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DOES YOUR CAR INSURANCE POLICY PROTECT YOUR FAMILY?

According to South Carolina's minimum insurance requirements, the driver of a motor vehicle must purchase liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage in the event the driver is at fault in a crash. However, the minimum coverage required will not protect you and your family if you are the victim of an auto accident caused by a careless driver.

South Carolina Minimum Auto Ins. Requirements-The minimum South Carolina requirements are 25/50/25.

Drivers must carry:

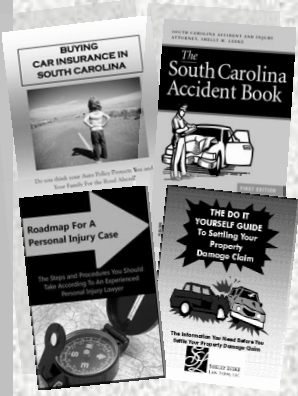
- **At least \$25,000** of bodily injury liability coverage for bodily injury caused by the driver's negligence;
- **At least \$50,000** of bodily injury liability coverage for all persons involved in one accident; and
- **At least \$25,000** of property damage liability for one accident.

Only purchasing the minimum South Carolina auto insurance requirements may not provide sufficient coverage if you are injured in a car accident. While you can make a claim against the at-fault driver's insurance, you may be able to protect yourself and your family by adding additional coverage onto your car insurance policy in the event that the other driver's insurance limits do not cover the extent of your medical bills, lost wages, property damage and other accident expenses.

Additional Coverage You Should Have on Your Auto Policy:

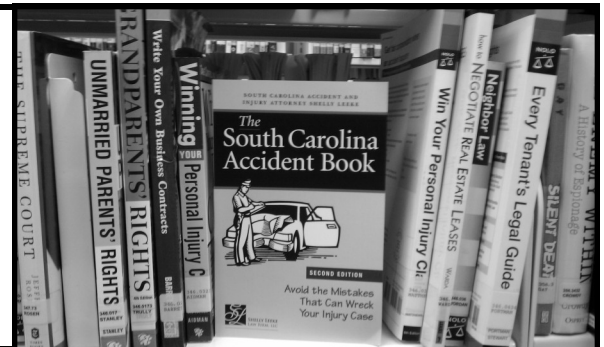
- **Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist coverage** - this can help compensate for your auto repairs and medical bills when the other driver has inadequate insurance or none at all.
- **Personal Injury Protection (PIP)/ Medical Payments Coverage (MedPay)**- this coverage can be added to your policy for pennies on the dollar and will help pay your medical bills and even lost wages regardless of who was at fault for the accident.
- **Rental coverage** - this provides you with the ability to get a rental vehicle without having to pay additional out-of-pocket expenses while the other insurance company investigates your claim (which can take a while, as they are in no rush to settle your claim).
- **Collision coverage** - this will pay for the damage done to your vehicle while the other insurance company continues to investigate your claim so you don't have to wait to get your vehicle repaired.

Not sure if you have the coverage you need on your current Auto Policy? Just fax your Declarations Page of your Policy to our office 297-8497, and Attorney Shelly Leeke will give you a complimentary policy review, so you can make sure your family is protected.

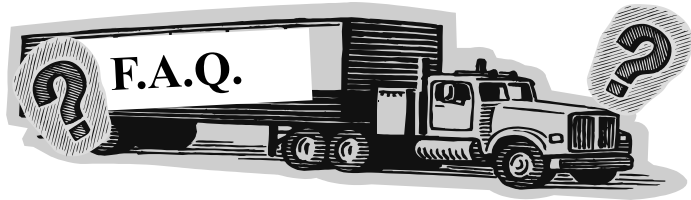


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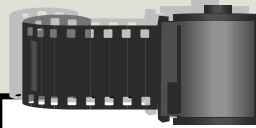
Q: What happens if the truck driver who hit me was texting leading up to the accident?

A: It is now illegal for truck drivers to text and drive, which means if you are in an accident involving a texting truck driver, you may have a solid injury claim. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration passed a law last month that prohibits truck drivers from texting while driving and prohibits carriers from allowing their drivers to text and drive. A truck driver found texting while driving could face a \$2,750 fine; carriers face an \$11,000 fine.

Truck driver negligence comes in many forms, from reckless driving to speeding. Texting is just one example of a growing problem. While any type of distracted driving is dangerous, this is especially true for truck drivers. A distracted truck driver may not be able to react in time to stop such a large vehicle. In 2009, a 21-year-old college student received a large settlement for severe injuries after 2 trucks collided and hit his vehicle. One of the truck drivers had been texting. The college student ended up with a \$49 million settlement. Victims of truck accidents that involve a distracted driver are beginning to learn that they can hold others responsible for this negligent behavior.

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**Staff Spotlight:
Kimberly Neumann**



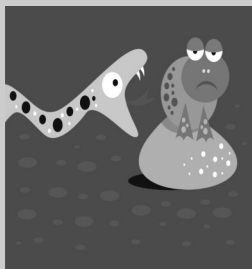
Kimberly Neumann is a client relations specialist, receptionist and when she is not working with clients at Shelly Leeke Law Firm, avid photographer. She even has her own business capturing precious moments, from weddings to Celebrations with US troops. "I feel that photography is a part of my soul," Kim says. Kim also has a twelve year old daughter, Cassie and husband, Johnnie.

