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A Note from Carmen



As I sit to write this note, I was torn between writing about all that happened in 2010 or what I want to happen in 2011. I looked over all of the newsletters from 2010, and I am shocked at how many events we held and how many people we helped. I am proud of everyone at the Dellutri Law Group for putting up with my crazy ideas, for pushing themselves to be the best, and for rising to the occasion each and every day. I have so many people

Our Charity Choice of the Month: ACT Abuse Counseling & Treatment

Help us, help them!

Help us start the new year right by making an impact on the lives of victims who have suffered from domestic violence and sexual assault. For over 30 years, ACT has expanded throughout Lee County providing protective shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. This non-profit organization protects, supports, provides counseling, and educates victims of sexual assault domestic violence and their children.

ACT is committed to helping the people of our community and here at Dellutri Law

make a difference for this the victims of this organization.

Once again this 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 ACT. These books will benefit the victims that have suffered from domestic violence and sexual assault.

rising to the occasion each and every day. I have so many people to Thank for helping the firm along our journey and me along my personal journey.

Interestingly, a song comes to mind. "Oh How The Years Go By" by Vanessa Williams. As the years go by, life changes and things happen. We fight, we laugh and we cry but the Soul of a person never dies. As Americans, it's in our blood to get back up after we get knocked down. This year more than ever, I have witnessed many people get back up after getting knocked down, and I am inspired for the future.

I love coming to work each and every day. I am a better attorney because of the people I work with and the clients who never seem to have an end to legal problems. For that I say Thank You. It keeps us searching for better answers.

In 2011, we will keep pushing ourselves to be better. We have committed to upgrading ourselves, our technology and our communications with clients, staff members and the public. Each day we strive to be a little better, and we will continue to go the extra mile for our clients. As they say, there is never any traffic on the extra mile, and that is where you can always find us.

The future is looking brighter and brighter. There are opportunities around us, we just need to keep looking. I want to Thank all of our loyal readers and friends of the firm. May God Bless You All this coming year. Carmen

Fun and Easy Recipe of the Month

Party Nacho Cheese Dip

Ingredients—

1 lg Box of Velveeta Cheese

1/4 c. Milk

1lb Hamburger meat

1sm. Chopped onion

1sm chopped green peppers

1 lg. jar of Mexican Salsa



Directions— Brown Hamburger with onions and peppers. Melt cheese with milk over double boiler. When all melted, add drained hamburger mixture and salsa. Mix well. Place in

our community and here at Dellutri Law Group, we want to contribute and help

victims that have suffered from domestic violence and sexual assault.

Personal Injury Case Settles For \$ 187,500.00

Automobile accidents happen. Often an [automobile accident](#) can be prevented; however, if you are involved in an [automobile accident](#), the only real way to protect yourself is to make sure you are wearing your seatbelt and have adequate insurance to protect yourself and your family. Here, is an example of one of our clients who did nothing wrong and found herself facing difficult decisions after an accident. Obviously, we changed Ms. Smith's name.

On June 17, 2009, "Sandy Smith", was rear ended on Metro Parkway in Fort Myers, Florida when a driver of a landscaping truck bent down in his vehicle to pick up a clipboard. Mrs. Smith was 42 years old, a nurse, a wife and a mother to her disabled daughter who she had to lift in and out of a wheelchair every day.

Following the accident, Mrs. Smith presented to Lee Memorial Hospital with severe neck pain. An MRI performed in June 2009 revealed a ruptured disk in her neck. Not wanting to rush into surgery due to caring for her small disabled child and trying to earn a living, Mrs. Smith decided to try conservative medical care to alleviate the daily pain. However, after 13 long months of unsuccessful chiropractic care, physical therapy, and needle injections, Mrs. Smith underwent surgery in July 2010. Her neurosurgeon performed an anterior cervical discectomy and fusion with anterior plate fixation.

Mrs. Smith asked the [Dellutri Law Group](#) to assist her in an action against the Landscaping Company and the driver for their failure to exercise proper care and attention to their responsibilities on the road. [Mrs. Amanda Downing](#), a Partner at [The Dellutri Law Group](#) provided the Defendant's insurance company with the necessary information to understand the pain and suffering endured by Mrs. Smith for the 13 months prior to the surgery and then the recovery period thereafter. [Mrs. Downing](#) was able to explain the nature of caring for a disabled child so that the insurance company could appreciate what the accident took away from Mrs. Smith and her daughter and husband.

The parties eventually reached a settlement in the amount of \$ 187,500. The good news.....Mrs. Smith is back to work and is now enjoying and caring for her family. The settlement will go a long way toward putting these wonderful people back on the road to recovery. We were happy to assist this family, and we were very glad they chose our firm to represent them in their time of trouble.

Toys For Tots Update

A special thanks to everyone that contributed to donate to toys for tots this year. With the help of the staff and all our friends and family that donated we collected a total of **206** toys this year. This almost doubles the amount that we collected last year. Next year for 2011 we intent on doubling our new amount again. For more information about toys for tots visit <http://Fort-Myers-Fl.ToysforTots.org>



Congratulations Jarred Duke

Just last week one of our employees Jarred Duke graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with his bachelors degree in Finance making the Deans list. Jarred plans on attending law school next fall. He has already been accepted to Stetson, University of Miami, Liberty University and Samford University. Before accepting one of these universities he's waiting on his top choices University of Florida



all melted, add drained hamburger mixture and salsa. Mix well. Place in Crockpot on low. If too thick, add 1/4 cup milk and blend. Let cool then serve with your favorite chips. "This is an awesome recipe for Super Bowl parties."

Something so small can
make a big difference



We finally collected enough tabs to fill our bucket up. Every tab collected benefits families at the Ronald McDonald House by using the money to help pay for operation costs for running the house. With your help and the help of the staff at the Dellutri Law group we will continue to fill up a new bucket in the year 2011.

these universities he's waiting on his top choices University of Florida and Florida State. Recently, he proposed to his girlfriend of five years, and they plan on getting married in April. Everyone at the Dellutri Law Group is extremely proud of him, and we wish him the best of luck in law school.



What does "Loss Mitigation" Mean???

As a result of the changes in the economy, people are feeling more and more stress to meet their financial obligations. Not only do we assist clients through the Bankruptcy process when it is the best option for their particular set of circumstances, but we also assist clients with Loss Mitigation options.

If you or someone you know are faced with a situation where your property is worth less than the amount of money owed to the bank and making the payment is becoming increasingly difficult, there is no reason to feel helpless and without direction. The term "Loss Mitigation" is used to describe the options available to a homeowner which provide an opportunity to mitigate (lessen) the final outcome of addressing the problem in an attempt to obtain a result that will be better for all involved, as opposed to doing nothing. Examples of Loss Mitigation are: (1) loan modifications, (2) short sales or (3) Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure.

The Real Estate Department of the Dellutri Law Group is qualified and experienced to provide guidance and direction. Call for a free initial consultation to discuss available options.

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. "

Pope John XXIII