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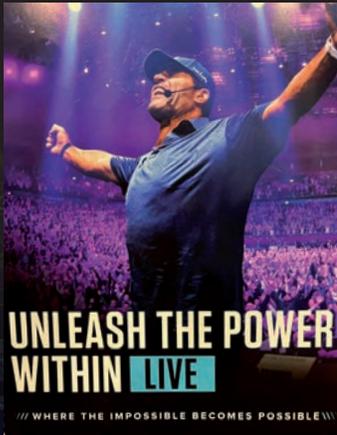
*I hope this winter newsletter finds you doing well and safe. This past year and a half have been anything but exhausting because of Covid but Frank M. Eidson, P.A. has continued to press on and remained open for business.*



**My Family and My Dogs:** Everyone who knows me notices that my family is my life. I have been blessed with my wife to have three of the best sons in the world. I enclose a photograph of us recently at the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas where my middle son is stationed in the United States Air Force. I also have enclosed a photograph of me relaxing with my dogs in the woods where I love to spend my free time.



Automobile accidents | Motorcycle Accidents | Railroad | Product Liability | 18-Wheelers | Industrial & Construction Injuries  
Dangerous Products | Nursing-Home Abuse | Slip-and-Fall | Boating Injuries | Dog Bites | Medical Malpractice

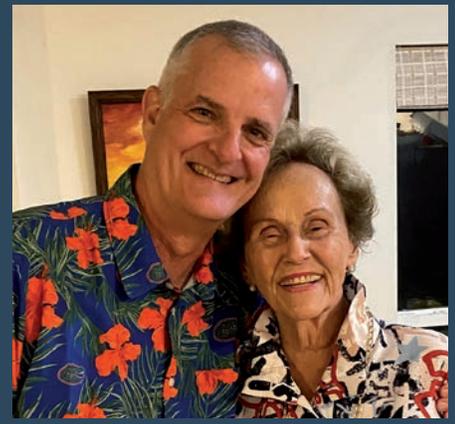


### Tony Robbins seminar:

I traveled alone for a four-day seminar entitled "Unleash The Power Within" which was held at the Palm Beach convention Center by Tony Robbins. I had been told by a number of attorneys and doctors that I work with that it would change my life. That is an understatement!

*"We can change our lives.  
We can do, have and be exactly as we wish."*

-Tony Robbins



**Automobile Accidents:** The good news in the automobile accident negligence cases is that the jurors are back in the courthouses. The insurance company used the courthouse shutdown to hold onto their money when no juries were rendering verdicts. I own an office building half a block from the courthouse and I see lots of jurors during lunch time which is a good sign that cases are moving forward.

**Worker's Compensation:** This part of my practice has kept moving despite the pandemic. There are no juries in the workers' compensation trials, so the judges of compensation claims continued with hearings and trials by zoom. I have attached a photograph of me successfully trying a case in Brevard County from my office. You will notice that I have shorts on, and I am glad the judge of compensation claims did not ask me to stand up.



**Social media:** As I frequently tell people, I am a low-tech guy in a high-tech world. I have worked hard to use social media to get the word out about the good things we do at my law firm. I invite you to follow me on Facebook, Instagram, UTUBE and now TikTok where I share things about the office and my family. There also is a lot of information which people may find informative if they visit **FrankEidson.com**.

### Office News an Update:

As the office has gotten busier, we are excited to have Tonya Connors come back on a part-time basis to help with the phones and paralegal work. Tonya worked for me years ago, so she has been part of the family. Jennifer who has been with me for over 20 years will continue to work three days a week and Tonya will supplement the other two days. I truly believe we have created a family like atmosphere here at my law firm.



Thank you for all the kind referrals for automobile accident victims and workers compensation claimants that you all have given me throughout the past year. I get sick to my stomach when I watch television and see all the lawyer ads, especially when none of their clients ever speak to a lawyer or get any personal attention.

Have a safe and happy new year.

Frank





# ULTIMATE Chicken Casserole!!!

## Ingredients:

2 cups egg noodles, cooked  
2 cups chicken, cooked/shredded  
2 cups corn  
1 cup milk  
2 10 oz. cans cream of chicken soup  
1 onion, diced  
1 tbsp garlic, minced  
1/2 cup cheese, shredded  
1/2 cup bacon, cooked/chopped  
3/4 cup French fried onions  
salt/pepper (to taste)

## Instructions:

- ▶ Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray.
- ▶ In a medium bowl, combine the cooked pasta, chicken, corn, milk, cream of chicken, onion, garlic, cheese, bacon, and salt/pepper.
- ▶ Pour mixture into greased pan.
- ▶ Sprinkle French fried onions evenly on top.
- ▶ Place pan into preheated oven and bake for about 30 minutes.
- ▶ Remove from oven and serve warm!

