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## Locations To Serve You Anywhere in S.C.:

**Goose Creek:** 843-277-6053  
(Main Office)  
103 Laurel Avenue

**Mt. Pleasant:** 843-216-6716  
222 W. Coleman Blvd.

**Myrtle Beach:** 877-553-1046  
1300 Professional Drive

**Columbia:** 803-250-1030  
4500 Fort Jackson Blvd.

**Greenville:** 864-256-1010  
147 Commons Way  
(By Appointment)

### Practice Areas:

- Personal Injury
- Auto Accidents
- Work Injuries
- Wrongful Death
- Truck accidents
- Dangerous Drugs
- Dog Bites
- Pedestrian Accidents
- Bicycle Accidents
- Social Security Disability

## Shelly Leeke Law Firm Spreads Holiday Cheer to the Doc Williams SPCA!

Thank you for your referrals and for liking our Facebook page! Your efforts helped us to **donate \$300** to the Doc Williams SPCA in Goose Creek. This donation will help to pay for **six surgeries** for puppies and kittens! So thank you again- we couldn't have done it without you!



P.S. For more ways you can help Doc Williams SPCA, visit [docwilliamssPCA.org](http://docwilliamssPCA.org)!

## Debt Collector Harassment vs. Ordinary Debt Collections

'Tis the season for spending. Black Friday, Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years... After the new year, debt collectors are likely to renew their attempts to collect on debts, so it is important to be aware of actions collectors take that are considered to be harassment.

### Common Unacceptable Debt Collector Behavior

- using or threatening the use of violence or a lawsuit
- using obscene or profane language
- frequent calls in a 24-hour period to annoy, abuse or harass you
- calling before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- contacting anyone other than you or your attorney regarding the debt
- making claims that you committed a crime or stating things in an attempt to disgrace you
- making claims that if you do not pay, then you will be arrested, imprisoned, or that your property will be taken away from you (however, if they are legally permitted to do so, then it is not harassment)



If you feel you have been harassed or have a question about **debt collector harassment**, please contact **Shelly Leeke Law Firm** at **843-277-6053** and a member of our staff would be happy to assist you!

Visit [LeekeLawLaw.com](http://LeekeLawLaw.com) For Information That Could Help You!

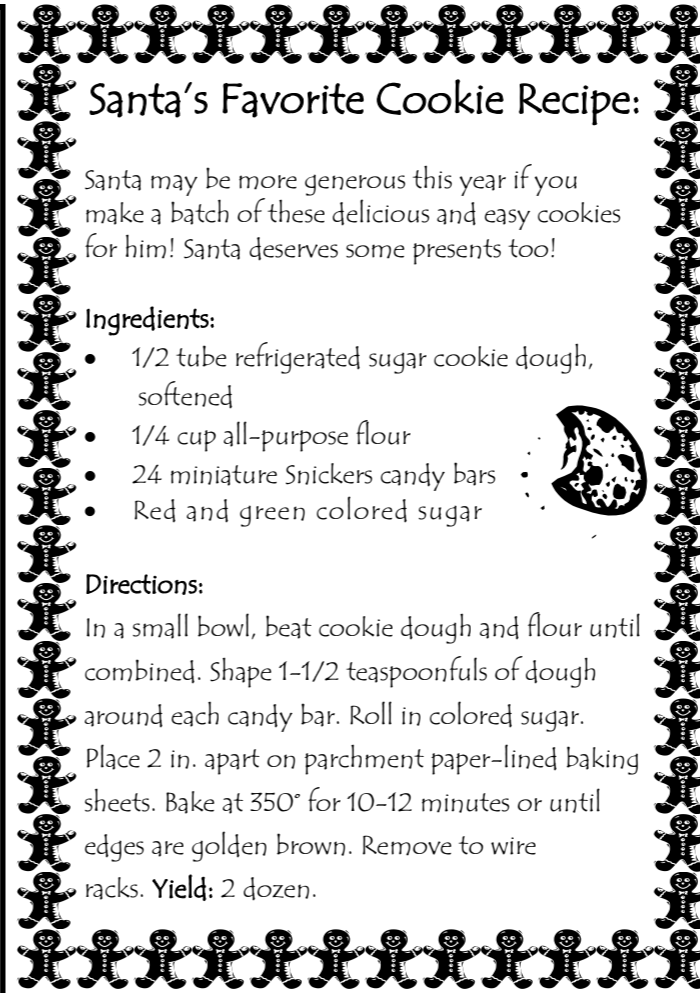
# Ask The Attorney

**Q: What information should I get if I am bitten by a dog in South Carolina?**

**A:** If you are bitten by a dog in South Carolina, you should, as with any personal injury, seek immediate medical assistance. However, if possible, you should try to write down all of the contact information of the dog owner, including their name, address, and telephone number. If possible, find out the name of their insurance company, as well as contact information for any witnesses to the dog bite incident.

Also, be sure to take note of exactly where the dog bite occurred. Any and all information that you collect can be helpful for your dog bite case. Your South Carolina dog bite attorney will then be able to evaluate the evidence and help you receive compensation for your injuries.

*Email your legal question to [info@leekelaw.com](mailto:info@leekelaw.com). Or, call us at 843-277-6053.*



## Santa's Favorite Cookie Recipe:

Santa may be more generous this year if you make a batch of these delicious and easy cookies for him! Santa deserves some presents too!

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 tube refrigerated sugar cookie dough, softened
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 24 miniature Snickers candy bars
- Red and green colored sugar



### Directions:

In a small bowl, beat cookie dough and flour until combined. Shape 1-1/2 teaspoonfuls of dough around each candy bar. Roll in colored sugar. Place 2 in. apart on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove to wire racks. **Yield:** 2 dozen.

