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SPRING EDITION

Dangerous Drugs Are Being Discovered All Too Frequently As Cause For Patient Injury or Death

Medication errors account for the injuries of 1.3 million Americans every year. When a medication error occurs, the effects can be quite serious to a patient, even deadly. However, injuries from medication are not always a result of medication error.

Another common reason why a patient may suffer injuries is due to the fact that the drug itself has been proven dangerous or harmful. In fact, dangerous drug lawsuits are often the result of a drug that is brought to market and sold to the public too quickly. There can be errors in the testing by the drug manufacturer which do not properly identify the potential or likely risks of the drug before it is sold to the public, or often times, the pharmaceutical companies conceal the dangers from the FDA so that they can get approval to place the drug on the market.

Our law firm is currently investigating several dangerous drug cases for consumers including:

- **Actos**
- **GranFlo**
- **Paxil and other SSRI antidepressants**
- **Fosamax**
- **Praxada**



In addition to dangerous drugs, patient injury resulting from defective medical equipment is also becoming quite common. Our law firm is currently investigating claims for defective medical device lawsuits against several companies including:

- **Mirena**
- **Transvaginal Mesh**
- **Metal-on-Metal Hip Replacement parts**

For more information about these types of lawsuits and dangerous drugs, visit <http://bit.ly/dangerousdruglawyers> on our Buckfire Law website. If you or someone you know suffers injuries or harm after taking a dangerous drug, call our top rated legal team today at **(800) 606-1717**. We will carefully screen your case and obtain all of your necessary medical records to determine if you have a case.

Helpful App Can Help Prevent Medication Injury

Recently, Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. discovered a new helpful App, that will store, carry and share your critical medical information in one secure place. The App is called "My Medications" and is available for the iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch. It is a good way to organize the medications you take, particularly if an emergency arises so that the healthcare professional can treat your symptoms more effectively.

Dumb Laws in Michigan - Real or Not Real?

Laws are generally good for society. However, in many states, including Michigan, there are still laws in effect that many may wonder about the people who wrote them. In fact, some of them are so absurd, many may also wonder who would even break them. While no one is really enforcing these unnecessary laws, the fact of the matter is that they are still on the books.

We have listed a few real and not real laws. Which of these dumb laws were passed in Michigan and which of these laws are not real? To find out the answers visit <http://bit.ly/MIdumblaws> If you enjoy reading these, make sure to check our Facebook at www.facebook.com/buckfirelaw frequently to view more feature stories of "Real or Not Real Dumb Laws in Michigan."

- ⇒ No person shall sell, offer for sale, distribute or use any "confetti" or other substance of like nature on the public streets. The intent and purpose of this law is to prevent persons from pelting one another or the public within the city with the aforementioned substances.
- ⇒ No person shall loiter in or about the Wayne County Morgue in the City of Detroit.
- ⇒ No person shall fire a canyon in any public street, avenue, alley, park or other public place without first having obtained a written permit from the mayor, which permit shall only be granted when it shall appear to the mayor that such firing is to be done under the supervision of experienced gunners.
- ⇒ No person may consume more than three sips of beer at a time if they are standing up.
- ⇒ It is illegal to get a fish drunk.



Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. To Give Tigers Tickets To Spinal Cord Injury & Brain Injury Accident Survivors



Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. is proud to announce their 2nd annual Detroit Tigers Tickets Giveaway. We will be donating tickets to traumatic brain injury (TBI) and spinal cord injury (SCI) patients to fifteen Tigers games for the 2013 season.

Medical providers and nurse case managers can nominate an individual with whom they are involved in the care and treatment of the nominee survivor. If you are in the medical profession or know someone who is, take advantage of this opportunity to nominate your client and let them enjoy a Tigers game on us!

For more information about the Giveaway and to nominate a TBI or SCI survivor, visit <http://bit.ly/buckfirticketsgiving>

"The launch of the Detroit Tigers Tickets Giveaway began last year for the 2012 season. As a part of this community, our law firm was truly inspired by the stories of all those who were nominated last year, and for this reason decided to make this Giveaway an annual donation. We believe that this Tigers Tickets Giveaway is a way to give back to the community by lifting the spirits of TBI and SCI survivors so they can enjoy the national pastime," says Firm Owner and Attorney Lawrence J. Buckfire.

