



A little about the law - A lot about everything else!

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A NOTE FROM MARK & ALEXIS

Sibling Bonding

Karina has been very upset with Cade because she feels Cade has been playing too much with his brothers and not enough with her. Over the weekend, she convinced Cade to let her choreograph a dance for him that went with his Captain America costume. Karina made a whole performance and sat on the sidelines encouraging Cade with all his moves. She also did a second performance with Cade where they had stuffed animals and did a whole play. It was quite entertaining! **Editor's Note From Mark:** Entertaining? Sure for the first 5 minutes. Maybe the first 10. But these two thought they were putting on a Broadway production. It was great, and I was impressed by the way Karina got her little brother to stay mostly focused. It was creative and fun, but, in the future, the length of any show has to be limited in advance. Not surprising in our family to have kids who talk a lot and want attention I guess!

We took the kids out for a family dinner which unfortunately doesn't happen very often. Kailey surprised the whole family by being able to come into town. We went

to Texas Roadhouse. Tate loves the rolls there. In fact, he mostly just eats rolls and then takes his dinner to go! **Editor's Note From Mark:** Yeah, the rolls are great. Tate definitely takes this one a tad too far. He gets basket after basket and then is not even interested in eating more when his food arrives. Considering the number of times he has not eaten anything because it wasn't worth standing up or climbing stairs, I guess Alexis and I should just celebrate anytime he eats.

Kailey broke her personal record for running on the StairMaster. She was determined to stay on a long time and she set a goal. She's been doing some weights also so whenever we see her she's showing us her biceps and triceps! She's thinking of trying to get a job at the gym while she's still in school and we've been encouraging her to continue her makeup business as well. **Editor's Note From Mark:** I do not know if there are many people in the world that are like Kailey on the StairMaster. She runs on it like a sprint for long periods of time. Don't worry, I balance it out by not getting on it at all.



★ VICTORY OF THE MONTH

Our client was walking in a Wal-Mart parking lot when she was hit by a distracted driver. The driver kept saying, "I didn't see her" after the collision but our client saw the driver coming toward her and she didn't have time to get out of the way. Sadly, our client suffered severe injuries to her foot and had to have surgery which caused permanent damage. She missed weeks of work as a school teacher while she was home recovering from the accident. During our investigation, we worked hard to uncover the evidence, such as surveillance videos, to prove that our client was not at fault. While our client was focusing on healing and returning to work, we fought hard with the multiple insurance companies and we let them know we weren't going to back down. After all our hard work, when our client saw the final amount on her settlement check, she cried tears of joy. We couldn't be happier for our client and her family. They now have plans to make wonderful new additions to their house, to install a swimming pool, and to take an extended family vacation. We appreciate them as Raving Fans!

A NOTE FROM MARK & ALEXIS (cont'd)



Cade dressed as Spiderman wielding Light Sabers.

Zev brought Tate and Cade to a movie. As a mom, I love seeing Zev - our oldest - with the boys. I wanted Zev to take Pierce too, but Pierce wouldn't go. Zev told us "he is the quarterback of the siblings". He gets all the credit and blame. I actually don't agree with that! **Editor's Note From Mark:** I actually think Zev is partially right. Just like a quarterback is blamed too much when his team loses but is given too much credit for the team's victory, Zev is similar at times. Except, I think it's worse. If a younger brother does something wrong that is anything similar to what Zev did, we blame Zev. However, when a younger brother does something well...then that must be because of good parenting! There is no doubt that Zev and Kailey have a huge impact on their younger siblings - from the music they listen to, to the interests they have, school, and everything else.

Pierce stayed home and played video games when his brothers all went to the movies. In response, we banned him from playing any video games for a while. If we do not watch Pierce he would do nothing but play video games! **Editor's Note From Mark:** Just like Zev used to, so it must be Zev's fault. Okay...maybe Zev is right about this blame thing!

