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# Growing Together With You

## Time to Boss Your Calendar Around A New Year's Guide to Time Management Fun!

Hey there, welcome to 2024! This year, we're breaking all the rules when it comes to attorney newsletters. Rather than giving you legal jargon no one cares about (including me), let's do something together. To be honest, we all have our own demons we deal with. It's easier to conquer them together than it is to go it alone, so let's commit to making 2024 our best year ever. Are you in? Good, let's start with a topic that every attorney has trouble with: time management! Because, let's be real, adulting is hard, and no handbook I have ever found has helped. So, throw away the party favors and roll up your sleeves because it is time to get dirty.

### Why Time Management Matters

Time is like an awesome limited-edition vinyl record — scarce and precious. Everyone gets the same 24 hours every day, but it's

what we do with that time that changes our lives. Are you managing your time? Or does it feel like time is managing you? Well, that's like spinning that record and creating the soundtrack to your life. At The Dellutri Law Group, we get that life gets crazy, but trust us, a well-organized schedule can make all the difference. Before you can organize your business schedule, ask yourself: How do I want my life to be? Decide what is important to you. Ask questions like: What time do I want to get home from work? What time do I want to start working? What time do I want to work out? The answers will set the tone for the life you want to lead. Once you design your perfect life, you can design your work life. This master plan will allow you to fit in what you want to fit in as well as say no to time-sucking things that don't fit in.

### The Power of Taking Charge

Picture this: You, with a cape, flying through your to-do list like a superhero. Taking charge of your schedule isn't just about being a time warrior; it's about reducing stress and having more time for the good stuff, like reading a good book.

### Strategies for Time Management Bliss

- 1) *Prioritize Your Personal Tasks:* Like choosing between tacos or pizza, prioritize what matters most and decide what doesn't matter. Tackling the big tasks first thing in the morning sets the tone for a victorious day.
- 2) *Set Realistic Goals:* We all want to conquer the world, but Rome wasn't built in a day. Set achievable goals to avoid feeling like

you're running a marathon in stilettos. If you hit the goals easily, adjust them. If they are too difficult, adjust them. It's all about the little victories throughout the day.

3) *Embrace Tech Magic:* Let's be real, we're in the 21st century. Apps are our sidekicks! Find your favorite time-managing apps and let them do the heavy lifting.

4) *Delegate Like a Boss:* You're not Wonder Woman or Superman. It's okay to let others save the day, too. Delegate tasks and watch the magic unfold. Trust people to do their best work.

5) *Breaks and Self-Care:* Breaks are like the commercials between your favorite TV show — necessary. Take 'em! And don't forget to indulge in some self-care; you deserve it!

6) *Embracing Change Together:* We're in the business of making your life a little brighter. So, let's conquer time management together! Whether you're juggling personal injuries from a car accident or planning your estate like a boss, let's make this year the most organized, fun, and hilarious yet!

Get ready to boss around your calendar like never before, and remember, we're here for all your legal needs and life hacks. Let's make it a year to remember, filled with smiles, successes, and a whole lot of time management swagger!

*-Carmen Dellutri*

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# Debt Rumors Debunked!

Greetings, neighbors! It's your local legal maestro, Carmen Dellutri, here to drop some legal knowledge bombs, or as I like to call them, "law-ughs." Lately, I've been hearing rumors that not paying debts could turn into a real-life episode of "Orange Is the New Black." Well, hold your horses because we're about to clear the fog on that one!

## Debt Debunked: Civil vs. Criminal

In the left corner, we've got civil law, the referee in the ring of personal disputes. It's the peacemaker, resolving family drama, contract quibbles, and property beefs. But, fear not, my friends. Civil law won't be dragging you to the slammer for that overdue credit card bill. It's more of a "let's talk this out" situation.

Now, in the right corner, we've got criminal law, the heavy hitter dealing with the big guns — think theft, assault, and the stuff they make movies about. But unless you're plotting the next "Ocean's Eleven," your debts won't make you a criminal mastermind.

## Debt Jailbreak: The Real Scoop

Let's set the record straight. Not paying debts doesn't earn you a VIP ticket to the big house in the civil court arena. I've seen more debt cases than I've seen episodes of my favorite sitcom (and that's saying something). Creditors might knock on your legal door, but we're talking about settling debts, not becoming the star of "Debt Behind Bars."

So, my debt-dodging friends, fear not! If you're wading through the murky waters of debt, your trusty local legal comedian — oops, I mean attorney — is here to guide you through without the drama.

Disclaimer: For legal laughs tailored to your situation (or, you know, actual legal advice), consult with the one and only Mr. Dellutri, your go-to attorney for nearly three decades.