"I just wanted to let you know that I had a great time at the Tigers game. I really appreciate the tickets. Thank you very much," says Keith, a recipient of last year's giveaway (Pictured to the right).

Nominations are now being accepted. **Go Tigers!**





What Not To Say When Pulled Over By A Police Officer

Citizens who are generally law-abiding are likely to come into contact with the police for one reason: If you get pulled over for a traffic violation. The position of an officer is to make sure you are following the rules of the road, so that your safety as well as others is ensured. This is not to say that you are more than pleased when you do get pulled over, however, with a few exceptions, police officers are not mandated to write tickets, and if in fact you handle the situation in a friendly manner you may save yourself both time and money. Here are a few rules you should follow if you find yourself being pulled over:

- ◆ Do Not Argue
- ◆ Keep It Honest
- ◆ Stay Calm

Police officers are trained to note the human characteristics of lying, including twitching and looking to the left, and they know the right questions to ask to reveal the truth. "All we do is react to what people do when you pull them over. The situation will escalate or de-escalate depending on how that person reacts," says Dennis Fanning, Veteran L.A. police officer.



RECENT FIRM SETTLEMENTS

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

- **\$315,000 settlement** for a pedestrian who suffered a brain injury and bone fractures after being hit by car.
- **\$250,000 settlement** for a military veteran who suffered cardiac arrest due to the negligence of a Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.
- **\$225,000 settlement** for a woman who fell down a flight of stairs at an apartment complex due to loose handrails along the stairway.
- **\$142,400 attendant care lawsuit** against the insurance company for a client who suffered a traumatic brain injury in an auto accident.
- **\$100,000 pedestrian accident settlement** for a woman who was struck by a motor vehicle while crossing the street.
- **\$100,000 car accident settlement** for a rear-end collision that took place on I-75.
- **\$90,000 settlement** for a bicyclist who suffered serious injuries in a car accident while riding on a crosswalk through an intersection.

Opening Day at Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.

Opening day is a celebration at Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C., as many of our staff are avid baseball fans. The firm celebrated opening day by enjoying lunch together while watching the game, and wearing their favorite Tiger's gear for the day.



As part of a friendly competition, each member of the firm chose who they believed would hit a home run in the opening game. Pictured above, Legal Secretary Patti Romero, Marketing Director, Kathryn Fish, and Marketing Intern, Katie Kazda all chose Prince Fielder.

Prince Fielder hit two home runs and Larry Buckfire took all three staff members out to lunch the following week due to their successful prediction!

Where Did You Get That Cake?



In the Winter Edition of our newsletter we spotlighted employee, Patti Romero and shared a picture of Patti with Attorney Robert Lantzy (pictured to the left), with an enormous cake.

Many of you asked, "Where did you get that cake?" You asked, and we answered!

The cake was a carrot cake purchased at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market & Catering located in Rochester Hills, MI.



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Cases of Interest our office is handling...

- A no-fault insurance claim against State Farm for the delay of replacement household services and attendant care claims to our client who suffered injuries in a head-on car accident.
- A dog bite lawsuit on behalf of a one-year-old girl who suffered serious injuries after being attacked by a dog at the home of a family friend who was dog-sitting.
- A Southfield car accident lawsuit relating to a pedestrian hit by an inattentive driver in a Meijer parking lot while walking out of the store.
- A lawsuit against a negligent driver on behalf of our client who suffered injuries in a Van Buren rear end car accident.
- A medical malpractice lawsuit filed against an Oakland County Hospital and nurse for failure to properly administer a rabies shot causing our client to suffer permanent nerve injury.
- A slip and fall injury lawsuit on behalf of a beer delivery man who suffered serious injuries while delivering shipment to a restaurant.
- A nursing home neglect lawsuit against a Bloomfield Hills nursing home alleging wrongful death arising from a resident fall.

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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