

July 2007 Newsletter for our Clients & Friends |
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“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

“Equal and exact justice to all men...freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of person under the protection of the habeas corpus; and trial by juries impartially selected, these principles form the bright constellation which has gone before us.”

Quotes by Thomas Jefferson, one of our founding fathers and signer of The Declaration of Independence

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Dog Days of Summer& Hot Dog History

You might think that because we Americans eat a lot of hot dogs in the summer that hot dogs have something to do with the term “Dog Days of Summer” Oh, Contrare! You would be Wrong.....

Actually, according to Columbia Encyclopedia, Dog Days is the term for the most sultry period of summer, from about July 3 to Aug. 11. The name originated from countries bordering the Mediterranean in early times. This time period was plagued with discomfort and disease and coincided with approximately 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the dog star) and the sun. Hence, the term, meaning the most miserable part of the summer. Of course that time frame was true in the Mediterranean region, but it would vary in other parts of the world.

On the other hand, hot dogs, although not related to “Dog Days” are also a big part of summer. July is national “Hot Dog” Month and according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, it is estimated that Americans will consume over seven billion hot dogs between Memorial Day and Labor Day. On average, Americans eat 60 hot dogs a year. But, did you know how and when hot dogs got their name?

The story is that in 1901 at a baseball game in New York, vendors began selling hot dachshund sausages in rolls. A sports cartoonist by the name of Tad Dorgan heard the vendors calling out to the crowds, “Get your dachshund sausages while they’re hot!” He drew a cartoon of this but didn’t know how to spell dachshund, so he shortened the name and simply referred to them as “hot dogs” And the name stuck.

The Wrong Clothes Can Negatively Affect Your Case

I just ran across an interesting article about the reaction of judges in Nashville, Tennessee who are disgusted with defendants coming to court, wearing attire such as droopy drawers, offensive things written on T-shirts, flip-flops, and gangster wear.

As reported by Gannet News Service, a local attorney commented that he’s seen fishnet-type shirts worn by defendants who are wearing no bra, and pants or shorts than hung down low enough to be indecent exposure.

But now, some of the judges have started clamping down. One Criminal Court Judge has instituted a strict dress code, based on the public schools dress codes.

Pants must be worn at the waist, with no sagging or low riding slacks allowed. Bandannas,

hairnets, hoods and do-rags on the head are prohibited as well as visible undergarments and see-through clothing. The judge also banned bare backs, chests and midriffs.

A General Session Judge has required people in his courtroom to wear a blue paper hospital smock if they don’t come dressed appropriately.

Still another Criminal Court Judge throws defendants in jail for repeatedly failing to listen to his warnings about the way they are dressed.

There is a dress code in the Oklahoma County court system, which excludes things such as T-shirts and cutoffs (and one judge daily sends people home to go change clothes), while other areas of the state may be more lenient.

However, I can tell you no judge is impressed with such casual dress. It really doesn't make much sense for a defendant or anyone involved in a lawsuit to show up in court looking like a gang member, when he's hoping to persuade the judge he's credible and innocent.

Of course, my clients would never do such a thing. But this news story was a good reminder in today's "casual dress" society that court is not the place to dress casual.

The courtroom is serious, and judges expect people in court to take it seriously and dress conservatively and more formally than they would if they were lounging on the couch watching TV.

"It's a sure sign of summer when the chair gets up when you do." --Walter Winchell

Court Notes Humor: Incredible but true. These are some of the real-life answers given in the courtroom.

Q: This Myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A: Yes.

Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A: I forget.

Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

How to Organize Your Warranty Information on Appliances, Computers, and other Purchases
By Christine Geary, Owner of Organized Delight, 405-590-0110

Have you ever had a problem with something you bought that came with a warranty, but because you couldn't find the warranty or receipt you weren't able to return the item? This is especially important on large ticket items, such as expensive digital cameras, computers, and appliances. But where do you keep all those warranty papers, receipts and information brochures? All stuffed in a miscellaneous drawer in a haphazard way... so that it's impossible to find what you need without spending hours looking through stacks of paperwork... or maybe you can't find it at all.....so you don't know if the warranty expired, and even if it didn't expire you can't prove it. Ouch! That can mean you're left with having to

You never want to show disrespect in the courtroom, which can influence the judge to have less respect for your case. And it's also important that your lawyer is respected by the judges, as well. All of these factors can affect the outcome of your case, so I urge anyone facing legal issues to get as much information as possible in order to make the best decisions for their future. That is why I prepare this newsletter, my website at www.edmondgeary.com and my blog at www.oklahomalegalhelpblog.com. My desire is that you and your friends and family will be able to avoid costly mistakes in your legal situations. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have a legal concern and need some help.

bite the bullet and buy a new appliance out of your own pocket, instead of getting the item fixed or replaced at no cost to you.

Here's an easy way to keep track of those important but seldom-used receipts and warranties. Instead of throwing them in a "junk drawer" or spreading them around the house in 15 different places. File them in an accordion alphabetical file – filing camera and computer warranties and receipts under "C" for example, and the TV warranty under "T". That way you don't have to remember a brand or style ... Just what the item is... in order to find the warranty when you need it. Also remember, every time you file something in the warranty file, make sure you throw out old receipts and warranty information for products you no longer have...so you aren't keeping unnecessary paperwork.

This will make it easy to find those important papers when you need them and can save you a lot of money too.

Did You Know...

