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Recent Results

Firm settles case for kids involved in school bus accident in Pike County

Penn & Seaborn reached a settlement on behalf of small children who were injured when a Pike County school bus overturned on January 20, 2012. The single-vehicle crash occurred at 7:15 a.m. at the intersection of County Road 2243 and County Road 2246, just a few miles from Goshen Elementary School. The school bus reportedly had 41 people on board when it wrecked, made a three-quarter roll, and came to rest onto the driver's side. Fortunately, the driver and all the young passengers survived this horrific accident.

■ Firm settles car wreck case against employer and illegal workers in Dale County wreck

Penn & Seaborn reached a settlement with the owners of a van and their employer after a long hard fight. The accident occurred in Dale County on June 14, 2011, when the van was speeding in hard rain and hit a vehicle with an adult and three kids head on. A couple of the victims were airlifted and suffered serious injuries. However, they have all made a tremendous recovery.

■ Firm settles motorcycle accident in Columbus, Georgia

As we previously mentioned, Will settled a Russell County motorcycle

case in September of 2013. Just recently, Will settled another motorcycle case for policy limits on behalf of a different client that is a member of the United States Army.

Our client, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, was riding his motorcycle in Columbus, Georgia where he resides. As is so often the case, even though the weather was not a factor and it was the middle of the day, the driver that caused the accident never saw our client on the motorcycle. The driver of the car came over into our client's lane. Our motorcyclist had no way of avoiding the car and, as a result, an accident ensued leaving our client with severe personal injuries. Fortunately, our client is recovering well from the accident.

■ Firm settles case for Trooper against wreckless driver in Houston County

Imagine sitting in your car at a complete stop, and being rear-ended by another vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. That is exactly what happened to a client of ours that is an Alabama State Trooper.

The trooper had made a day time traffic stop in Houston County, Alabama

for a vehicle that was speeding. The trooper was pulled off the road on the right of way behind the vehicle stopped. An inattentive, careless driver ran off the pavement and into the back of the trooper car. Fortunately, our client who was in his patrol car about to issue a ticket, saw the at fault driver coming in his direction. The trooper was able to get his patrol car from park into drive just before impact. This

- Firm settles slip and fall against restaurant in Pike County
- Firm settles logging truck accident in Clayton
- Firm settles car wreck in Dale County
- Firm settles UIM case for minors in Clayton where driver was wreckless and speeding

action by the quick thinking trooper helped absorb a lot of the energy from the impact, and ultimately kept the trooper from being more severely injured. For anyone wondering, the speeder that was initially stopped became an important witness, and was not issued a citation. Will filed the suit on behalf of the trooper. Recently the case was settled and a good result was obtained for the client.

Current Cases We are Working



PRODUCT LIABILITY

We continue to focus on accident cases involving automobiles, heavy equipment and consumer products. Some of these auto cases involve single-vehicle accidents, while others involve multiple-vehicle accidents. We would like to review any cases involving catastrophic injury or death.

ON-THE-JOB PRODUCT LIABILITY

Many times product claims arise from workers compensation claims. After we investigate the circumstances that caused the injuries, we often times discover a defective machine may be the cause of the injuries.

HEAVY TRUCKS

We are handling many

of these cases. There are significant differences between handling an interstate trucking case and other car wreck cases. It is imperative to have knowledge of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, technology, business practices, insurance coverage, and to have the ability to discover written and electronic records. Expert testimony is of the utmost importance.

LIPITOR

A statin drug to treat high cholesterol, Lipitor was approved by the FDA in 1996 and is one of the best-selling prescription medications in the world. Recent studies have found a possible link between Lipitor and the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The study



found a potential link in postmenopausal women, particularly those who had a Body Mass Index (BMI) less than 30. Of the 153,840 women evaluated, more than 10,000 had developed Type 2 diabetes by the end of the study.

TESTOSTERONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

These products for men have been linked to an increased risk of death, heart attack and stroke. In one study, researchers found men who used testosterone replacement therapy were 30 percent more likely to have a heart attack, stroke or die after three years of use. A second study found that men had a significant increase in risk of heart attack or stroke in just the first 90 days of testosterone therapy.



