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Penn and Seaborn at a Glance



Left to right: Peyton Abercrombie, Legal Secretary, Accounting, 16 years • Michelle Campbell, Legal Secretary, 7 months • Charles Hudson, Attorney, 7 years • Chequetta Johnson, Legal Secretary, 6 years • Ryan Stinson, Attorney, 6 years • Myron Penn, Founding Partner • Holly Hamm, Paralegal, 9 years • Shane Seaborn, Founding Partner • Tia Boykins, Paralegal, 18 years • Will Partin, Attorney, 15 years

Firm Launches New Website Focused on Trucking

WWW.MYTRUCKLAWYERS.COM

We are pleased to announce the launch of a newly designed website at www.mytrucklawyers.com. Our completely new website property is dedicated to issues related to trucking accidents. This issue-specific website features a streamlined design, improved functionality and enriched content areas to help people who are facing the aftermath of a serious auto accident involving an 18-wheeler.

Our goal is to help people make well-informed decisions about their legal options when

faced with mounting medical bills, insurance pitfalls, and potential loss of income.

“We know first-hand how overwhelming it can be to face mounting medical expenses and the potential loss of income following a serious accident.

“These situations are even more stressful when a large corporation is pressuring you to make important decisions that may have serious legal consequences. It is important to remember that trucking company representatives and their insurance companies are advocates for the 18-wheeler driver and not you and

your family.

“This new website is another way we at Penn & Seaborn are committed to assist our website visitors by answering their legal questions,” Shane said.

Our new website will be regularly updated with resources, frequently asked questions and firm news, as well as important legal developments.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the new website and to sign up for Penn & Seaborn’s quarterly newsletter.

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Here at Penn & Seaborn, we are constantly looking for ways to connect with our clients and members of our community in order to keep them up to date on what is going on within the firm and within the communities that we are so fortunate to be a part of. Our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts are full of information we think may benefit you. You can access us on Facebook by searching “Penn & Seaborn” and our Instagram and Twitter accounts may be located by searching the username “penn_seaborn”. These accounts also serve as a way to contact us, get directions to our nearest office, share your experience with us, and so much more! We are so thankful to those who have already become a part of our online experience, and we encourage everyone else to check us out!



No fee if no recovery...

Roundup Trial Begins As New Studies Link Weed Killer To Cancer

Bayer AG and its unit Monsanto are back in the courtroom defending against claims that their widely used weed killer Roundup causes cancer.

Edwin Hardeman claims he started using Roundup to kill back poison oak and other weeds on his 56-acre property in Sonoma County, California, beginning in the 1980s through 2012. In 2015, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system.

Hardeman's lawsuit is the second to go to trial among more than 8,000 alleging exposure to Roundup caused non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Last August, in a landmark trial, a California



jury awarded a school groundskeeper \$289 million after finding his use of Monsanto's Roundup and Ranger Pro herbicides contributed to his non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis. His award was later reduced to \$78 million.

The trial started just days after a new study published in the journal *Mutation Research* reported that exposure to glyphosate, the active ingredient in the weed killers Roundup and Ranger Pro, significantly increases the risk of non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) – as much as 41 percent for those with the highest exposure to the chemical.

“All of the meta-analyses conducted to date, including our own, consistently report the same

finding: exposure to GBH (glyphosate-based herbicides) are associated with an increased risk of NHL,” the University of Washington researchers wrote.

The research is the most up-to-date analysis of glyphosate and its link to non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system. It incorporates a recent study of more than 54,000 licensed pesticide applicators, as well as animal studies. Senior author Lianne Shepard, professor in biostatistics and environmental and occupational health sciences, said her research “convinced” her that glyphosate could cause cancer.

The Environmental Protection agency in a 2017 draft risk assessment concluded that glyphosate was not likely to cause cancer despite the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer's classification of glyphosate in 2015 as a probable carcinogen.

Sources: NBC News, *Montgomery Advertiser*, CNN

Recent Settlements

Penn & Seaborn recently settled a case for a driver who was struck from behind by a swerving vehicle whose driver failed to slow down in a timely manner while traveling on I-85 in Montgomery County. Our client's injuries improved after physical therapy, and he was very pleased with his settlement.

Our firm obtained a good settlement for a Montgomery client who was driving from work when her vehicle was struck by a distracted driver. She suffered several injuries but recovered nicely after her medical treatment.

Penn & Seaborn settled a case on behalf of a Bullock County woman who suffered significant injury when a negligent driver ran a red light at a busy intersection and struck our client's vehicle. Our client was able to receive the medical treatment she needed and has since recovered. She was pleased with the outcome and is doing well.

The firm settled a case in Georgia on behalf of a Dale County client who suffered a serious injury when an inattentive driver, traveling at a high rate of speed, struck the rear end of his vehicle. Our client was pleased with the settlement and has since healed from his injuries.

The firm recently settled a case on behalf of three minors in Barbour County. Our cli-

ents were traveling home on the school bus when a negligent driver struck the rear of the bus. Luckily, our clients have since healed from their injuries and were pleased with the settlement.

Penn & Seaborn recently settled a case on behalf of a Barbour County resident who suffered injury when another driver pulled out in front of her while traveling in Eufaula, Alabama.

The firm settled a case on behalf of a Montgomery resident who suffered significant injury when her vehicle was rear ended by a speeding driver on the interstate in Montgomery. Our client has since healed from her injuries and she was pleased with the outcome of her case.

