-Davidson and set out to create history! The ride will include stops in Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, Colorado, and Wyoming, and will end in Sturgis on opening day of the world's largest bike rally. It's an epic plan with some incredible people involved, including the Support Bikers Team, the owner of Twisted Fork, members of Bert's Black Widow, and our friends at the Dellutri Law Group.



From left to right: Gunner with Bert's Black Widow; Sonny Badger, G-Ma Badger, Momma Badger with SupportBikers.com; Carmen with Dellutri Law Group; and Bert from Twisted Fork.

We will be showcasing the adventure with some locals, and we hope you will join us on our social media pages and follow along live as our friends ride from Port Charlotte to Sturgis in an epic eight-day run.



A Huge Thank-You to Our Referral Partners!

Last month we had ...

- 31 referrals from friends, family, or previous clients
- 23 returning clients for a new matter
- 9 referrals from other attorneys
- 4 referrals from other professionals in town
- **We sent out 72 referrals**

What's the Good News?

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9



Mexican Corn Salad

Inspired by JoCooks.com

Don't let the long ingredient list scare you. This summer salad celebrates in-season veggies and herbs and comes together quickly.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups of fresh corn, cut from 5 cobs
- 1/2 avocado, cubed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 cup fresh-squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 2 tbsp sour cream
- 6 green onions, chopped
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 jalapeno, diced
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup cotija or feta cheese, crumbled

DIRECTIONS

1. In a cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat, add oil and corn. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 3-5 minutes or until corn starts to char.
2. Add the corn to a large bowl and let cool for 5 minutes, then add the remaining ingredients and stir together until well combined. Taste and adjust seasoning.
3. The salad pairs well with grilled entrees and can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 4 days.