## Cases in the News

### Teen Burglar Gets Stuck In Chimney

Santa Claus unfortunately did not come early for the owners of an Atlanta home. A 17-year-old alleged burglar got stuck in their chimney while trying to enter the home.



The suspect had been stuck near the bottom of the chimney until early in the morning after attempting to break into the home. Authorities said the teen spent about 10 hours lodged inside the chimney before getting freed. A neighbour

heard someone calling for help from the chimney

early in the afternoon and phoned police.

Fire fighters arrived at the scene, climbed on the roof and lowered ropes down to rescue the teen, who was uninjured. Once the suspect was freed, police arrested the teen on one count of burglary and another of providing a false name to police. The owner of the house was not at home during the incident, authorities said.

### Couple Sues Air Tran Over Cockroaches

A North Carolina couple is suing Air Tran Airways, alleging they were sickened by cockroaches coming out of air vents and storage areas on a recent flight.

They say flight attendants ignored their concerns.

The man and his fiancée saw the cockroaches soon after takeoff while on a trip from Charlotte to Houston. They said flight attendants were too busy to investigate the problem. The man said his fiancée became nauseous and now does not want to fly. They are claiming mental and emotional distress and seeking more than \$100,000, plus the price of their tickets.



Air Tran said it cannot comment on pending litigation, but it denies several allegations. The airline says cleanliness is important and that planes are regularly and professionally treated for bugs.



## Enter To Win a Gift Card!



As we start the new year, we want to make sure that our newsletter is the best that it can be. That is why we want to hear from you! Go online to [www.LegalNewsSurvey.info](http://www.LegalNewsSurvey.info) and fill out a brief survey telling us what you like and what we can improve about our newsletter. By filling out our survey, you will be entered for a chance to **win a \$25 Visa gift card!** Don't wait until the last minute to enter—the survey will close on **January 3rd!**

### Auto Insurance Coverage Every South Carolina Driver Should Have

If you are a driver, you should know the importance of certain types of auto insurance coverage. Since no one can predict when an accident in South Carolina will happen, whether the driver at fault will have insurance or what types of injuries you might sustain, it is in your best interest to make sure you carry enough coverage.

Some of the most devastating types of accidents involve those with a driver who does not have enough coverage to fully compensate you for your injuries. If you carry underinsured motorist coverage, you can make up for the insufficient coverage of the at fault driver.

Underinsured motorist coverage will protect you in the event you are injured by a driver who doesn't have enough coverage to take care of your injury-related expenses.

If you do not currently carry underinsured motorist coverage, call your agent today and add it to your policy. You could save thousands in the event of a car accident.

If you have been injured in an accident in South Carolina and have questions concerning coverage, consulting with a South Carolina injury lawyer should be your next step in order to determine what legal options you have available.



**DO YOU HAVE IT?!**

### FIVE TRAPS TO AVOID WHEN HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The average person spends 19 hours shopping for presents during the holiday season! During this time, try not to fall into these traps that can cost you more money than you intended on spending:

- 1) **Layaway**— There are service fees that can add up while on layaway and you may miss the chance to buy an item on sale.
- 2) **Store Credit Cards**— Interest rates are typically high on store credit cards. If the card promises a discount, only buy one big item with that card and then pay off the balance in full.
- 3) **Cheaper is Not Always Better**— Sometimes companies offer less features for a cheaper price. Do your research and make sure that the item has all of the features that you like about the more expensive version.
- 4) **Buying an Extended Warranty**— Oftentimes, the manufacturer will replace something that is broken through the warranty that is on the product.
- 5) **Gift Cards with Expiration Dates**— Always check to make sure that a gift card does not have an expiration date. Ones that do have expiration dates are a waste of money.

By keeping these shopping tips in mind, you can stay on budget and have a **very happy holiday!**

**COMMUNICATION POLICY:** Generally Mrs. Leeke does not take unscheduled phone calls. This allows her to focus and pay more attention to individual cases resulting in higher quality legal services. This policy also helps Ms. Leeke resolve cases more quickly. **This is a lot better than the endless game of "phone tag" played by most attorneys and businesses today.** To schedule a phone call or in-person appointment with Ms. Leeke call 843-277-6053.



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Santa's Favorite  
Cookie Recipe Inside!



Also, Don't Miss Our  
Helpful Holiday  
Shopping Tips on  
How To Save!

**City Spotlight:**

**Have You Ever Heard of Ninety Six, SC?**

This oddly named city is located in the Piedmont Region of South Carolina in Greenwood County. The name of the town is somewhat of a mistake; a surveyor estimated, by riding his horse, that it was located ninety six miles from Keowee, the capital of the Cherokee nation, when in actuality it was not. The town was established in 1730 in the backcountry at the crossroads of an important trade route. The National Park Service operates the Ninety Six National Historic Site at the location of the original frontier settlement and the first land battle of the Revolution in the South in 1775 and in 1780. The present town of Ninety Six lies just north of the original settlement. Nearby is Lake Greenwood, an 11,400-acre reservoir which includes Lake Greenwood State Recreation Area. Notable former residents of Ninety Six include Preston Brooks, Orville Vernon Burton, Bill Voiselle, and Odean Pope. Take a look to the right for another notable resident!



**Interesting Note: The wife of the chef at Shelly's favorite restaurant in New Orleans, Jacques-Imo's, is originally from Ninety Six, SC!**

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