

# YOUR BEST LIFE

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## Freedom Is Not Free: Taking the Reins

This week, John was inducted as President of the Tennessee Trial Lawyer's Association (TTLA). This is an organization of trial lawyers whose primary purpose is to advance the cause of civil justice for all Tennesseans and to those who visit our great State. John has been involved in this organization since 2000. He has served on several different committees, most recently the legislative committee. When asked about his new leadership role, John says, **"I am so thankful for this great group of men and women who give of themselves to this cause. I am humbled and thankful for their trust in me, and I vow to not let them down. This has never been a position I have sought. I have seen others before me go to great sacrifice, but I am duty bound to carry the torch forward."**

As president, John and the executive team at TTLA and their excellent staff will interact with legislators on a large scale. TTLA is often asked to help legislators see the "unintended consequences" of proposed legislation and what harm it may cause to our citizens. TTLA also sponsors bills to protect the cause of people over insurance companies and their lobby. **"When the legislature is in session, we are on full alert for bills, particularly capricious bills, where the insurance lobby tries to sneak in shelters for insurance companies to the detriment of the citizens of this great State."**



John will continue to run his law firm and mentor his great team at GriffithLaw, along with the added duties of being TTLA president.

**"I have a great team at GriffithLaw. I am so proud of everyone here."** John has been recognized as one of the leading trial lawyers in Tennessee with 2 record setting verdicts for his clients. **"We don't accept the way insurance companies evaluate claims. I tell my lawyers that insurance companies don't sit and evaluate verdicts, real people do. Insurance adjusters never get the last word."**

# In the Office

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



MEET LIVIA WALKER, OUR NEW MARKETING DIRECTOR.

BORN AND RAISED IN MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND A GRADUATE FROM TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE LIVIA JOIN THE TEAM AND BECOME PART OF THE GRIFFITH LAW FAMILY!

WHAT GETS YOU OUT OF BED IN THE MORNING?

*I WAKE UP EVERY MORNING THANKFUL THAT I'VE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY, BUT ALSO OPTIMISTIC OF WHAT THE DAY MAY BRING. YOU AREN'T GUARANTEED ANOTHER DAY, SO MAKE IT COUNT!*

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

*MY PARENTS. THEY BOTH INSTILLED IN ME WHAT IT MEANS TO WORK HARD, AND THAT YOU HAVE TO EARN THINGS RATHER THAN BE GIVEN THEM. I ADORE MY PARENTS AND HOPE TO ONE DAY BUILD A STABLE FOUNDATION AND FAMILY LIKE THEY HAVE.*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WEEKEND ACTIVITY

*SPENDING THE DAY ON THE LAKE, SOAKING UP THE SUN WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY IS MY IDEAL SUMMER WEEKEND.*

FAVORITE MOTTO OR MANTRA?

*NOTHING WORTH HAVING COMES EASY*

FAVORITE QUOTE?

*THE SKY IS THE LIMIT*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT?

*EDLY'S BBQ*

## YOUR TURN



I wouldn't dream of calling anybody else, The Griffith Law Firm makes everything easy. Thank you for helping me through this difficult time, and for ensuring the best possible outcome on my behalf. I am so grateful to your Attorney Johnathan Lawrence for representing me and for being a powerful advocate for me throughout the two different unfortunate personal injuries cases you handled for me. And special shout out to Nathan Griffith for all the behind the scene work you did on my behalf. You went above and beyond to capture all the important details and was always, extremely patient whenever I described my issues. Words can not express my gratitude nor is a 5 star rating enough for the work you do . I am so grateful to you that you took all the stress and restored everything out for me. Your faith, knowledge, and determination were something that most definitely helped me more than you could imagine . Thank you.

**-Darrell F.**




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# BOATING DANGERS IN TENNESSEE



Summer is here, which means it is officially boat season! While being on the water is a time for rest and relaxation, here are a few things to be aware of for your safety.

The **Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency** has been keeping statistics on boating incidents and promoting safety since 1965. According to them, the most dangerous time and activities on the lake are as follows:

- The most common type of boat involved in an incident is an open motorboat.
- The most common age of a boat operator involved in an incident is a driver between the ages of 41-45.
- The most likely size of the boat is between 16-26 feet in length.
- The most likely cause of collision is a collision with another vessel while recreationally cruising.
- The most common cause of these types of incidents is failure of the driver to watch where they are going.
- The most likely time to be involved in a collision is on Saturday between Noon and 4 p.m.
- The body of water with the most incidents was Chickamauga Lake with 14 total incidents in 2019.
- Jet Skis are most likely to be involved in an incident on Kentucky Lake and J. Percy Priest Lake.
- The most common age group for a Jet Ski incident is 12-15, 21-25, and 51-55 years of age, each age group having 3 incidents each.
- The percentage of incidents involving Boating Under the Influence/Boating While Intoxicated (BUI/BWI) increased from 6.2% in 2018, to 7.4% last year.

The lake is a beautiful place to be, but it holds danger and must be respected. If you or someone you care about is injured on our lakes in Tennessee, please call GriffithLaw to discuss your case. We are here to help!

## Fresh Fruit Popsicles

*Get ready for summer with these healthy, easy popsicles that everyone will love!*

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh fruit (strawberry & banana, peach & mango, mixed berries)
- 2 cups plain or vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 cup white sugar or use honey as an alternative
- 8 small paper cups
- 8 popsicle sticks

### DIRECTIONS

- Blend together fruit of choice, yogurt, and sugar into a blender. Cover, and blend until fruit is smooth.
- Fill paper cups 3/4 full with fruit mixture. Cover the top of each cup with a strip of aluminum foil. Poke a popsicle stick through the center of the foil on each cup.
- Place the cups in the freezer for at least 5 hours. To serve, remove foil and peel off the paper cup.

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## REFLECTION OF THE MONTH

"The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude

-Oprah Winfrey

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