



FRANK M. EIDSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

631 West Morse Boulevard, Suite 201  
Winter Park, FL 32789

333 North Orange Avenue, Suite 208  
Orlando, FL 32801

E-mail: [Info@FrankEidson.com](mailto:Info@FrankEidson.com) | Web site: [www.FrankEidson.com](http://www.FrankEidson.com)

Orange/Seminole 407-245-2887 | Outside Orlando 888-245-2855 | Fax: 407-481-8189

Fall 2014

PERSONAL INJURY | WORKERS' COMPENSATION | SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE:

*I wanted to thank all of you who sent me so many nice notes and emails following my last newsletter in which I included my father's obituary. It has been six months since I lost my dad. I still think of him every day.*

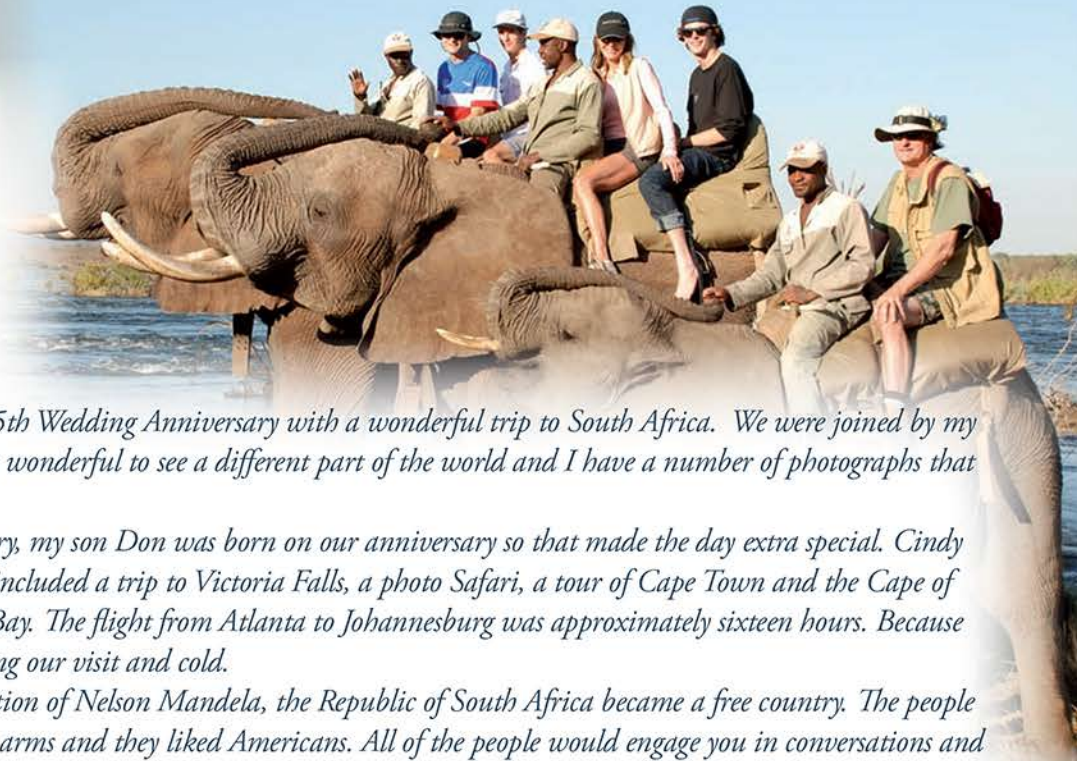
*My wife Cindy and I celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary with a wonderful trip to South Africa. We were joined by my three sons - George, Don, and Earl. It was wonderful to see a different part of the world and I have a number of photographs that captures the beauty of Africa.*

*Besides celebrating our 25th anniversary, my son Don was born on our anniversary so that made the day extra special. Cindy planned this trip over the last year and it included a trip to Victoria Falls, a photo Safari, a tour of Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope, and a surfing trip to Jeffreys Bay. The flight from Atlanta to Johannesburg was approximately sixteen hours. Because we crossed the equator, it was winter during our visit and cold.*

