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A Note from Carmen



Ladies and Gentlemen: The Holidays are upon us. This means Christmas Cookies, Christmas Carols, and learning to write 2011 as the date. I know this may seem mundane for the most of you but the whole date chang-

Our Charity Choice of the Month: Toys For Tots

Once again this year, the Dellutri Law Group is continuing our tradition. Many offices participate in some form of Secret Santa program. Our offices engaged in this activity for years; however, as we took a second look at the economy and the families of Southwest Florida, we thought to ourselves, wouldn't it make more sense to buy Christmas gifts for children rather than buying gifts for our co-workers? That is why we have decided to participate in the Toys For Tots program. If you are not familiar with the Toys for Tots program, please visit their website: Toysfortots.org

By joining with other Toys for Tots partners, we believe we can all come together as a team and we can collect

As the economy gets worse and worse, it is nice to know that there are programs like Toys for Tots out there, and we are all really looking forward to purchasing toys to give to the families here in Southwest Florida.

Our office is an official drop off location for Toys For Tots. If you have toys that you would like to donate, please feel free to stop by and drop them under our Christmas tree in the lobby. The gifts must be new and must remain unwrapped. The deadline to donate toys is **December 17th**. All of the toys must be dropped off in our office by then in order for them to be picked up in time. Every individual toy helps and there is no gift too small.

In addition, as an incentive to everyone who brings in a toy to donate to The Toys for Tots program, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a special Christmas Treat from The Dellutri Law Group. It is our way of saying

may seem mundane for the most of you but the whole date changing thing just throws me off for a good nine or ten months. Many others have the same problem, you know who you are. It also means that we are collecting toys for the toys for tots program. Last year our clients and friends of the firm went all out, and we provided hundreds of toys to the program. Well, this year it seems the need is even greater, and we will be there to lend a helping hand. If you have an extra toy, deck of UNO cards or Rubik's Cube in your shopping cart this Holiday Season, we will gladly accept any unwrapped toys for donation. Take Care



Above: On November 19th, 2009 The Dellutri Law Group gave away 15 Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to 15 Families as A Thanksgiving Treat.

Fun and Easy Recipe of the Month

Christmas Glazed Ham



Ingredients

Whole or half ham, precooked, cured, or smoked, 2 cups apple cider, 3 tbsp. Dijon-style mustard, 1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed, 1 can pineapple slices

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Place the ham fat-side down in a roasting pan with the apple cider. Bake a whole ham 10 minutes per

partners, we believe we can all come together as a team, and we can collect even more toys than were donated last year.

Attorney Spotlight: Branden Henderson

Branden Michael Henderson is an associate at the Dellutri Law Group, P.A. He was born and raised in Central Virginia, and obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with Minors in both Music and Religious Studies from James Madison University. In 2010, Mr. Henderson obtained his Juris Doctorate from the Ave Maria School of Law.

During his time in law school, Mr. Henderson interned at the Public Defender's Office of Washtenaw County and worked in the Staff Attorney's Office of the 20th Judicial Circuit, where he drafted bench memos involving both criminal and civil matters. He also served on his school's Moot Court Board, finishing as a regional quarterfinalist in the Stetson International Environmental Law Competition.

Mr. Henderson began at Dellutri Law Group as a law clerk during his last semester in law school, where he spent most of his time researching consumer defense and bankruptcy issues, as well as preparing discovery and drafting memos. What he enjoys most about working at the Dellutri Law Group is the collegial environment, outreach to the community, and the overall attitude embodied in its attorneys to fight for the client's rights to ensure justice is done.

Mr. Henderson is licensed to practice law in Florida and is a member of the Young Lawyer's Division. He practices primarily in the areas of residential and commercial foreclosure defense, and credit card defense.

The Importance of Preserving Evidence

It is fair to say that every [personal injury attorney](#) prefers that a new client contact a lawyer immediately after an accident or injury. The reasoning behind this is important-the lawyer and the client need to preserve the evidence in your case as soon as possible. Regardless of how you were injured or the type of case you have, every claim or lawsuit requires EVIDENCE. This means that you need to immediately gather as much information and documentation as you can to support your case. Here are a few very important tips to keep in mind should you or a loved one become involved in a [car accident](#), [slip/trip and fall](#), wrongful death, [medical malpractice](#) or [dog bite case](#).

- Obtain a crash report (auto accident) or incident report (slip/trip and fall). It is common in a slip/trip and fall case that the premises owner (grocery store, retail establishment etc) refuses to provide you with a copy of the report. Do NOT leave the store without a copy. If your injuries prevent you from obtaining this report, call a friend or family member to assist.
- Obtain the name, address and phone number of any and all witnesses. It is very common that there are witnesses to an accident but unfortunate that their information is not obtained to assist you in your case. For example, if you claim you had a green light and a witness agreed that you had a green light, but the other vehicle claims he had the green light, it is a he said/she said case without your eye witness' supporting testimony. Another example-after a slip and fall, you claim there was a large puddle of water or liquid on the floor. A witness helps you stand up from the floor and the witness clearly sees the water or liquid substance. During the course of your case, the store manager claims that when he was called to where you fell, there was no liquid substance on the floor. Again, without the witnesses' information to support your claim, your case could significantly suffer.
- Photographs. Photograph the scene of the accident (the intersection or the aisle where you fell). Photograph the property damage to the outside and the inside of your car. Photograph any bruises, lacerations, stitches or other injuries you suffered.
- Save and preserve in a safe place the clothes and shoes you were wearing at the time of the accident

Treat from The Dellutri Law Group. It is our way of saying Thank You to our friends of the Firm.

roasting pan with the apple cider.
Bake a whole ham 10 minutes per pound, or a half ham 15 minutes per pound, or until a meat thermometer reads 130 degrees. Baste the ham with the liquid in the pan from time to time during baking.

When the ham is cooked, remove it from the oven and slice off the skin

and most of the fat, leaving a quarter-inch layer. Lay the ham in the pan, fat-side up this time, and make crosshatches using a long, sharp knife.

In a small bowl, make a paste of the mustard and brown sugar and rub it all over the ham. Add pineapple slices at this point if desired, securing the pieces with toothpicks.

Increase the oven temperature to 450 degrees.

Return the ham to the oven and bake 15 minutes more or until it appears glazed, but before the sugar has a chance to burn.

- Save and preserve in a safe place the clothes and shoes you were wearing at the time of the accident.
- Make use of your cell phone. If at all possible, record the scene of the accident or the place where you fell. If you are too injured-ask someone to help you. If you are unable to do this immediately after the accident, return to the scene and record/photograph it at your earliest convenience.
- Keep receipts for prescriptions, medical records, product instructions, medical bills etc.
- Keep notes/logs. Write down in detail your pain and suffering each day. Make sure to list missed vacations and invitations. Write down each doctor visit you attend and what you were told by the physician.

This blog was written by [Amanda Downing, Esq.](#) of The Dellutri Law Group, P.A.

Upcoming Events

To start the new year, we decided that it was time to make a New Years resolution that we all can keep. Each of us has at least one children's book, cook book, or other type of book that we can donate. We call them pre-loved books. These books can be read by others and enjoyed just as much. So, we will be calling on you once again to do some January cleaning and donate any of your pre-loved books. We welcome any new or used books. All of the books will be donated to children's centers, libraries, and shelters.

Keep an eye out for following newsletters for more information.

“It is not what we get. But who we become, what we contribute... that gives meaning to our lives.”

~Anthony Robbins~