Stay debt-free and delightful,

*-Carmen Dellutri*



## Testimonial

Our Clients Say It Best



*"Well, it finally happened. The unexpected life events and the continuing financial stress of it all hit a breaking point. So, I called Dellutri Law Group to get an idea of which direction to go. After talking with Frank Fedorczyk on the phone, I decided it was best to make an appointment to make sure we were both on the same page. I'm so happy I did! Let me just say that before meeting with Frank, my stress level was very high, and after our meeting ... I was so relieved to know I was in good hands and the stress subsided.*

*Yes, I had plenty of homework gathering all the information they needed to get my life back on track. The true professionalism of their entire Dellutri staff is truly a group you want representing you!*

*Thank you, Dellutri Law Group, so much!!"*

*-D.H.*

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level of 0.08% or higher or while under the influence of a chemical or controlled substance.

Even your first conviction can cost you. In Florida, your first DUI conviction can result in these penalties:

1. Fines ranging from \$500–\$1,000 or more
2. Community service — mandatory 50 hours or an additional fine equaling \$10 per required community service hour
3. Probation of no more than one year
4. Jail time
5. Vehicle impoundment
6. Having your driver's license revoked for up to one year

After the first DUI conviction, the penalties become much more severe. Fines are higher, jail time is increased, and you may even get your driver's license permanently revoked. Although these penalties may seem harsh, they don't compare to the penalties incurred when someone is injured or dies as a result of your driving while intoxicated. If this happens, you may be charged with a DUI misdemeanor, DUI felony, or DUI manslaughter.

### Always have a designated driver.

If you know you're going to be drinking, it's important to have a way to get home, whether that means calling a taxi or using a designated driver. Before you go out, choose someone in your group to be the designated driver for the night. You'll know you have a safe way home, and you'll eliminate the possibility of getting a DUI.

DUI accidents are preventable. Before you drink and drive, think about whether it's worth it, and always find an alternative way to get home.

## Small-Business Spotlight

# Bagel Monkey: Straight Out of New York!



True New York bagels are impossible to make in Southwest Florida. Some of our competitors say they are NY bagels, but they never are!

After two long years, with the help of friends and great staff, owner William Kowalski opened Bagel Monkey on July 13, 2023. Their imported NY bagels are something to get your day started. They are 20% bigger, hand-rolled in New York City, and shipped in every day to be served.

They offer over 12 varieties of bagels and schmears, great toasted with your choice of schmear, or try their amazing breakfast sandwiches with egg, cheese, and choice of meat including pork roll (Taylor ham)! Oh, and don't forget about their handmade salmon spread and lox!

Bagel Monkey welcomes customers of SWFL to try their bagels, located at 12220 Towne Lake Dr. in the growing community of Gateway in Fort Myers, Florida.

# BAKED SALMON WITH GARLIC AND LEMON

*Prepare to tantalize your taste buds with a zesty dish that combines salmon with the vibrant flavors of garlic and lemon!*



## INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs salmon fillets
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- Salt and pepper, to taste

## DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Line a baking dish with parchment paper. Place the salmon fillets on the baking dish.
3. In a small bowl, mix together the garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, oregano, thyme, salt, and pepper. Pour the mixture over the salmon.
4. Bake for 15–20 minutes or until the salmon is cooked through. Serve and enjoy!

# A Huge Thank-You to Our Referral Partners!

A referral is the greatest gift we can receive from a client or fellow business! Last month we had ...

- 38 referrals from friends, family, or previous clients
- 21 returning clients for new matters
- 18 referrals from other attorneys
- 8 referrals from doctors and other professionals
- **We sent out 93 referrals to our trusted referral partners.**

## What's the Good News?

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

DEUTERONOMY 31:6



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# — Don't Drink and Drive —

## Understand the Life-Altering Consequences of DUI

Most of us know of someone who was injured or killed by a drunk driver; it's no secret that driving under the influence can have deadly consequences. But every day, people get behind the wheel after drinking.

Just because you made it home safely doesn't mean you made a smart decision!

When you get behind the wheel after a night of drinking, you're not only putting your own life at risk, but you're also risking the lives of everyone else on the road. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), over 1.2 million drivers were arrested in 2011 for driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or narcotics.

According to the Florida DMV, 55,722 DUI tickets were issued in the same year. In 2014, drunk driving fatalities accounted for 28% of all traffic-related deaths.

### **Know the consequences of driving under the influence.**

Like regular auto accidents, drunk driving accidents can have some serious, and even deadly, consequences. Although many people walk away from drunk driving accidents with only bruises and broken bones,

others suffer serious damage to their internal organs, spinal cords, and brains. These injuries usually require expensive surgeries, extended hospital stays, pain medication, and years of physical therapy.

But many drunk driving accidents result in death. It's not just the driver who's at risk but also the passengers in the car and other drivers on the road. Regardless of whether you suffer from minor or life-altering damage, injuries from a drunk driving accident are a constant reminder of a forever life-changing moment.

Drunk driving accidents create burdens like medical expenses, lost wages, and pain and suffering. Extensive emotional damage for drivers, passengers, and family members can also plague those involved for years.

### **Understand drunk driving laws in Florida.**

If you're pulled over after drinking and driving, you'll likely be charged with a DUI. In Florida, driving under the influence (DUI) is defined as operating a motor vehicle while impaired with a blood alcohol

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