



Newsletter Summer 2019

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Welcome to the Adamson & Cleveland, LLC Summer Newsletter. We are excited to introduce you to our **1st Quarterly Newsletter**! We have created this with articles and features we think will be of interest to you. Please take a moment to check it out and let us know what you think. We welcome your comments and feedback.

Birthday Wish Fundraiser Assists Brother and Family in Need



Our focus on the 100 dangerous days of summer hits close to home. On Friday, May 13, 2013, 18-year-old Nick Carney was a week away from graduating high school. He was riding with a friend who made a left turn and cut off a large commercial truck that struck the passenger side of the car where Nick was sitting. He was pinned inside the vehicle, and first responders used the jaws of life to remove him.

Nick was in critical condition and life-flighted to Grady Memorial Hospital. His parents, A.J. and Jofel Curtis, rushed to the hospital to face a parent's worst nightmare, uncertain what would await them. The news was bad. Nick suffered serious injuries to his brain and was placed in a medically induced coma. It took numerous surgeries to save his life, but he is now in a persistent vegetative state.

The Marietta, Georgia family's lives were changed forever. There was not enough insurance coverage to take care of Nick's injuries, treatment, and future needs. A.J. and Jofel, and Nick's sister Luisa have cared for him at home for the last 6 years. The bulk of that care falls to A.J. and Jofel, both of whom work full time on different schedules at a local Kroger so that Nick can have a family member with him at all times. Their love for their son drives this exhausting work.

Nick uses a feeding tube, which requires daily cleaning. He must be turned multiple times a day to prevent pressure sores. He must be changed numerous times a day and needs assistance with bowel and bladder movements. His body must be stretched daily to keep his muscles from tightening up. He sees doctors regularly and requires specialized transportation. The family never complains or ever asks for assistance, and they've provided Nick the best of care, the kind only a loving family can give someone dear to their heart.

The family's resources don't cover all of Nick's needs. We can make a difference for this family by donating to help them with their expenses. You can donate at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/donate/1756313977845646/</u> Let's share some of the good fortunes we've had in our lives with this family and show them that their community cares!

Who Is Responsible for a Rideshare Accident?



Rideshare services such as Uber are just a cellphone touch away. Easy! But it may not be so easy to determine liability and insurance coverage if you are in a rideshare <u>auto</u> <u>accident</u>.

Driver-for-hire or rideshare services like Uber, Lyft, Juno and Via utilize freelance drivers who are using their own cars. The se firms are growing fast in popularity and at least 36% of U.S. adults have used a ridesharing service. Major ridesharing companies perform background checks on drivers, inspect all vehicles and require driver safety education.

However, no matter how well-prepared, accidents do happen. In a rideshare <u>car crash</u>, where would the liability fall? This is a complicated issue and determining liability is based on each accident's circumstance. In most cases, the rideshare company will not claim liability as their drivers are not employees of the company.

Insurance Coverage in a Rideshare Accident

Since 2015, Georgia law has required that rideshare companies maintain a minimum of \$1 million in coverage for personal injury accident claims, property damage and death. As soon as the passenger and driver make a pick-up agreement electronically, this coverage is in effect. So if you are a passenger in a covered vehicle, or if your car is hit by an in-service rideshare car, you are covered by these policies.

All rideshare drivers must carry personal car insurance as required by the companies. This insurance must meet or exceed state minimums including liability coverage. But many private insurers will not cover a driver who is driving for profit.

Resolving which insurance company is responsible for an accident claim and determining liability in an accident are not clear-cut in a rideshare accident. If you have been in such an accident, reach out for an <u>attorney experienced in personal injury and</u> <u>Georgia car accidents</u> for help with these complex issues.



These Are the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer

It's August, and we are in the middle of what <u>AAA</u> calls the "100 deadliest days" of the year. This 100-day period begins on Memorial Day and ends when the next school year begins.

Why is this the "100 deadliest days" of the year? During this time of the year, the number of <u>auto accidents</u> for drivers between ages 16 and 19 increases dramatically. An average of 1,050 people – or 10 per day – is killed during this period in <u>crashes</u> involving teen drivers, representing a huge 16% increase over other similar periods.