That people in the US take fewer vacation days on average than many other nations in the world? Here's a rundown of other nations compared to us in number of days:

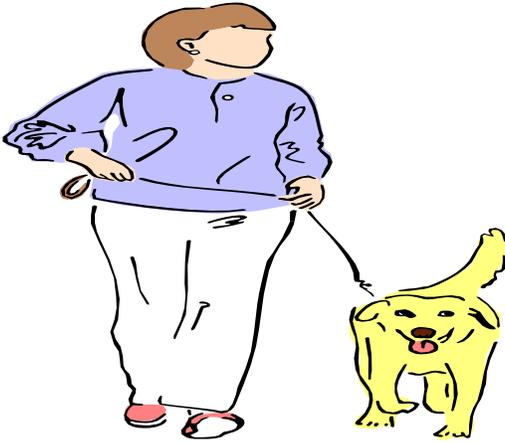
U.S.	13 days
Japan	25
Korea	25
Canada	26
United Kingdom	28
Brazil	34
Germany	35
France	37
Italy	42

Welcome To New Clients and Thank You for Referring!

I love spending more of my time thinking about your case, various strategies and the best way to educate and help you with your legal matters, rather than spending my time doing TV and radio advertising to bring in new clients. That's why I appreciate your referral of two like- quality individuals who need to talk to a lawyer. Furthermore, I will gift your two referred friends, relatives, neighbors, or peers (not current or past clients) with a \$100 Value Consultation Certificate. Just call the office at 405-728-8223 to make the arrangements.

Health Tip Of the Month...

(These tips are not for everybody and should not be taken as specific recommendations. Before you take any action regarding yours or anyone's health, we strongly suggest you consult a qualified physician – whether your condition is a result of a personal injury caused by someone else & requiring legal help, or due to some other reason!)



Work in a workout

Numerous reports have shown that regular exercise can help you not only with your health, in general, but in your work by increasing energy, boosting self-confidence, reducing sick time, improving your posture, helping you think clearly and reducing stress.

So why doesn't everyone do it? Time is often the problem, so here are some ideas to help you squeeze this important form of health insurance into your schedule.

- Get up half an hour earlier. Getting a workout in first thing (before you have time to formulate excuses) helps you feel good about yourself and makes for a positive day.
- Combine your workout with other activities. You can read on a stationary bike, watch the news while doing sit-ups and go for a jog or walk your dog while planning your day or working out ideas for a forthcoming presentation.
- Make your exercise time family time. With more and more children using computers, they risk not getting the physical activity they need. Getting the family together for a bike ride is a great way for everyone to spend time together and stay in shape.
- Sandwich in a stroll at lunch. Prevent the 2.00pm slump and replace the coffee break with a short walk.
- Promote teamwork. Rather than joining your co-workers for "Happy Hour", organize sporting activities, aiming to appeal to a wide cross-section of staff.
- Schedule your workout time in a daily planner and/or ensure it remains visible throughout the day. Treat this time for yourself with the same respect you give to other appointments and obligations.

Finding time for some exercise every week is especially important if your job keeps you sedentary most of the time. It may be a challenge at first, but will soon become second nature. You will not only look better, but also arrive at work each day feeling “fit” for the job.

Recipe: Susan’s (my wife’s) Summer Strawberry Mousse

Ingredients:

- 1 pint fresh strawberries
- 1 large tub of cool whip or other dairy or non-dairy topping
- 1/2 cup of powdered (confectioners) sugar

Wash fresh strawberries, remove stems and imperfections. Place strawberries into a food processor (or blender). Blend or puree until smooth. Add powdered sugar and blend until mixed. Then fold the strawberry mixture into the cool whip (reserve small portion of cool whip along with a whole strawberry or strawberries to decorate the top) in a 1 ½ qt soufflé dish or other container... being careful to keep “fluffiness”. Refrigerate for an hour or longer.

This makes a delicious, yet easy summer dessert!

Client Quiz!

Please enter our Client Quiz. The first person who answers the quiz question correctly will receive a Free Blockbuster certificate. All you need to do is circle the correct answer below and fill out your name and contact information and either fax this to me at 405-840-9467 or mail it to Ed Geary, Attorney at Law, 5601 NW 72nd, Suite 178, Oklahoma City, OK 73132 or call in your answer to 728-8223 and leave your name, phone number and time you called.

***** NOTE – Last month we received a fax a few days after sending out the newsletter. However, the sender accidentally sent the page with the picture of my son on it, instead of the opposite page with their entry for the Quiz.....and there wasn’t either a name or sending fax number on it ---so we couldn’t tell who sent it. So, please make sure you fax the right page and include your contact info – so you can win the Blockbuster Certificate!

Here’s Last Month’s Quiz Question and Answer!

Q. What real life bank robber appeared as a character in the 2000 movie “O Brother, where Art Thou?”

- A. Willie Sutton**
- B. Baby Face Nelson**
- C. Machine Gun Kelly**
- D. Bugs Moran**

Correct Answer: B. Baby Face Nelson

Now Here’s This Month’s Quiz Question

Circle the correct answer below and either fax or mail it as indicated below the address blank.

Q. How many changes or amendments are there to the US Constitution?

- A. 27
- B. 13
- C. 9
- D. 33

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“3 Questions You Should Ask Before Hiring a Lawyer Plus 6 TIPS For Getting Higher Settlements in Your Personal Injury Claim and Avoid Paying for Losses that Aren’t Your Fault”

If you or someone you care about happens to be the victim of an accident through someone else’s fault you need this information. As I have pointed out in the article in this newsletter, the insurance company who represents the other person at fault is not on your side and is trying to limit the amount paid out. That’s why you need to be as informed as possible. Call 405-728-8223 to get a copy of our FREE Report that reveals this critical information

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