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HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW Sending My Firstborn to College



There are a few key moments in your adult life you'll never forget, like the day you first met your spouse, the first day at a new job, and the exact moment you found out you were going to be a parent. Memories like these are all stepping stones only the luckiest of us will get to experience, and I certainly consider myself to be a lucky guy for all the blessings I've received over the years. Yet, for all these beautiful memories, there's always going to be some that are bittersweet. For me, I know one of those moments is coming too soon: My daughter, Alyssa, will be heading off to college at the end of the summer.

we've got a few years to go — but we can still hardly believe how fast the time has gone. Then again, we try to see the bigger picture as much as we can.

I keep telling myself that this is a *good thing*. The passing of time is the only way we're able to mark the memories that mean the most to us. It has to happen sometime. Instead of worrying, we're just trying to make the most of what time we have left before we drop her off at school. At the end of the day, you get sad when your kids leave the house, but you would probably be sadder if they never made their own decisions and expanded their horizons. She's worked hard to get to that next level, and we can't wait to be there when she needs our love, our support, or just an ear to listen. After all, it's her choices that will define the woman she will become, and I know she will make the right ones.

In many ways, Alyssa is still the same little girl she was back then: loving, caring, and kind to everyone. Except now when I've come home the past few years, she's been sitting at the kitchen table finishing up her homework. Marjorie and I couldn't be prouder of the studious and talented woman she's grown up to be today. We may even be worthy of a pat on the back for a job well done, but that pat will have to come another day. Her hard work and ambitions have led her down the right track in life and set her on a course to attend the University of Florida in the fall. All the years, the laughs, and the tears have added up to her seeking out new and exciting opportunities

for herself. That's what life should be about anyway, always looking for that next step to take you to where you want to be.

While she's busy expanding her horizons in Gainesville, we'll be here waiting for a phone call or a text whenever she wants to talk. Even so, as the day approaches and we're getting closer and closer to saying goodbye, I can't help but think about coming home to that empty parking spot in the driveway and her empty seat at the table that used to be filled with books. Now I understand what millions of other dads have gone through over the years, and boy, oh, boy do I empathize with them.

Marjorie is doing much better with this than I am. She thinks it's funny that one day I will be faced with an even bigger dilemma — the day our little girl comes home with a gleam in her eye for a guy who is not me!

With that in mind, does anybody have any advice for their lawyer? If you're going through something similar, have gone through it in the past, or just feel like reaching out with a few words of wisdom, I'd greatly appreciate it. Otherwise, we'll always be here to take care of all your legal needs. Simply give us a call or visit our website anytime at DellutriLawGroup.com to find out more.

-Carmen Dellutri

When she was a baby, I remember coming home every day to a sight that warmed my heart. As soon as I opened the door, this little girl would come running through the house yelling, "Daddy! Daddy!" before diving into my arms. It made me count the minutes until I could come home every day, making me proud that I was able to provide for such a loving family. I truly knew what it meant to be a dad.

Over the years, these habits changed, and my little girl has now grown into an amazingly beautiful young woman. She no longer runs into my arms when I get home, but it seems each hug is sweeter and still filled with unconditional love.

Now that she's getting ready to take this next step in her life and her brother Nick is almost old enough to drive, my wife and I are starting to get a serious case of empty nest syndrome. We're not quite there yet —

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SUMMER SWIMMING SAFETY

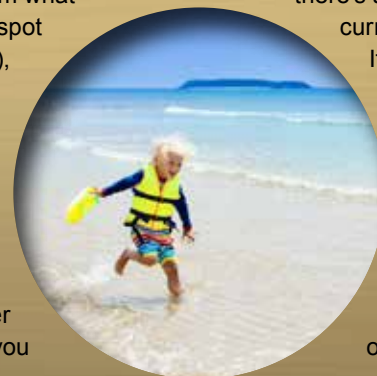
3 TIPS FOR SWIMMING IN OPEN WATER

There's nothing like taking a dip in a nearby pond, lake, or even the ocean. For many, it's a summertime tradition. However, swimming in open bodies of water brings certain safety risks, as these environments are not nearly as controlled as public, club, or backyard pools. Everyone should follow these tips to have a fun and safe time cooling off under the summer sun.

NEVER SWIM ALONE. When you swim in virtually any body of water, having someone there to keep an eye on you can be a lifesaver: the more people, the better. Stick to bodies of water with a professional lifeguard on duty when possible, though that's not always an option. When swimming in open bodies of water, have a "designated spotter" to keep an eye on the swimmers. This way, you're prepared if anything bad happens. It's

also a great idea to keep flotation devices nearby, such as life jackets, life rings, foam boards, etc.

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO. Sometimes, it's next to impossible to see what's under the surface of the water. If you are unfamiliar with a body of water, don't jump or dive in without knowing how deep it is. If you cannot confirm what is under the surface (and the spot is not a known diving location), don't risk it. It may be okay to swim or wade, but jumping is out of the question. Along these same lines, be VERY careful around bodies of slow-moving or standing water. These can house dangerous microbes and other contaminants that can make you ill and potentially be deadly.



WATCH FOR RIP CURRENTS. These can occur at any beach without warning. They pull swimmers away from shore and are strong enough that even excellent swimmers struggle to get through them. In fact, rip currents are behind nearly 80% of beach rescues. Keep an eye on the foam at the surface of the water. If it seems to suddenly pull away from the beach, there's a good chance a rip current is lurking beneath.