Relay for Life 1-800-227-2345

What Is Relay For Life?

Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer through the Relay For Life movement.

Celebrate

During a Relay event, participants and survivors celebrate what they've overcome.

Remember

We remember people lost to the disease, and honor people who have fought or are fighting cancer.

Fight Back

The event inspires Relay participants to take action against a disease that has taken too much.

■ RELAY FOR LIFE OF BARBOUR COUNTY

Friday, April 18, 2014 • 6:00 pm
Eufaula Community Center

■ RELAY FOR LIFE OF BULLOCK COUNTY

Friday, May 16, 2014 • 6:00 pm
Conecuh Springs Christian School

Client Testimonials

I was very pleased with the way Penn & Seaborn handled my personal injury case. I had to undergo two surgeries after I tripped and fell on a restaurant's hazardous step. Penn & Seaborn always kept in touch throughout the whole process and were always reachable and returned my calls. I knew they were fighting hard to get me justice for my injuries. I would recommend them to any of my friends, family, and loved ones who have been injured in an accident.

– Latyrus

I hired Penn & Seaborn to represent me when me and my kids were involved in a car wreck in Dale County, in June 2011. Shortly after our auto accident, the

kids were doing ok, but I was the one who had prolonging injuries; I was just conflicted on how I was going to pay my medical bills that were mounting up. Ultimately, they came up with an arrangement that I didn't expect to receive. They did a good job, and I felt comfortable since they were always very professional, knowledgeable, and timely. I'm grateful for all of the work that was put in by Penn & Seaborn during a very difficult time in my life. I appreciated the very thorough and efficient way they handled my case. I am very grateful and satisfied!!

– Brandi

I hired Penn & Seaborn to represent me when my daughter was involved in a car wreck in Dale County. They did an excellent job. This was my first time that I ever had to use an attorney and he made sure that I was very satisfied. He is an honest, caring, and compassionate person. He has speedy service and always available when needed. He helped us get through the process, from beginning to end and I really felt that he cared about the needs and wellbeing of me and my family. I highly recommend him to anyone that is need of a lawyer. Thanks so much for your help, you are AWESOME.

– Keenya

10 Spring Break Safety Tips

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Spring break is just around the corner, and whether you will be jet-setting off to somewhere tropical or bringing the fun straight to your home, there are certain precautions you should take in order to ensure a fun and safe vacation for the whole family!



1. MAKE A GAME PLAN

If you are planning to take a trip this spring break, devise a game plan with everyone involved. In addition to discussing the details beforehand, make sure everyone has a travel itinerary, a list of phone numbers and an assigned buddy to keep track of throughout the trip.

2. TRAVEL SMART

A safe arrival to your destination is essential to having a great trip for the whole family. If you will be traveling by car, make sure your vehicle is ready to hit road by checking the tires, keeping a full tank of gas and building an emergency survival kit. If you will be flying, pack a healthy snack, comfortable shoes and don't forget to stretch your arms and legs between flights.

3. BE SAFE IN THE SUN

After a long, cold winter, you may be looking forward to spending time outdoors and catching some rays. Although getting a little sun won't hurt you, repeated unprotected sun exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause damage to your eyes, skin and immune system, as well as increase your chances of developing skin cancer. To keep your family protected from harmful sun exposure, be sure to:

- Apply and reapply SPF 15 or higher sunscreen (preferably waterproof), every 30 minutes
- Avoid direct sun exposure from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest
- Keep babies under six months out of direct sunlight
- Wear protective sunglasses, hats and lightweight clothing
- Avoid tanning salons, where the intensity of UVR radiation can be up to 15 times higher than mid-day sun

4. USE SAFETY GEAR

Whether you are dusting off your skates to take a spin around the neighborhood, taking your bike into the mountains of Colorado or skiing down the slopes, wearing the appropriate safety gear is important to keeping everyone safe in the event of an accident. Wearing a helmet, knee and elbow pads and the right protective clothing and shoes for the activity can prevent injuries and save your life.

5. PRACTICE WATER SAFETY

Beaches and pools make popular spring break destinations, but large bodies of water pose a number of safety hazards. Always stay within arm's reach of your young children in the water, never leaving them unattended near water – even if lifeguards are present. Inexperienced swimmers and anyone engaging in boating activities should wear life jackets to avoid water injuries or fatalities.

