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Dear Friends of the Office:

I wanted to send you an update of what is happening at the office and also to enclose some pictures of my recent family vacation. After traveling for business out West, I had my family meet me in Las Vegas. The first photo is Cindy and the boys in front of the "Fabulous Las Vegas" sign. I also have attached a photograph of my family down in the Grand Canyon. A descent into the Canyon is essential to understand its enormity. It is a remarkable feat of nature!



At this time, I am in the process of re-designing my Web site and hopefully will have it launched sometime in December 2013. Please visit FrankEidson.com.

Additionally, I have created two new apps for your smart phones. I have enclosed the QR Codes (page 4) for you to download the apps for both workers' compensation and automobile accidents. I think these apps will be helpful and they are geared for both iPhones and Android phones. This may be a nice app for you to have in case one of your friends gets into an accident. The apps provide helpful information about what to do and not to do after an on-the-job injury or a motor vehicle accident.

I also have authored two books, entitled: 1) Seven Fatal Mistakes Victims of Accidents Make in Florida, and 2) Nine Common Mistakes That Can Destroy Your Workers' Compensation Case. Please e-mail me your mailing address and I will be happy to send one or both books to you free of charge. A new batch has gone to print as this newsletter was mailed. I will mail you the book immediately upon my receipt.

Over the course of 2013, we have had a number of successes in auto accident cases in court and through settlements. We have successfully gotten Geico, Progressive, Allstate, State Farm and Hartford to pay policy limits on a number of files which they initially denied. I believe that by placing you with the right physicians and putting your case in the proper demand posture that we are obtaining higher results than the big TV law firms. Personal attention to a file goes a long way in getting the best results.

In workers' compensation, I recently had a successful permanent total disabled trial. The insurance company delayed surgery on my client and we successfully got that surgery authorized. Unfortunately, the surgery resulted in some spinal cord damage which the insurance company denied. The insurance company hired their own doctor to say that the injury was not as significant as we maintained. I argued at trial that our treating physician should be the main opinion for the court to rely upon. The Judge of Compensation of Claims agreed with my arguments and my client will receive compensation checks until the age of 75. It is necessary to take insurance companies to court or you will not get the results you deserve.

As I have written before, I have joint ventured with a lifelong friend, Steve Maher, to prosecute defective drug cases. We have successfully resolved two confidential settlements against two pharmaceutical companies for 38 million dollars and 27 million dollars. The individuals in each of these multi-district litigations received anywhere from \$15,000 up to one million dollars.

We are actively on the leadership committee for Actos, which is a diabetic drug that causes bladder cancer. Steve Maher and I have had one of our cases selected to be the first trial in Chicago, Illinois. We represent a widow who lost her husband to bladder cancer with three surviving children. This case is scheduled for March 2014 and if you know anyone that has contracted bladder cancer by the use of Actos, please have them contact my office.

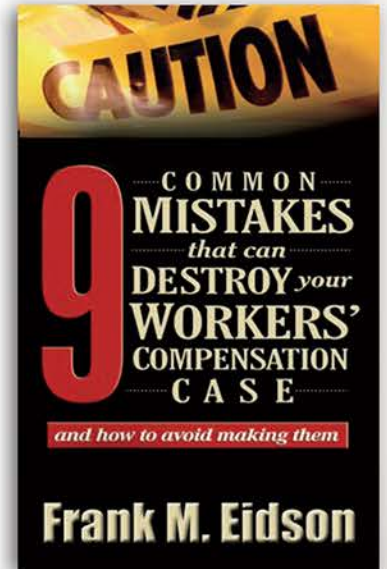
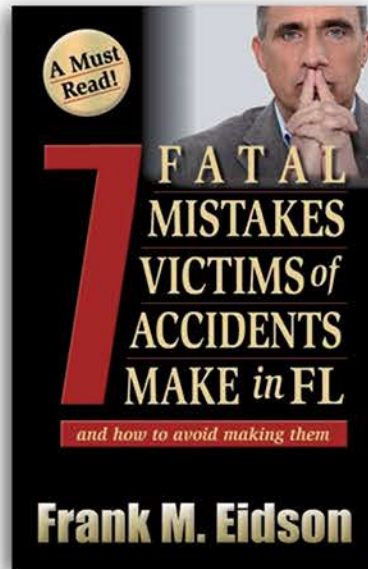
Finally, thank you again for the kind referrals to my office. I cannot thank you enough for your support. I am actively working on automobile accident, workers' compensation and social security cases. We are also collecting defective drug cases in Yaz, Zolof, Actos, Mirena IUDs and Lipitor with the Maher Law Firm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at Frank@FrankEidson.com or visit my Web site for more information.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you.
Frank M. Eidson



Free Books

Over the last twenty-five years of my practice, I have handled primarily automobile accidents and workers' compensation cases. Throughout this time, the same problems keep appearing in these types of cases over and over again. I met a publisher recently who suggested that I put together a small quick reference book for my clients and potential clients. Therefore, I invite you to contact me by email and I will send you one or both of these free books to keep in your home. I think you will find them easy to read and if someone you know is injured on the job or in a car accident this will be a quick reference manual for you to do the right thing. Thank you very much and email me at info@frankeidson.com and I will send you the books once the next batch is published. I anticipate another group being available to mail in the next month.