Pierce won some Diamondbacks tickets for doing a science

project with a friend which he was excited about. **Editor's Note From Mark:** The good thing about his video game addiction? It is a great tool to get him to do what has to be done. He may not want to do homework during the school year, but the loss of video games on the weekends when he misses homework is a powerful tool sometimes. Him skipping out on a movie with his brothers to play video games? Fair to say I was not exactly pleased with that choice!

Mark and Talia were going back and forth on what "yuh" means. Talia wanted to do a poll of her friends and her choices were "yes" and "yuh". Mark was trying to tell her that she can't use "yuh" but Talia was trying to explain to him that everyone knows what "yuh" means. It's funny how the language through generations changes. **Editor's Note From Mark:** "Yuh" is just a failed attempt at "yes". You cannot do both in the same poll. Now, Talia was basically just trying to find out who agreed in this poll, so I understood her point. However, "yuh" does not exist. I was trying to tell her that there are so many good options to "yes" to consider. Yes, yeah, yea, sure, of course, yup, and yep would all work. Heck, we are in Arizona, sí would be a great option too. But "yuh"? I don't think so.

Ariella has been brainwashed into liking the same video game the rest of the kids are playing: FortNite. How can this be!? She actually partnered with a boy in her grade to try and do well. She is currently looking for a new book for her speech and debate for next year. If you know a compelling book, let us know! **Editor's Note From Mark:** It's remarkable to see 7 out of my 8 kids all playing the same video game at some point. The only holdout is Kailey who has not touched it. The fact that Ariella is playing sometimes is surprising. The fact that Karina got interested is shocking. Now, what is this about Ariella playing a video game with a boy? I need to go check that out!

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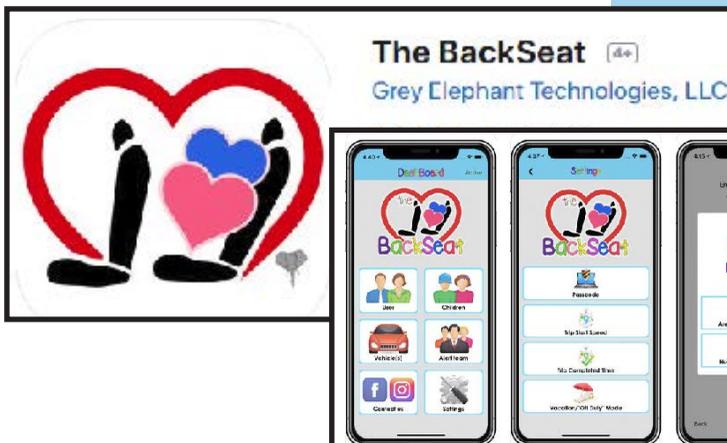
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ARIZONA HOT CAR DEATHS

App Developed to Help Prevent Tragedies



A Valley father, Aaron O'Conner, is hoping to help stop hot car deaths with a free smartphone app that he created after two children tragically lost their lives in less than 24 hours due to being left in hot cars. When you start driving, the app automatically turns on after hitting a speed of 20 MPH and the user does not need to do anything.

After the user gets out of the car, the app will alert the user to check for children in the back seat. If you do not open the app and disable it, it will start a rapid-fire notification to your phone. If the app is not disabled in a few minutes, it will start a loud blaring tone even if your phone is on silent. If the user still does not disable the app, it will send a text alert to three contacts the user has selected. O'Conner says, "It can happen to you. It has nothing to do with bad parenting. It's absolutely muscle memory and don't think, not me."

Raving Fan!

THANK YOU

**Matt Fendon
for the chocolate
covered
strawberries!**



a yummy recipe:

CHOCOLATE CHIP WATERMELON SORBET

INGREDIENTS

- 1 CUP SUGAR
- 1/2 CUP WATER
- 3 CUPS CHOPPED SEEDLESS WATERMELON
- 1 CUP ORANGE JUICE
- 2 TABLESPOONS LIME JUICE
- 1/2 CUP MINIATURE SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS

DIRECTIONS

- In a small sauce pan, bring sugar and water to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes stirring occasionally to dissolve sugar. Cool slightly.
- Place watermelon in a food processor; process until pureed. Add orange juice, lime juice, and cooled syrup. Process until blended. Transfer to a large bowl and refrigerate covered 3 hours or until cold.
- Pour into cylinder of ice cream freezer. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Add chocolate chips during the last 10 minutes of process. Transfer to freezing containers allowing headspace for expansion. Freeze 2-4 hours or until firm. Yields 1 quart.