6. TALK ABOUT STRANGER DANGER

Especially if you will be traveling to a new and unfamiliar location, talking to your kids about potential stranger danger is one of the most important steps you can take to ensure a safe vacation. Teach your children to never to talk with strangers, particularly at night, and to report any suspicious behaviors to an adult.

7. STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Anytime you travel, you become exposed to a number of new and potentially harmful germs. Airports are a common place for travelers to pass around bacteria that can lead to nasty colds and cases of the flu. In fact, some experts say you are 100 times more likely to catch a cold when you are on a plane than in your daily life! Make sure to:

- Wash your hands frequently, and cover your mouth when coughing

- Wear socks while going through TSA to avoid fungal infections (you'll be asked to take off your shoes)
- Bring your own pillows and blankets instead of using the airline's
- Think twice before flipping through airline magazines and catalogs that may have been handled by a sick passenger on a previous flight

8. REMEMBER FOOD AND DRINK SAFETY

Spring break may be a time when you celebrate with new food and drink. To avoid food-borne illness, eat food that is cooked and served hot, wash all fruits and vegetables before serving and avoid dining out in places you feel are unsanitary or uncleanly. When traveling, drinking water and other beverages that are bottled and sealed is the safest way to avoid contamination.

9. SCHEDULE A PHYSICAL EXAM

It's always a good idea to schedule your annual physical to make sure you are up-to-date on all immunizations, but it is particularly important when traveling abroad. Before leaving the country, visit your primary care provider to double check you have the proper vaccinations, such as influenza, measles/mumps/rubella and polio, and have renewed all essential prescriptions. If you don't already have a primary care provider, now is a great time to find one by using our Find a Doctor tool to locate a provider in your area.

10. HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Hopefully this spring break will be a safe one for the entire family. However, in the event of an accident, illness or injury, it is important to devise an emergency plan beforehand to ensure you have access to the right form of care.

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Why Penn & Seaborn?

SMALL TOWN CHARACTER

Attorneys Myron Penn and Shane Seaborn teamed up to form the law firm of Penn & Seaborn, L.L.C. in 2002 after working together on Myron's successful bid for the Alabama State Senate.

Since the beginning, our firm has proudly maintained its "small-town" character while, at the same time providing legal representation on the state and national levels. Having spent their lives in small Southern towns, both Myron and Shane understand the importance of maintaining a genuine relationship with our clients. We take great pride in our ability to transform complex legal issues into common-sense language.

DEDICATED STAFF

Each of our well-trained staff serves with a sense of urgency and a caring manner that puts clients at ease from beginning to end.

JUSTICE FOR ALL

While our primary focus is representing individuals that have been injured, we

have also successfully litigated on behalf of community groups, employers and churches.

RESULTS

We have handled cases involving verdicts and settlements in excess of \$200 million.

EXPERIENCE

Over the last 12 years, we have successfully handled cases, both large and small, that have resulted in substantial verdicts and settlements for our clients.

ACCESSIBLE

Our Bullock County office is located at 53 Highway 110, in Union Springs, Alabama. We have an office in Clayton, Alabama, adjacent to the Barbour County Courthouse. To better serve our clients, we also have a law office in Eufaula, located at 1442 South Eufaula Avenue.

DIVERSITY

Our firm was recently featured in local papers in a story on diversity in the legal profession. We pride ourselves in the fact

that our team not only reflects the makeup of the community, but it also symbolizes a hopeful new era in Southern culture and racial diversity.

GIVING BACK

We are an active partner with many local charities and organizations such as the Children's Hospital, Bullock County YMCA, the Eufaula and Clayton Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Barbour and Bullock county Departments of Human Resources.

In addition, we proudly support local schools, religious, civic, and service organizations.

CONTACT OUR TRIAL ATTORNEYS TODAY!

We have law offices located in the heart of Clayton, Alabama, just across the street from the historic Barbour County Courthouse, in Eufaula on South Eufaula Avenue, and another law office just outside of Union Springs, Alabama at the intersection of Highways 82 and 110.