Distracted driving increases accident risk

Talking on a cell phone while driving has been found to quadruple the risk of being in an accident. That's about the same as driving drunk! Texting is even worse, elevating the risk of being in an accident to eight times normal.



Distracted driving has become a serious problem on our roads. It's not just cell phones either; eating, drinking, grooming, changing the music, reading, programming the GPS, and watching a video are among the many other distractions that increase the chance of having an accident.

According to traffic safety experts, there are three main types of distractions - manual, visual, and cognitive. That means taking your hands off the wheel, eyes off the road, and mind off the task of driving. Texting is so bad because it involves all three types.

If a driver spends just five seconds sending or receiving a text message, at highway

speed, it means the car will travel about the length of a football field without that driver paying attention. A lot can happen on that amount of road.

While many states and localities have passed laws regarding distracted driving (with more on the way), it is ultimately up to each of us to make sure we are paying attention when behind the wheel.

The group End Distracted Driving is trying to raise awareness of this growing safety problem. To find out what they are doing and what you can do to help, visit them on the Web at www.EndDD.org.

FACT OR FICTION

False claims about

X *Personal injury lawsuits are clogging up the courts.*

You hear this one a lot but that doesn't make it true. The fact is that personal injury (or tort) cases make up only about 5% of all civil cases in the country. Tort cases declined between 1999 and 2008 by 25%, continuing a decades-long trend.

X *Doctors are under attack by more and more malpractice lawsuits every year.*

It sure sounds that way when you listen to people talk about "tort reform", but between 2001 and 2010 the number of medical malpractice payments has actually dropped by 35%.

X *Winning a lawsuit is like winning the lottery.*

While the cases that make headlines may bring to mind "jackpot justice", the median award in a tort case is only \$31,000. Additionally, this amount has been decreasing over the years.

There are more false claims made about the civil justice system than we can count. That's why we'd like to take this opportunity to clear up a few of the more prominent falsehoods.

Answering your questions about asbestos



Q: *What is asbestos?*

A: Asbestos is one of six types of naturally-occurring minerals. Its fibers have been used in insulation and flame-retardants, as well as other building materials, automotive parts, gaskets, and more.

Q: *What are the health risks of asbestos exposure?*

A: When asbestos fibers are inhaled, they lodge themselves deep inside the lungs, in the bronchia. When these fibers accumulate, they cause inflammation and scarring which causes chronic coughing and chest pain. Eventually, this can lead to mesothelioma, or cancer of

the pleural lining (inside the lungs). It can also lead to lung cancer or asbestosis, a serious, progressive, long-term, non-cancer disease of the lungs.

Q: *How can I tell if I have asbestos in my home?*

A: There is no easy way to tell. It is best to contact a trained and accredited asbestos professional.

Q: *What should I do if I have asbestos in my home?*

A: Don't panic. If the material is not damaged or disturbed, it is not likely to pose a health risk. If the material is damaged or you are planning on remodeling, you will probably need to have it removed or repaired by a professional.



Magnets pose serious health risk to children

Small magnets in toys, jewelry, clothing, and other household items can cause severe injury and even death if swallowed by a child.

If a child swallows more than one small magnet, or a magnet and a piece of metal, they can attract each other inside the intestines. This can twist the intestines and tear holes in the intestinal walls. It can also lead to infection, blood poisoning (sepsis), and death. Surgery may be the only option.

Most reported cases involve children under 3 years old, but children of all ages have been involved in incidents. Even older children have been known to accidentally swallow magnets while pretending they are tongue or cheek piercings.

If you think your child may have ingested a magnet, please seek medical attention immediately.



Free Apps

Do you have a smart phone? Download our auto accident and workers compensation app! It makes it easy to gather all the information you need and it sends that info directly to our office so we're ready to help right away.

The Florida Workers' Compensation and Florida Car Accident Emergency apps can provide assistance if you've been involved in an accident.

Some of the app features include:

- Quick call emergency numbers
- Capture and record accident information
- Find our office location
- Record your proof of insurance
- Track and record injury-related expenses

Florida Car Accident Emergency Kit

ANDROID



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Florida Workers Compensation Guide

ANDROID



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Please note—use of this application does not constitute an attorney-client relationship.



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The greatest professional compliment we can receive is when one of our clients refers a friend, family member, or neighbor to our firm. Thank you to everyone who has done so. We appreciate your confidence in us.

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When dogs bite

Every year in the United States, approximately 800,000 people seek medical attention for a dog bite.

If you are bitten by a dog or other animal, the first thing you need to do is seek medical attention. If left untreated, a bite can cause severe injury, infection, and even death if the animal is diseased. The next step is to contact an attorney.

Depending on the circumstances, you may be entitled to recover damages for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and property damages. We can

help to determine what compensation is appropriate to seek in your particular case. During your consultation with us, we will ask you for information like the name and phone number of the animal's owner and any witnesses. It is also helpful to know if the animal has a history of aggressive behavior.