*After the end of apartheid and the election of Nelson Mandela, the Republic of South Africa became a free country. The people are so friendly! We were treated with open arms and they liked Americans. All of the people would engage you in conversations and ask questions about America. The landscape and skyline are majestic. It is hard to explain but the whole feel of the continent is so different from what I have experienced in the United States.*

*One of the most eye-opening experiences was our visit to Soweto in Johannesburg. Soweto is a shanty town of four million people where Nelson Mandela began his crusade to overturn apartheid. We traveled into Soweto and visited the church where the revolution against apartheid began. During the Soweto Uprising of 1976, the church was filled with many followers listening to Nelson Mandela talk of equality and freedom when a group of police officers opened fired on the congregation. The church had approximately 400 bullet holes and a number of people were killed.*

*This was the day that Nelson Mandela went underground and began his violent opposition to apartheid. Nelson Mandela was eventually captured and served twenty-seven years in prison. Upon his release, the ANC (African National Congress) was elected and now rule South Africa. The problem is that Soweto still suffers. I have enclosed a photograph of a gentleman on the side of the road using a car battery to run a razor to make ten cents a day. I also*





## Continued...

enclosed a photograph of housing that was built under Mandela's rule that is unoccupied and does not have electricity or running water.

My family and I came away thinking that South Africa still has a long way to go. Unless something changes, housing equality will not occur for a long time. We take running water and electricity for granted. This is not the case in South Africa. I do not think that I will ever complain about power outages during hurricanes. The things we take for granted simply do not exist in other countries.

Back home, the law practice is still moving forward representing people injured in automobile and on-the-job accidents, and those trying to obtain Social Security Disability benefits. I cannot thank you enough for the referrals and the support that you all have given my offices. It will be twenty-six years since I opened my office on November 1, 1988. I could not have done it without the support of all of you. I depend on your referrals. Thank you so much for your support.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at [frank@frankeidson.com](mailto:frank@frankeidson.com), visit my Web site for more information, or call me at 407-777-7000.

Please visit my Frank M. Eidson, P.A. Facebook page. You will see my ALS Challenge and for each new like on my Facebook page I will donate \$5.00 to ALS. This is a good way to keep in touch with the firm.

Have a safe autumn.

Frank





# Dog breeds blacklisted



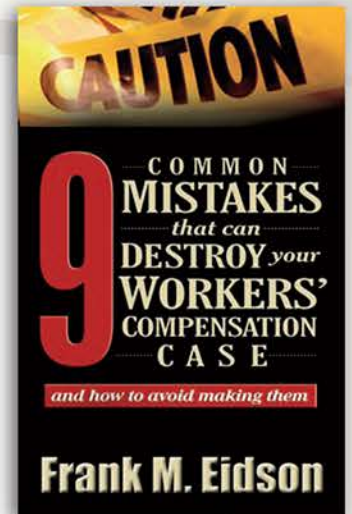
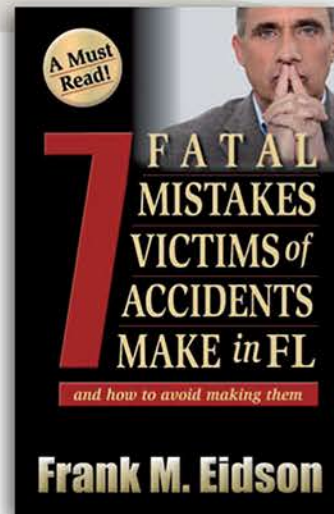
More than one third of all homeowner's insurance liability claims paid out in 2013 were related to dog bites. The average claim was about \$30,000, adding up to about \$490 million for the year. Insurance companies are concerned about these costs, so it has become common for them to "blacklist" certain breeds of dog. While each company has a different list, the following fourteen breeds were the most common to be excluded from coverage.