Increasingly, driving while distracted – especially by smartphones – is a cause of young driver accidents and is a contributing cause in more than 58% of teen crashes. Texting is the most dangerous behavior as it distracts the driver in 3 ways: Visually, Manually and Cognitively.

Take Charge and Set Rules for Your Teen Driver

Set aside a few moments to have a serious discussion with your young driver to discuss:

- No cellphone use while driving. <u>Georgia's hands-free law</u> makes it illegal to touch a cellphone or other electronic device while driving. This includes texting, email, using social media and even taking photos, unless voice-to-text is used.
- No alcohol or drugs. Even if your child survives an alcohol-related crash, he has broken the law and may jeopardize college scholarships and acceptances.
- Limit passengers. Read together Georgia's graduated licensing requirements.

Always be a good role model and never text while driving!

Read more about setting teen driving limits and having this important conversation at this National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <u>website</u>.

If you or a family member has been injured in an auto accident, truck accident,

<u>motorcycle accident, slip and fall</u> or by any other type of personal injury, or if you have been denied <u>Workers' Compensation</u>, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call 470-558-0318 for your initial free consultation. <u>Adamson & Cleveland, LLC</u>, injury attorneys in Georgia, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

Recipe of the Month Raw Corn and Radish Salad with Spicy Lime Dressing



A simple lime dressing flavored with jalapeños and honey accents this popular summer vegetable that is at the height of season. Maybe most crucially though...it can be made without turning on a stove!

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 small jalapeño, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin1/4 cup vegetable oil
- I/4 cup vegetable oil
 Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 cups fresh corn kernels (from 4 ears)
- 6 medium radishes, halved and thinly sliced crosswise
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1/4 small red onion, thinly sliced

How to Make It

- 1. In a blender, puree the lime juice, jalapeño, honey and cumin. With the machine on, add the oil. Season with salt and pepper.
- 2. In a large bowl, toss the corn with the radishes, parsley, red onion and dressing. Season the salad with salt and pepper, transfer to plates and serve.

Recipe courtesy of Food & Wine

What's Happening in & Around Norcross

Sep 14 Our World Balloon Festival Southern Belle Farm McDonough, GA

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East Cobber Parade & Festival Johnson Ferry Rd Marietta. GA

Oct 11 - 12 <u>Cirque du Soleil - Volta</u> Grand Chapiteau At Atlantic Station Atlanta, GA

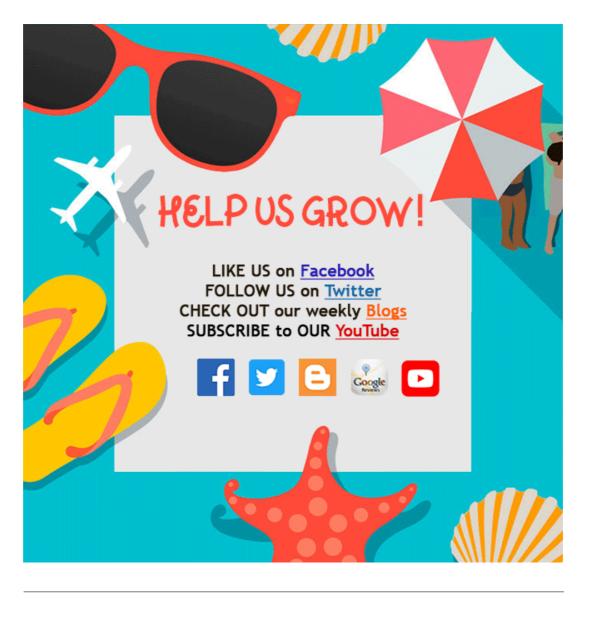
Oct 19 Lift Up Atlanta's 2019 Fun Fall Festival Gwinnett County Fairgrounds Lawrenceville, GA

Oct 19 Carrie Underwood State Farm Arena Atlanta, GA

Nov 1 - 2 <u>Elton John</u> State Farm Arena Atlanta, GA

Nov 2 Suwanee Wine Fest Suwanee Town Center Park Suwanee, GA

Nov 12 <u>Doobie Brothers</u> Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre Atlanta, GA



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