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Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Attorneys At Law



FALL EDITION

Getting To Know Your Michigan Law Firm

Discover How We Can Help You!

We want you to think of us as your law firm and a part of that process is getting to know us a little bit better. **Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** is a family owned law firm founded in 1969 by David and Vicky Buckfire. Their sons, Lawrence and Daniel, now manage the law firm. We have seven outstanding lawyers and an excellent support staff that assists the attorneys in providing the highest quality legal representation.

Our firm has earned the highest possible rating in the legal profession for ability and integrity and our lawyers are rated SUPERB by the top internet lawyer rating service. Lawrence Buckfire was recently named “**Best Michigan Personal Injury Attorney**” by the American Lawyer Academy.

We specialize in all types of personal injury cases including car accidents, motorcycle accidents, no-fault insurance claims, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, slip and fall injuries, dog bite injuries and attacks, wrongful death, food poisoning, lead poisoning, and many other personal injury accident matters. We accept only a small number of cases so that we are able to devote our undivided attention to each individual client and case.

We offer free consultations and represent clients under our “**No Fee Promise.**” This means that our clients do not pay attorney fees whatsoever unless a judgment or settlement is obtained by the firm. We look forward to helping you, your friends, family members, and colleagues. Our firm takes great pride in the reputation we have built through previous clients and **we are never too busy for your referrals.**

Help Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Raise Money For The Fight Against Breast Cancer

October has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In 2012, it is estimated that among U.S. woman there will be 226,870 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 39,150 breast cancer deaths.

Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. supports many great organizations, and is proud to announce its support to Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. will donate \$1 to Susan G. Komen For The Cure for every person who “Likes,” “+1,” or tweets about our Medical Malpractice Page.

Simply log into Facebook, Google+, or Twitter, visit <http://bit.ly/MIMalpracticeLawyers> , and click on the appropriate social media icon to the left of the webpage.

Supreme Court Election 2012

Vote all the way down the ballot. Vote Kelley, Johnson and McCormack for Justice!

Your rights and the rights of families across Michigan are at stake!

The most important vote you cast on November 6, 2012 is for the Michigan Supreme Court!

Michigan Supreme Court Justices are the most important elected officials most voters do not know about.

As the highest court in the state, the Michigan Supreme Court can overturn laws enacted by our elected Legislature and alter or reverse laws that have existed for decades. These Justices have immense power. **Your vote counts.**

NONPARTISAN SECTION	← FIND IT
JUDICIAL	
JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT	
Connie Marie Kelley ●	← MARK IT
Shelia Johnson ●	
Bridget Mary McCormack ●	

✓ **Remember: Your 'straight party' vote is NOT enough. To vote for Kelley, Johnson and McCormack for Justice you have to do more!**

✓ **Make sure you vote all the way down to the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot where judicial elections are located!**

Cast your vote! Together we can stand for children and families, and stand up to special interests and insurance companies.

For more information on your Supreme Court candidates:

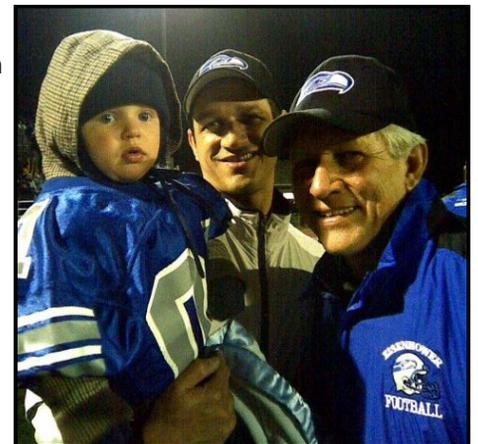
- ⇒ Judge Connie Marie Kelley <http://www.conniekelleyforjustice.com/>
- ⇒ Judge Shelia Johnson <http://www.judgeshelijohnson.com/>
- ⇒ Bridget Mary McCormack <http://www.mccormackforjustice.com/>

A Tribute To Famous Dads On The Buckfire Law Team - Part 2

In continuation of "A tribute to famous dads," we honor firm attorney Robert J. Lantzy's father, Bob Lantzy, who is affectionately referred to as "Coach Lantzy." Famous to the Michigan high school community, Coach Lantzy was the only head football coach in the history of Utica Eisenhower High School. Coach Lantzy retired this past year after 41 years of coaching and 304 victories, marking an end of a dominating era for Utica Eisenhower football.

Coach Lantzy led the Eisenhower Eagles to 13 Macomb Area Conference championships and four appearances in the state championship game. He is one of only nine coaches to win 300 or more games in Michigan high school football history and was named Macomb County Coach of the Year five times. He was also inducted into the Michigan High School Hall of Fame by the former University of Michigan head football coach Lloyd Carr. Coach Lantzy and Coach Carr were teammates at Northern Michigan University, where Lantzy played quarterback and Carr played running back.