Monthly top 10

The force was strong with our team! We filled an entire movie theatre for the opening of Solo: A Star Wars Story. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



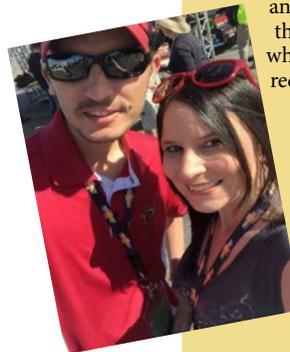
Our client was driving when a distracted driver ran a stop sign and hit our client's car. He was in an older vehicle with no airbags which caused him to fly forward and hit his face against the window. We fought hard on his behalf to not only get his medical bills reduced, but to put a large settlement in his pocket. His settlement was much larger than he anticipated. A great success!

Stefanie, one of our amazing paralegals, celebrated 10 years at the Husband and Wife Law Team!



Our client was driving down the street when another driver pulled out of a residential area and crossed over multiple lanes and hit our client. Many times when accidents happen like this, the insurance adjuster fights liability. She missed a lot of work, which put a large financial burden on her. While she focused on recovering, we fought hard and got a larger settlement than she ever expected. Our client was extremely grateful.

Danielle, a paralegal on the team, got engaged! Congratulations Danielle and Chris!



Another driver was driving erratically while smoking and speeding. The driver spun out of control and collided with our client on a two-lane highway. Unfortunately, the other driver, who was not wearing a seat belt, flew out of the car and passed away and our client suffered from serious injuries. After nonstop negotiations, we were able to get her an incredible result and got almost all her medical bills paid for. She was thrilled with the results!

We celebrated Dora and Raychel's birthdays!

Our client slipped on spilled liquid in a hotel lobby and suffered from a serious head injury. The insurance company denied liability until we were able to find a witness who indicated he told the lobby workers to make sure the liquid was cleaned up prior to our client falling. The case went into litigation and we fought hard to secure a really great offer which put a large settlement in our client's pocket. A big win!



We had a fun team lunch with El Pollo Loco!



We have been receiving calls regarding children being hurt at daycares. Recently, we settled a claim with a tragic injury. Many home daycares have excluded coverage but we were able to get the insurance company to cover this incident. Injuries to a child are always awful but we were glad we could help.

— The Husband and Wife Law Team —

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POOL TOYS COULD HIDE SCARY DANGER

If you have a fear of snakes, make sure to keep a distance from pool toys and poke them with a long stick before approaching. Why? Because more and more pool owners are finding snakes hiding in toys like pool noodles. The small space inside the noodle is a perfect den for a snake, and people often store them near bushes or block walls, giving snakes easy access to the toys.

The best thing to do to avoid getting bitten is to stay away if you hear or see a snake. It has happened enough for the Arizona fire department to publicly warn people of the hazards. Snake bites can be painful and even deadly. There are seven different types of snakes in Arizona including:

1. **Western Diamondback Rattlesnake:** The largest and most common species in Arizona.
2. **Tiger Rattlesnake:** Common in most hiking and mountain areas. Rarely seen because they are experts at blending in.
3. **Blacktailed Rattlesnake:** Brown or green in color. Most common in and around South Mountain, White Tanks, Estrella and McDowell Parks.
4. **Mohave Rattlesnake:** Defensive but not as likely to strike as others. Don't always carry toxic venom.
5. **Sonoran Coral:** Brightly colored and venomous. Tend to run away instead of biting.
6. **Sonoran Sidewinder:** Move in a sideways motion to avoid being burned by the desert ground. Prefer flat areas with sandy soil like in the East and West valley areas.
7. **Southwestern Speckled Rattlesnake:** Prefer rocky and mountainous areas. Often difficult to spot because of their ability to blend in.

