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## A Note from Carmen

As I sat down to write this month's note, I began day dreaming about what life would be like for me had I not gone to law school. Would I have married the same woman? Would I be living in Southwest Florida? Would I have been as passionate about another career, whatever it was? Would I be as happy as I am now? Hmm.... These are all very good questions that I can't answer. I know that I was lead in this direction since the day I was born. I can say that as I look back on my life, I have always gravitated to things or places where I can help others. That is why I really enjoy looking at how the firm has evolved in the bad economy. We have taken on so many causes and tried to help as many people as we can and the requests just keep on coming. Then you see what happened in Alabama and now in Missouri, and you realize that whatever contribution that you can make to your community, now matter how large, it will never be enough. So, do you just stop, or do you continue working harder and smarter than you did before. There is only one answer to that question despite the way it was posed. You keep on working hard. You keep on believing that your contribution can make a difference. You keep on trusting that your work will benefit others. And, most importantly, you keep the faith. Life is not always easy, we all know that. But, when life throws a monkey wrench into your plans, you can either throw your hands up in



## Pedestrian Struck at School Crossing as a Result of the at Fault Driver using his Cell Phone

As a [personal injury attorney](#) in Southwest Florida, I meet many interesting people. Unfortunately, many of them are extremely injured when we meet, and my heart always goes out to people injured as the result of someone's negligence. These disasters can happen anytime and anywhere to anyone.

Many times, I get to meet them in the office, but I will gladly go to the Hospital when necessary. In November 2010, I was requested to meet "Jane" and her husband "John" at Lee Memorial Hospital. When I walked into Jane's ICU room at Lee Memorial, John was standing beside Jane's bed, keeping her company.

When I asked Jane what happened, I quickly learned that John was his wife's voice as her entire mouth was completely wired shut as she had just underwent jaw and chin reconstruction for a mandibular fracture. I was advised that Jane would have to eat through a straw until her wires were removed, which wasn't until the end of December.

When the wires were removed, I remember Jane was happy that she would be able to enjoy a holiday meal with her family.

Also, in addition to her facial injuries, a CT scan of Jane's head revealed a right cerebral contusion and a subdural hematoma. Jane also fractured her left leg. Fortunately, these injuries did not require surgery and healed slowly over time.

After the family retained [The Dellutri Law Group, P.A.](#), our investigation revealed that Jane, a pedestrian, was struck in a school cross walk by a car that failed to yield. She was walking from her childrens' school back home when she was struck at 8 am that morning. We learned that the at fault driver was on his **cell phone** at the time of the accident. He was so distracted that he failed to notice Jane was walking with a crossing guard that was carrying a stop sign. As a result of his negligence, Jane's head collided with the vehicle's hood, causing her serious life threatening injuries.

To read more click [here](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Football Season Magnets**- Due to overwhelming demand, and lots of phone calls, we are once again sending our Florida Football Schedules. They will be sent out in the month of July and August. We hope you use and enjoy them throughout the Football Season. Keep an eye out for next newsletter for more information on upcoming events.

## Golf Tournament Update

On May 7th, 2011 the Dellutri Law Group hosted the Second Annual Dellutri Classic Golf Tournament to benefit The American Cancer Society. Unfortunately, no one hit a hole in one to win the street rods, but everyone had a great time golfing. Together we raised a total of \$1,600.00 for the



we all know that. But, when life throws a monkey wrench into your plans, you can either throw your hands up in disgust, or you can keep the faith and move ahead. So, who cares what my life would have been like had I not gone to law school. It doesn't really matter. I firmly believe that I am right where I was supposed to be, and I am surrounded by the people who are supposed to be here with me. Together, we are going to run the race set before us, and together we are going to win. At the end, we may be totally exhausted and all used up, but so what, we will have run the good race from the moment it began until the day it was over, and when we look back on the race we ran, there will be no regrets.

Unfortunately, no one hit a hole in one to win the street rods, but everyone had a great time golfing. Together we raised a total of \$1,600.00 for the American Cancer Society. This amount almost doubles the amount we earned last year. All the money raised will go to help people in our community that have been affected by cancer. The Dellutri Law Group wants to give a special thank you to Magnolia Golf Course for letting us play on their course, and a big thank you to all of The American Cancer Society's volunteers that helped out with the event. We look forward to having another golf tournament next year and doubling this year's amount once again. If you would like to pre-register for next years event please contact Elizabeth at 239-939-0900.



From left to right- Carmen Dellutri, Brad Downing, Branden Henderson and Mike Manganaro

**Fun and Easy Recipe of the Month**

**Farfalle with Grilled Sausage**



**Ingredients**

- Salt
- 1 1/2 pounds farfalle (bow-tie shaped pasta)
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds sweet Italian sausage
- 1 large eggplant, sliced widthwise into 1/8-inch-thick slices
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced lengthwise

**Instructions**

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente; drain and transfer to a large serving bowl. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, prepare a charcoal grill for direct-heat cooking over medium-hot charcoal (medium-high heat for gas). Grill sausage, eggplant and zucchini until cooked through, about 5 minutes per side for sausage, and 2 minutes per side for vegetables. Transfer to a cutting board.

Finely chop together sausage and vegetables. Add mixture to pasta and toss to combine. Add tomatoes and basil, driz-



**Lauren Schaefer**- I am a senior at the University of Florida in Gainesville working on my undergraduate degree in Psychology and Criminology. While interning this summer with the Dellutri Law Group, I hope to gain hands on knowledge of the practice of law while furthering my education in the field. Though still undecided as to what direction I will choose to further my legal studies, I feel that Dellutri Law Group will provide ample experience and opportunities and I enthusiastically welcome and greatly appreciate the challenges offered.



**Jordan Wilcox**- I was born and raised in Bountiful, Utah, and obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Technical Sales from Weber State University, *cum laude*. I served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Netherlands and I am fluent in Dutch reading, writing, and speaking. I am a second year law student at Ave Maria School of Law, and will graduate with my Juris Doctorate in 2012. I am married with two sons, and expecting my third son to be born around the end of June.

Thus far in law school, I have clerked for the Davis County Attorney's Office in Utah; have been involved in Moot Court; and am the President of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. While at the prosecutors office I drafted responses to motions and memorandums of law on fourth amendment jurisprudence.

I am thrilled to work as a law clerk at Dellutri Law Group and hope to contribute to the success of the firm. I embrace the theme "Focused on making bad situations better, and putting lives back together." I feel that my time here will allow me the opportunity to help others, while at the same time providing invaluable legal experience and sharpening my legal research and writing skills.

**Congratulations Ashley Schmidt**



Congratulations Ashley Schmidt! Ashley just recently won Miss Naples USA and will be competing to win in Miss Florida USA which will be on national television, July 16th at 7 p.m. If you don't know, Ashley is the first person you see at the front desk in our Fort Myers office. She is one of the receptionists and also works in our marketing department. We all wish her the best of luck!

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