Penn & Seaborn recently settled a case on behalf of a Bullock County resident who was injured in a motor vehicle accident in Union Springs, Alabama. After the accident, she was able to get the medical treatment she needed and she has since made a full recovery.

Penn & Seaborn recently obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of a client who was injured in a slip and fall accident. Our client slipped and fell on water left on the floor of a large national retailer's location in Dothan,

Alabama. The confidential settlement was a good result for our client.

Penn & Seaborn reached a confidential settlement against a Georgia logging company. The logging company's 18-wheeler crashed into the rear end of our clients' automobile while they were stopped at an intersection. The couple has recovered from their injuries and are very pleased with the outcome of their case. The case was filed in Superior Court in Southwest Georgia.

Penn & Seaborn settled an uninsured motorist claim for four Barbour County clients. Our clients were the victims of a hit and run crash by a stolen vehicle. Fortunately, our clients carried uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage and were fairly compensated for their injuries.

Penn & Seaborn recently settled a case where our clients were injured in an accident in Lee County. They were pulling a trailer and pulled off of the side of the interstate. Once they pulled over, an 18-wheeler clipped the left side of the trailer causing them to go across the median. The insurance company initially denied the claim. The clients were very satisfied with the results.

These recoveries and testimonials are not an indication of future results. Every case is different, and regardless of what friends, family, or other individuals may say about what a case is worth, each case must be evaluated on its own facts and circumstances as they apply to the law. The valuation of a case depends on the facts, the injuries, the jurisdiction, the venue, the witnesses, the parties, and the testimony, among other factors. Furthermore, no representation is made that the quality of legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.

* No fee if no recovery refers only to fees charged by the attorney. Court costs and other additional expenses of legal action usually must be paid by the client. Contingent fees are not permitted in all types of cases.

Have a case like one of these? Call Penn & Seaborn

Why Contact Penn & Seaborn Immediately After a Motor Vehicle Accident?

If you are injured in a motor vehicle accident, it is important to contact an attorney as soon as possible to protect your legal rights.

Important evidence is often lost with the passing of time. Many of our most successful cases depended on early investigation and evidence gathering. Examples of time sensitive evidence include:

1. CRASH DEBRIS AND TIRE MARKS.

The scene of the crash leaves important evidence for proving your case. Tire marks and crash debris can show a jury how a collision happened, in what lane it happened, the speed of the vehicles and, if a vehicle rolled over, how many times. This evidence will eventually be lost through common factors like weather, cleanup crews, and other motorists traveling the road. Penn & Seaborn's investigators will promptly photograph and survey the crash scene to win your case at trial.

2. STATIONARY CAMERAS.

Practically every gas station, bank, fast food restaurant, and other business locations have outside security cameras. In addition to deterring and solving crime, many of these cameras capture the roadway near the business. Unfortunately, most businesses commonly tape over and delete the camera's footage after a few days. If contacted early

enough, Penn & Seaborn's investigators can locate these cameras and our attorneys can contact the camera owners to preserve and obtain the footage to prove your case.

3. VEHICLES.

Eventually a totaled automobile will be destroyed by the insurance company. As a result, important evidence related to the severity of the crash, the crash-worthiness of the vehicle, and the vehicle's computer and black box data could be forever lost. If the vehicle is not totaled, it will likely be repaired eventually and the jury may never hear about the missing headlights, slick tires, or out of service brakes. Penn & Seaborn will locate the vehicle and make arrangements with the wrecker company or salvage yard to preserve the automobile until it can be inspected and all the necessary evidence gathered for trial.

4. WITNESSES.

After an accident, many witnesses and bystanders are willing to give statements and describe what happened. As time passes, memories fade and witnesses become less



certain about what they saw and remembered. Penn & Seaborn will locate and interview the witnesses while the crash is still fresh in their mind.

5. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Commercial vehicles are federally required to maintain certain documents regarding the truck driver's hours of service, vehicle inspections, and the driver's drug screens qualifications. It is not unusual for a commercial trucking company to 'lose' or 'misplace' damning documents that reflect poorly upon the company and driver safety. Penn & Seaborn will immediately begin putting the trucking company on notice that this important evidence must be preserved.

Recent Filings

Penn and Seaborn recently filed a case against a home health care provider on behalf of a client who suffered a broken femur during in home therapy.

Penn and Seaborn filed a case in Dale County against a driver who ran a red light and hit our client causing injuries.

The firm just filed a complaint in the

Eufaula division of Barbour County for a client who was hit by an inattentive driver. Through discovery we hope to learn what the distraction was. The client suffered injuries to her neck and back.

Personal Injury/Product Liability

TRUCK ACCIDENTS

There are significant differences between handling an interstate trucking case and other car wreck cases. It is imperative knowledge of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, technology, business practices, insurance coverages, and to have the ability to discover written and electronic records. Expert testimony is of utmost importance. Accidents involving semi-trucks and passenger vehicles often result in serious injuries and wrongful death. Trucking companies and their insurance companies almost always quickly send accident investigators to the scene of a truck accident to begin working to limit their liability in these situations. Our lawyers, staff and accident investigators immediately begin the

important task of documenting and preserving the evidence. We would like to review any case involving catastrophic injury or death.

ON-THE-JOB PRODUCT LIABILITY

Product claims often arise from worker's compensation claims. Occasionally after we investigate the circumstances that caused the injuries, we discover that a defective machine may be the cause of the injuries.



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