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Compensation Cases?**

Happy New Year

from Frank M. Eidson, P.A.



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and the firm wishes you a Happy New Year.

The main picture above is of my family on Thanksgiving Day with two new fiances. That's Right! Two of our sons are getting married next year. The above picture is of me in the cowboy hat and next to me is Earl (youngest son), Ericka (Don's fiancée), then Don (middle son), Jane (George's fiancée) and George (oldest son) and then my awesome wife.

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Since I was a young boy, my family has always celebrated Thanksgiving in the woods in the small cabin shown in the picture. The day is full of buggy rides in the woods, frying turkeys, watching football and enjoying each other's company around our big outdoor table.



I have also enclosed a photograph of my wife and I in Park City, Utah at a close friend's son's wedding. As many of you know, I consider myself a regular guy and rarely in a tuxedo. I have rarely been to the Rocky Mountains and we enjoyed some time hiking and visiting some of the small saloons.



Here is a picture of the grand opening of my newest tenant Buffalo Boss Chicken Wings. The restaurant is fantastic and they were awarded the best wings in Orlando, Florida. Believe it or not, the restaurant is backed by the rapper Jay-Z and they have restaurants in Brooklyn, New York and Dubai. They plan on opening 10 restaurants in Central Florida and we were honored to have Mayor Buddy Dyer at the grand opening. Please stop by the office if you are in downtown Orlando.

OFF THE RECORD
WITH FRANK AND STEVE

TALKING LAW, LIFE, AND LAUGHS

Exciting News! Me and my law school buddy Steve Eichenblatt will be launching "Off the Record" in February.



We are so excited to introduce our newest workers' compensation paralegal **Sheila Molina**. I have known Sheila for over thirty years because she has been doing workers' compensation claimant work with a friend who just retired. Please welcome her and the good news is she is fluent in Spanish! Welcome Sheila to the family at Frank M. Eidson, P.A.

Finally, I cannot thank you all enough for the kind referrals from people involved in Worker's Compensation accidents as well as motor vehicle accidents. Have a great year.



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Collecting Evidence from an Accident

Whether you are a victim of a slip-and-fall or auto accident, collecting and preserving evidence is crucial.

Take Photos Go back to the scene as soon as possible and take photographs of anything that may have contributed to an accident. If outside, try to photograph the area at the same time of day and, regardless of location, take photos from multiple angles. Likewise, if you have physical injuries, take plenty of photos of cuts, bruises, swelling, and medical devices used, such as casts, braces, and bandages.

Eyewitnesses Find out if any neighbors, business owners or patrons, or pedestrians saw the accident or know of other similar accidents that may have occurred in the same spot. Someone may have seen or heard something before, during, or after the accident that could help your case. Look for witnesses as soon as possible to ensure the best recollections of the accident.

Physical Evidence Don't throw away or wash bloody clothing or broken personal belongings or try to improve the condition of a damaged car or bicycle. These things help tell the story of the extent of damage suffered in an accident. If you can't preserve evidence, take photographs.

Document Injuries In addition to photographs, the best way to prove injury is to see a doctor so you have an official medical record. A visit to a medical professional is always advised when injured and will also help prevent injuries from becoming infected or causing scars or disfigurement.

Bodily Injury Liability Insurance Explained

Bodily injury liability is a type of car insurance coverage that will cover medical expenses. This coverage takes over if you are the cause of an accident.

Choosing to cover yourself with higher bodily injury liability limits will help protect you from paying medical bills, lost wages and any legal fees from out of pocket.

Each state sets its own bodily injury liability minimum coverage but purchasing more than the minimum coverage is a smart move. If the damage goes beyond what your insurance covers, you will end up paying out of pocket.

Having enough liability insurance for bodily injury helps protect you from financial trouble and makes sure the injured person gets the help they need. You are not only following the law, but you are making sure you're covered in case the unexpected happens on the road.

What Bodily Injury Liability Does Not Cover

Bodily injury liability covers injuries to others if you cause an accident, but it does not cover your own medical bills. If you or your passengers get hurt, you need to make sure you purchase additional coverage such as medical payments or personal injury protection.

Bodily injury coverage will not pay for car repairs. Property damage liability covers those repairs.

Having the right coverage means you're prepared for the unexpected and financially protected.



Crockpot Cheddar Broccoli Potato Soup

Ingredients:

- ▶ 4 cups diced potatoes (about 4 medium potatoes)
- ▶ 3 cups fresh broccoli florets
- ▶ 1 medium onion, chopped
- ▶ 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ▶ 4 cups vegetable broth
- ▶ 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (plus extra for topping)
- ▶ 1 cup heavy cream (or milk for a lighter option)
- ▶ 1 teaspoon salt
- ▶ ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ▶ ½ teaspoon paprika
- ▶ Optional toppings: croutons, chopped green onions, or bacon bits

Instructions:

1. Place the diced potatoes, broccoli florets, onion, garlic, vegetable broth, salt, pepper, and paprika in a crockpot. Stir to combine.
2. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or high for 3-4 hours, until the potatoes are tender.
3. Stir in the heavy cream and shredded cheddar cheese until the cheese is melted and the soup is creamy.
4. Serve hot, garnished with additional cheese and your choice of toppings.



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Auto Insurance Check up on your coverage

Purchasing auto insurance seems easy enough—just sign on the dotted line, start paying premiums and hit the road! In truth, it's a little more complicated than that. When the time comes to file a claim many drivers are surprised to find that they are not as protected as they thought.

When deciding on a new policy or a renewal knowing the answers to the following common questions will help you make the best choice.

What is liability coverage? Liability coverage protects you if you are at fault in an accident. The injured party will not be able to come after your house, car or other property. Your insurance company will pay damages up to the limits of your policy (see more on this below).

What is Uninsured Motorist coverage? Uninsured Motorist (UIM) coverage protects you when the other party in an accident is at fault and they are uninsured. Even though it is required by law to carry insurance, many drivers do not. If one of these uninsured drivers causes an accident that involves you, the UIM coverage will protect you. Your insurer will pay up to the limits of your policy (see more on this below).

What does \$50,000/\$100,000 mean?

Two-dollar amounts expressed like this (\$50,000/\$100,000) tell you the limits of your policy. The first number is how much coverage you have for each person in the vehicle. The second number is how much coverage you have in total for the accident. For example, using these limits, if you are in an accident and there are three of you in the vehicle, each person would be covered up to \$50,000, but all three would have to share a total of \$100,000. There can be different amounts for different types of coverage, such as liability and uninsured motorists.

How much coverage should I buy?

Buy as much as your insurance company will sell you or that you can afford. If you ever need it, you don't want to be in a situation where the insurance payout isn't enough to cover the costs of the accident. It is generally not much more expensive to add more coverage. While the difference varies from company to company, you will not, for example, pay twice as much for twice the coverage. Ask your agent how much it would be to add coverage. You may be surprised at how little it is!