"I'm done coaching at Eisenhower. I said last year I had one more year left in me and that's as good as it can get." His statement proved true, as Lantzy's 41st season at Eisenhower was one of his best seasons ever. "I'm proud of what we accomplished," Lantzy said. "And we did it against great competition. I've had a great career." Coach Lantzy, age 65, will enjoy his retirement spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.



Coach Lantzy (right) pictured with grandson and son Robert Lantzy (left to right).



Misdiagnosis in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Is Alarming High

A new study done by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine found that as many as 40,500 U.S. hospital patients die due to diagnostic errors in the ICU unit. In fact, when compared with adult hospital patients overall, individuals in the ICU face up to a twofold risk of suffering a potentially fatal diagnostic mistake.

Misdiagnosis in the ICU can lead to a delay in necessary treatment and this can result in significant injury or harm to the patient. In many instances, a misdiagnosis can be fatal and lead to the death of the patient. Some of the most commonly missed medical conditions in the ICU include heart attack, pulmonary embolism, pneumonia, and infection. If a patient suffers serious injury or death due to a misdiagnosis, the patient may have grounds for a medical malpractice lawsuit against the hospital.

While hospital critical care units are renowned for their life-saving efforts involving the sickest of patients, there is a growing recognition of the potentially preventable hazards involved in such ICU's, with a particular focus on hospital-caused infections and misdiagnosis. Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. frequently handles these types of cases and hopes that this new study will motivate hospitals to find new strategies for preventing misdiagnosis, including better understanding of the appropriate staffing ratio per critical care patient, as well as cognitive tools and checklists that focus on better detection of the most frequently missed conditions.

RECENT FIRM SETTLEMENTS

Below is a representative sample of our firm's recent successes for our clients.

- **\$200,000 settlement** for young child who suffered serious lead poisoning injuries while living at a rental property in Detroit, Michigan.
- **\$175,000 settlement** for the underpayment of attendant care services by AAA Michigan to our client with an agreement for a future rate of \$18.00 per hour for services.
- **\$150,000 settlement** for a young girl who suffered a laceration to her face and nose after being bitten by a relative's dog.
- **\$110,000 medical malpractice settlement** against a podiatrist for failure to treat a foot ulcer.
- **\$100,000** insurance policy limits for **Grand Rapids area motorcycle accident settlement**.
- **\$90,000 rear-end car accident settlement** for a lumbar disc herniation.

Halloween Safety Tips For Trick or Treating

"Trick or treat!" That is the famous phrase shouted by many children across the county every Halloween night. While many children look forward to this night, many parents do not, as they are worried about their child's safety. Following these easy safety tips will keep your child safe every Halloween. These tips include:

1. Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by an adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.
2. Make sure to find out if your city has a curfew and stick to the curfew times.
3. Plan a safe route ahead of time and check it during the daylight for such obstacles as broken sidewalks (or no sidewalks), construction timber, or other obstacles that could cause injury to your child or you.
4. Only trick or treat at houses that are lit. Residents who do not wish to be bothered leave their lights off as a sign; respect their preference by only going to houses that are lit.
5. Instruct your child not to eat any treats until they are brought home and examined by you, and to never go into a stranger's home or vehicle.
6. Carry a flashlight, glow stick or make sure your child's costume has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
7. Trick or treaters should walk, not run, when going house to house. Also instruct them to never cut through any back alleys, fields, or lawns — always stay in a populated area.
8. Keep your child hydrated and make sure they do not get over-heated.



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Cases of Interest our office is handling...

- A lawsuit against the City of Detroit on behalf of a teenager who fell due to a defective public sidewalk. He suffered a broken arm which required casting and is still seeing physicians for potential nerve damage in his arm.
- A lawsuit against a drunk driver who rear-ended our client on the I-696 Expressway causing our client's vehicle to spin into the wall that divides the highway. Due to the accident, our client suffered injuries to the right shoulder, carpal tunnel syndrome, low back pain, and several facial lacerations.
- A car accident claim against a negligent driver that arised out of an intersection accident in Westland. The defendant driver disregarded a blinking red light and struck the driver's side of our client's car causing it to roll over.
- A motorcycle accident lawsuit on behalf of a biker who suffered multiple orthopedic injuries after being hit by a car while riding his motorcycle. The negligent driver turned in front of the biker causing the collision.
- A no-fault insurance lawsuit against an insurance company for refusal to pay no-fault benefits to a motorcycle accident victim.

REFERRALS

We want you to think of us as your law firm.

If you have any legal matters that need attention, please let us know. If we cannot handle the matter, we will refer you to a competent firm that can.

Please feel free to refer us to your family, friends, and neighbors for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.



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