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MAY
2021

LET'S CELEBRATE

This month we had so much to celebrate!! Office Goals Met, Law School Graduations, and Birthdays, so of course we used these as a reason to go to Top Golf!



It's such a blessing to be able to spend time with the team outside of the office and have such a great time! Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Sydney, and Congratulations to the entire office for working so hard, both in the office and at the driving range!

LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

Can You Find Them All?

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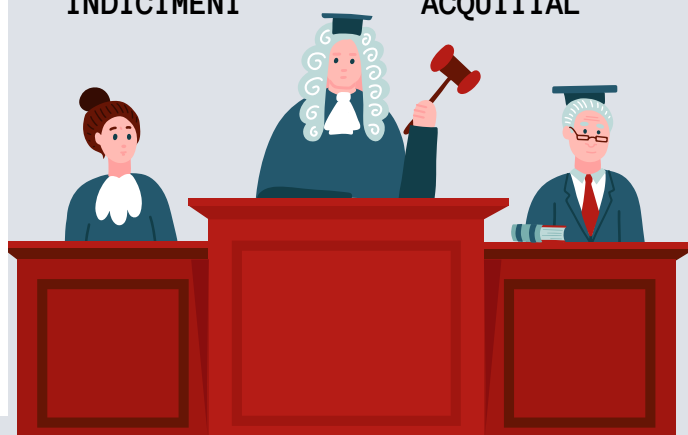
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MAY'S RAVING FAN OF THE MONTH

“When I first walked into the office, the staff provided a very welcoming environment. Sydney made me feel welcome and confident and was very informative. She made sure we were both on the same page. She made herself available at all times to answer any questions I may have had. Sydney was very professional at the way she would call weekly, just to see how I was doing and to let me know how the case were going. If I called Sydney and she missed my call she was very responsive, and would get right back with me. I would recommend Sydney Raines at GriffithLaw to anyone and everyone..”
Thank you so much Sydney!

Mary Armstead, Fairview, TN



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THE MOST COMMON KINDS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IN TENNESSEE

“Distracted driving” is often used as a synonym for using a cellphone behind the wheel. However, the truth is that a driver can be considered distracted if he or she is engaging in any non-driving activity. Visual distractions take the driver’s eyes off the road, manual distractions require a driver’s hands to leave the wheel, and cognitive distractions pull a driver’s focus away from driving.

The most deadly non-driving activities involve more than one form of distraction, and may include:

- **Texting.** Texting has been called the biggest and most dangerous distraction to drivers, requiring a driver’s hands, eyes, and concentration. In the time it takes for a driver to read just one text message, a car going 55 mph can travel the entire length of a football field. Like many states, Tennessee texting laws allow a police officer to pull a driver over for texting, and novice drivers caught texting may lose their ability to get a graduated license. However, penalties for texting violations do not increase with each offense, allowing repeat offenders to get back on the roads after paying a fine.

- **Eating or drinking.** Eating while driving is a common action for many drivers, most of whom do not realize just how distracting it can be. From a hot cup of coffee in the morning to grabbing some drive-through on a road trip, the act of eating or drinking behind the wheel can prove deadly for road users. At a minimum, eating or drinking requires occasional concentration and at least one hand to leave the wheel—and the distractions multiply if the driver spills hot coffee or drops food on himself.

- **Talking to people in your vehicle.** Cell phones are not the only way talking while driving can be dangerous. Riding with passengers helps to pass the time and make driving easier, but each person in the car is a potential distraction. Children needing a parent’s help, teenage friends engaging in horseplay, and even a passenger who begins a heated argument can all distract the driver to a dangerous level.

- **Talking on the phone.** A recent study performed by the National Safety Council found that Tennessee leads the nation in cellphone-related car crash deaths. Tennessee saw 71 fatal crashes involving drivers on cell phones in 2010, a number that increased to 93 the following year. On average, one in ten Tennessee traffic crashes that ends in death involves some form of cellphone distraction—a figure that is ten times higher than the national average.



- **Fiddling with radio or GPS.** Many new car models have full entertainment systems, navigation assistance, and phone integration that can be controlled with voice commands. This may allow the driver to control the radio and make calls hands-free, but these innovations still require a great deal of the driver’s concentration (and some are more distracting than the technology they are meant to replace).

4 Ingredient Chicken Pesto Kabobs

The weather is getting warm which means the grills are firing up!

You can't mess up kabobs, and these are perfect for a summer cookout!

Let us know if you try them.

Ingredients

- 1 cup pesto
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into cubes
- 2 pints cherry tomatoes
- salt & pepper
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley leaves

Instructions

1. In a Ziploc bag, combine chicken and pesto; marinate for at least 30 minutes to overnight, turning the bag occasionally. Drain chicken from the pesto.
2. Thread chicken and cherry tomatoes onto skewers; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
3. Preheat grill to medium high heat.
4. Add skewers to grill, and cook, turning occasionally, until the chicken is completely cooked through, reaching an internal temperature of 165 degrees F, about 10-12 minutes.*
5. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley, if desired.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sydney is our one and only May Birthday. If you see or speak to this beautiful lady be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday!



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