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## Cancer-Causing Chemicals Found in Popular Sunscreen Brands Lead to Recall

Every summer, millions of families nationwide lather on sunscreen to hit the beach or the pool. However, this past summer was different. In addition to following social distancing procedures due to the global pandemic, people also noticed leading pharmacy chains, such as Walgreens and CVS, pulling popular sunscreen products from their shelves. This is because Johnson & Johnson (J&J) stated that it had detected cancer-causing chemicals in some samples of its sunscreen products.

### Dangerous Cancer-Causing Components

J&J, a global pharmaceutical and consumer goods company, voluntarily recalled five Aveeno and Neutrogena brand aerosol sunscreens and urged customers to stop using the products after internal testing uncovered low levels of benzene in some of the sprays.

Benzene, a chemical commonly used to make resins, plastics, and nylon, can cause harmful health effects due to long-term exposure. These can include a decrease in red blood cells, excessive bleeding, and even cancer.

J&J recalled its products two months after online pharmacy Valisure filed a petition with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The petition claimed that the company had found levels of benzene that were higher than recommended in multiple products that protected against sunburns.

A recent study conducted by FDA scientists found that certain sunscreen ingredients can be absorbed into the bloodstream and should be tested to ensure they are safe. It also proposed a rule that requires sunscreen manufacturers to provide additional details on the active ingredients found in their products.

### How You Can Protect Yourself

Before purchasing or using any topical product, always carefully read the label to learn about its ingredients. Don't use any product that includes ingredients that you are allergic to. Avoid using skin care products that include parabens, polyethylene glycol (PEG), synthetic fragrances, or phthalates.



# America Will Face Long-Term Disability as a Result of COVID

Despite the fact that millions of Americans have opted to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, we are still not in the clear. Many survivors of the initial virus are still suffering from long-term effects. Unlike the common flu, the coronavirus can cause a baffling array of symptoms long after the acute illness has been treated, leaving some patients unable to resume their daily activities. As we continue to learn more about the "long-haul" course of COVID-19, policy makers need to brace for a looming tsunami of disability, including how it will affect disability insurance programs and worker's compensation.

## Staggering Statistics

At least 34 million people in the United States have already contracted COVID-19. Moreover, recent studies have found that more than one-fourth of patients are experiencing prolonged symptoms of COVID. Common symptoms of long COVID include respiratory issues, fatigue, loss of smell and taste, cardiac, renal, and gastrointestinal problems, and "brain fog." These debilitating health complications have made it nearly impossible for many people to return to work, even months after their initial infection.

## These statistics raise some critical questions, including:

- ▶ How many "long haulers" will never be able to return to their jobs?
- ▶ How many patients will require short-term disability payments?
- ▶ How many will become dependent on disability programs?
- ▶ How will this affect worker's compensation and disability programs in the long run?

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

## What Needs to Be Done

In order to sufficiently prepare for a post-pandemic disability flood, policy planners and makers must:

- ▶ Conduct thorough research to deeply understand disability caused by long COVID
- ▶ Establish more clinics to care for "long haulers"
- ▶ Conduct a national consensus on criteria for qualifying for worker's compensation and disability insurance

As we continue to research and understand this brand-new virus, we must also make preparations for the long-term effects of COVID-19.

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## Who is Responsible for That **Fallen Tree in Your Yard?**

**Picture this:** During a severe storm, your neighbor's large tree comes crashing down in your yard, destroying your property and making an unsightly mess. But who's responsible for the cleanup? Your neighbor or you?

It can be tricky to know who is responsible for funding cleanup efforts and damages caused by a fallen tree. The situation can become even more complicated if the tree fell because of natural circumstances, such as a powerful storm. In order to protect yourself and your property, it's important to understand your local laws and even contact an attorney for answers.

### Who is Responsible for a Fallen Tree?

While laws vary from state to state, in most states a person is not responsible for a fallen tree or the damage it caused if they were unaware of any rot or other hazards.

If you have noticed a sickly or rotting tree in your neighbor's lawn, and you have repeatedly spoken and documented your concerns with the issue to your neighbor, they could be held financially responsible if

the tree falls. If your neighbor is found responsible for personal injury or property damages related to a downed tree, their homeowner's insurance may end up covering the costs.

If your neighbor is not found negligent, you can rely on your own homeowner's insurance to cover any damages after a deductible. If your car was struck, check with your auto insurance provider to see if they will pay for any damage.

### What You Should Do if a Tree Falls on Your Property

If your neighbor's tree came toppling down on your lawn, you should try to prevent any further damage from occurring. Take photos of any damages, as well as of the fallen tree. Afterward, call your insurance provider right away. An agent will help you navigate the claims process. If the tree fell due to negligence, it's in your best interest to contact an attorney to receive compensation to repair the damage.