If you find yourself in a rip current, it's crucial to remain calm and avoid expending energy swimming directly back to shore. Instead, try swimming parallel to the shore until you're out of the current.

WRONGFUL DEATH: *An Overview*

Accidents happen regularly, we all know that. We see it on the evening news every day, but it never really hits home until it happens to a loved one. When an accident could have been avoided and was the fault of another party, the loss of someone's life could be defined as "wrongful death." When tragedy strikes a loved one, the first thought is to be there for the survivors.

DEFINING WRONGFUL DEATH

When you hear an attorney say, "We represent the victims in wrongful death cases," what does that really mean? Wrongful death claims are created when someone has acted negligently, recklessly, or deliberately in causing harm to another person. Some examples are as follows:

- Machinery that was intentionally not repaired properly or not repaired at all
- Buildings that were not kept up to code resulting in an accident
- Negligent driving, drunk driving, or texting and driving, and causing an accident where someone passes away
- Negligent maintenance of an automobile resulting in a collision and death
- Trucking accidents on the highways
- Medical Malpractice cases

As you might suspect, it is vital that you have a strong legal team on your side that can prove a wrongful death has occurred.

ELEMENTS OF A WRONGFUL DEATH CASE

Your attorney must prove several things:

- A DUTY OF CARE was owed to the decedent by an individual.
- That individual BREACHED THE STANDARD OF CARE owed to the decedent.
- The individual's actions (breach) caused the death of the decedent.
- Damages

WHERE TO BEGIN

Once you have gathered your thoughts and have gone through part of the grieving process, contacting a legal firm that has experience with wrongful death cases is your next step. Before your meeting, try and do your best to gather the following:

- Any police reports that were filed at the time of the accident
- Any accounts from neighbors or other witnesses
- Coroner or doctor reports
- As much information as you can gather about the case or the person who was harmed

It might be painful to collect this information, but it is necessary to provide your legal team with as much information about the accident as possible.



Employee Spotlight: THE SUMMER OF INTERNS

If you follow us on social media, you know that it is "The Summer of Interns" here at the Dellutri Law Group. This month we thought we would take a little time to introduce you to our interns and spotlight all of their hard work!

First in the spotlight is Emma! Emma is one of our FGCU grads and has been working closely with Ronnie and Ashley in the bankruptcy department. Emma has been responsible for helping process files for 341 hearings and plans to pursue her paralegal certification soon!

Up next is Justin. Justin goes to Florida Southern College where he studies business administration. Justin works closely with Casey in the marketing department where he focuses on the Dellutri Passion Projects, the upcoming Dellutri Podcast, and helps with other events at our office!

Following Justin is David from Cape Coral. David is currently taking classes in legal studies at FGCU and plans to pursue a career in law after graduation. David's internship has been filled with educational experiences like collecting evidence, attending hearings, and helping collect documents for files.

After David, we have Nick! Nick is currently pursuing legal studies at FGCU as well and will be graduating in the fall. Whenever he's not at the office, he likes to be outdoors fishing or golfing! During his time at the DLG, he has worked diligently to close/update case files and records that needed attention.

Last but not least, there is Holly. Holly is a junior at the University of Alabama majoring in pre-law with a track in criminal justice and political science! At the Dellutri Law Group, Holly has been working closely with Carmen

on important tasks with client files and other pressing matters.

We have been so thrilled so have so many new faces around the office and are so grateful for all their hard work! They are all going to do great things in life. Do you know someone who might be interested in an internship next summer? Have them contact us at info@dellutrilawgroup.com.



DLG BLOOD DRIVE



WATERMELON CUCUMBER SKEWERS

Inspired by CookingLight.com



Ingredients

- 1 medium-sized watermelon, cubed
- 2 cucumbers, cut into 1/4-inch rounds
- 1 block feta cheese, cubed
- 1 bunch fresh mint leaves
- Salt, to taste

Equipment

- 1 packet of bamboo skewers

Directions

1. Assemble skewers by placing one watermelon cube, one cucumber round, one feta cube, and one mint leaf on skewer in that order. Repeat until skewer is full.
2. Lightly season with salt and chill in fridge until right before serving.



Did you know that a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood? On Friday, June 7th, our Dellutri Law Group team, along with many friends and family of the firm, lined up in our Fort Myers office parking lot to donate their blood to those who need it. On average, someone is in need of blood every 2 seconds! By taking time to get your blood tested and drawn, you are in the process of possibly saving someone's life. It's awesome to think about, right?



Thank you to everyone who took the time to come to our DLG Blood Drive! We appreciate you so much, and look forward to doing another one in the near future. Always remember, in the courtroom or in the community we are always here to help.



TESTIMONIAL

HEAR FROM A HAPPY CLIENT ★★★★★

"Carmen and his team are the nicest and most understanding people on Earth. We came to their office afraid and unhappy and they WELCOMED us with respect and emotional support. It has been a process, but we did it! Every step of the process we felt their coverage and the knowledge. Last week we went to court and they were there early and with a reassuring "Everything will be ok, I got you," smiley

face! Congratulations to Carmen and his team! They are fabulous! Thanks so much for the work done! Special mention to Maria Cartagena, the lovely and supportive; Ronnie, who was responsive and helpful; and the girls at front desk, the nicest people in Fort Myers. Thanks Carmen, God Bless You!"

—S.R.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
—Matthew 6:21

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?