Our clients love Kim's sincerity and helpful personality. She is a great asset to the Shelly Leeke Law Firm staff. You can reach Kimberly at Kimberly@LeekeLaw.com, or give her a call at 843-277-6053.

Cases In the News:

SC Man Plays Real Life "Frogger," Lands in Hospital

A 23-year-old Clemson man attempted a real life improve of the video game Frogger one night in late December. According to his friends, the young man yelled "GO" just before he ran straight in to



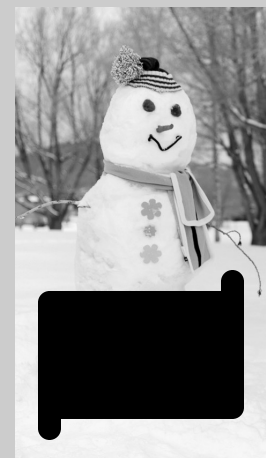
a four lane highway of oncoming traffic. The "Frog", not surprisingly, was struck by an SUV, landing him in the hospital.

South Carolina Snowman Indecently Exposed

Police in Union County threatened to arrest the builder of a snowman if he did not immediately remove the "snow-genitals" from his snow creation.

The man allegedly told police the snowman was on private property and building a real life snowman with a penis was not illegal.

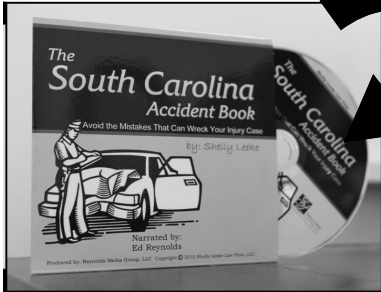
The police disagreed, but in the end, the man agreed to remove the snowman's private parts and avoid arrest.





Guess What

“The South Carolina Accident Book” is now on Audio CD!



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We ♥ Your Referrals!!

A Special Thank You To...

- Billie Dix
- Daniel Huft
- Corey Brantley
- Dr. Tharnish
- Dr. Jenkins

If someone you care about needs a lawyer, we would love to hear from them.



“I’m A Big Girl!!

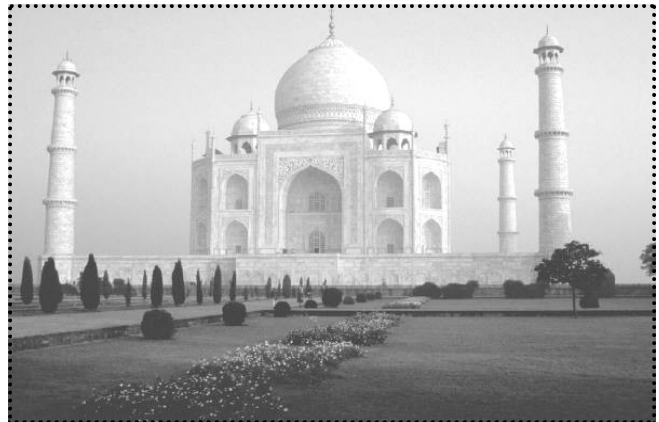
Jessica Grace, my sweet little niece, turns Three on February 12th. Jessica came in to this world weighing just over two pounds! Now, in her own words... I’m a Big Girl!!

Happy Birthday Jess! Love, Sha-She



Greatest Gift of Love? The Taj Mahal, of Course!

This story of love begins with a tragic event that occurred in 1631, when Shah Jahan, emperor during the Mughal Empire's period of prosperity, suffered the loss of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died while giving birth to their 14th child. One year after the death of his wife, Shah Jahan began constructing the Taj Mahal entirely out of marble in Agra, India, with the help of over twenty thousand artisans and craftsmen. Sixteen years and 32 million rupees worth of construction later, the Taj Mahal was considered to be complete. The Taj Mahal is now the final resting place of Mumtaz Mahal and has been recognized as one of the seven wonders of the world. As a result of its architectural beauty, it is considered to be one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, as well as the greatest gift of eternal love ever given.



COMMUNICATION POLICY: Generally Ms. 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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What is the Biggest gift of love ever given?
See page 3 for the answer!



Pharmacy Errors: Some Mistakes Can Have Deadly Consequences

Pharmacy negligence can arise when a pharmacist fills a prescription with the wrong medication or with the wrong dose of the prescribed medication. While these types of errors are not uncommon, if the mistake causes serious side effects, injury or even death, the pharmacy and the pharmacist who committed the error, can be held responsible for the damages caused by the pharmaceutical negligence.

If you have experienced serious side effects, or incurred medical bills and expenses due to a mis-filled prescription, you should contact a personal injury attorney to discuss whether or not you have a negligence claim against the pharmacy where the error occurred. Here are five steps you should take if you suffer an injury from taking a prescription that was filled with the wrong medication or with the incorrect medication dosage.



- 1) Report the error to the pharmacy;
- 2) Seek medical treatment any side effects caused by taking the wrong medication;
- 3) Take photographs of the receipt, pills, pill bottle and keep the original if you have them in your possession;
- 4) Write down the names and/or a description of all pharmacy staff that assisted you on the date of the incident;
- 5) If you suffered serious damages, including medical bills, lost wages, emotion, and physical harm as a result of the error, contact an attorney to discuss whether a case can be made against the at fault pharmacy.

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