- |                           |                       |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Pit Bull Terriers      | 6. Chows Chows        | 11. Cane Corsos       |
| 2. Staffordshire Terriers | 7. Doberman Pinschers | 12. Great Danes       |
| 3. Rottweilers            | 8. Akitas             | 13. Alaskan Malamutes |
| 4. German Shepherds       | 9. Wolf-hybrids       | 14. Siberian Huskies  |
| 5. Presa Canarios         | 10. Mastiffs          |                       |

Pennsylvania and Michigan have restrictions in place regarding this practice, and other states are currently working on limiting breed profiling as well. If you are a dog owner, it would be a good idea to check with your homeowner's insurance agent to find out if your dog's breed is on their list.

## Free Books

For twenty-five years, my practice has primarily handled auto accident 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 reference manual for you to do the right thing. E-mail me at [info@frankeidson.com](mailto: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. Thank you very much!



## Free Apps

Do you have a smart phone? Download our auto accident and workers compensation apps! 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



APPLE



### Florida Workers Compensation Guide

ANDROID



APPLE



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



# Preventing fall sports injuries

For many high school students, fall not only means a return to class, but a return to the field. Whether it's for the school team or an intramural league; whether football, cheerleading, soccer, field hockey, or any other sport; knowing how to minimize the chance of injury is vitally important. You know what they say about an ounce of prevention, right?

In the weeks before classes start, many athletes are already taking to the practice field. Two-a-days are tough for any athlete; for teenagers they can be dangerous. The number one way to stay safe on a hot August afternoon is to stay hydrated. Athletes should make sure to drink plenty of fluids (without caffeine!) and watch for warning signs of heat-related problems, such as dark-colored urine, fatigue, dizziness, headaches, nausea, cramps, excessive sweating, or a cessation of sweating. If one experiences any of these

symptoms, they should immediately take a break to cool down and rehydrate.

A general way to lessen the chances of athletic injury is to have a warm-up and cool-down routine. Coaches should work with athletes to develop such routines. Coaches should also be encouraging athletes to train during the offseason. Showing up in shape will benefit in many ways, including making injuries less likely.

Properly fitting pads and helmets are another key to injury prevention. Make sure to have any protective equipment fitted at purchase. If you suspect an improper fit, ask the coach to take a look. While no helmet or pad can completely protect against injury, a proper fit will minimize the risk of serious injuries like concussions.



FRANK M. EIDSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

*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.*



FRANK M. EIDSON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
631 West Morse Boulevard, Suite 201  
Winter Park, FL 32789

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
LANCASTER, PA  
PERMIT NO. 242

© Copyright 2014 Premier Print Marketing. Printed in the U.S.A. [www.PremierPrintMarketing.com](http://www.PremierPrintMarketing.com)

The information included in this newsletter is not intended as a substitute for professional legal advice. For your specific situation, please call the appropriate legal professional.

## Scammers targeting hotel guests

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a warning about scams targeting hotel guests. Next time you're on the road, be aware of the following three dirty tricks. Be aware and you won't become the next victim.

- 1. The late night, front desk phone call.** This scam starts with a ringing phone. It's late at night and when the victim answers, the voice on the other end of the line says he's from the front desk. "There's a problem with your credit card," the voice says. "Could you give us the number again?" Of course, it's not the front desk, it's a scammer. The hotel would not likely bother a guest in the middle of the night. They would deal with the issue at the desk in the morning.
- 2. Pizza special!** A hotel guest finds a flyer slid under their door. Great deals on pizza! They deliver to the hotel! Sounds great! Unfortunately, the pizza place isn't real (or at least the number isn't), and when you order with your credit card you get no pizza, only fraudulent charges.
- 3. Wi-Fi fake out.** Most hotels offer Wi-Fi service, for free or for a fee. Scammers know this and have been known to create their own Wi-Fi networks, with names that sound just like the official hotel network. If a guest logs on, they risk losing personal information to a crook. Guests should always check with the hotel to make sure they are accessing the authorized network.

