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A Note From Shelly-

The holiday season is upon us again. This is the time we wait for all year; the season to celebrate our blessings and spend time with friends and family. This has been an exciting year for our law firm, and I hope that each of you has had a great year too. We opened another office, launched our new injury law website, published an accident book and even welcomed additional staff members. However, I have to tell you what I am most proud of this year....despite the success of the South Carolina Accident Book and our online success with LeekeLaw.com, still, overall in 2009, the majority of our new clients have come from referrals from past clients and friends of our firm. For that, I am truly thankful for each of you. Thank you for your kind referrals and I look forward to meeting even more of you in 2010.

This last part of my note is for all of my current clients. Personally, I meet most of my clients after they or a loved one has suffered injuries caused by an accident. There are also those I have met after the unthinkable has happened, a loved one was killed in an accident. For each of my clients, I hope you are happy and healthy this holiday season. Unfortunately, I know some of you may find this to be a difficult time of year. Whether you are recovering from injuries, or worse, if there is someone missing this year, I know this may be a tough holiday season. For all of you, I hope that you find comfort in your family and friends. I hope that you surround yourself with the wonderful blessings in life, no matter how small. And I hope that as we end this year and begin another, that you already see the bright days that are ahead. May we all have a safe and thankful holiday season!

Shelly Leeke

Happy Holidays

Thank You! We Appreciate Your Referrals.

Ask The Attorney: Q&A

Q: I was injured in a work accident and the doctor released me to work at light duty. I am being paid less than I was before the accident. What compensation am I entitled to?

A: If you return to light duty or work part-time during the time you are recovering from your injuries, you are entitled to compensation if your wages are less than what you normally received prior to the worker's comp. accident. You are entitled to compensation of 2/3rd's of the difference between your salary before the injury and what you are making while on

light/part-time duty. You are entitled to this compensation until you reach maximum medical treatment.

Q: I was hit by a car while crossing the street. Does it matter if I was not in a crosswalk?

A: No, you may have a claim against the driver that hit you, even if you were not in a crosswalk. Driver's have a duty to avoid negligently hitting pedestrians. Any number of factors can contribute to a compensable claim, such as whether you looked before crossing the street, was the driver of the vehi-

cle distracted, texting, or on the cell phone, and any number of additional factors. Keep in mind, the insurance company may try to use the fact that you were not in a crosswalk to discredit your claim, so you should speak with an attorney about your case before talking to the insurance company.

If you have a Question for Ask The Attorney just send it to info@leekelaw.com and put "Ask the Attorney" in the subject line. Or if you need to speak to a qualified personal injury attorney you can call us at 843-608-8811 to schedule a FREE consultation.

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I have a Facebook profile, law firm, and book page. I am still learning, but we want to make many friends and we'll post valuable information on our pages in 2010!

If you are on Facebook, "Friend" me today!

Go to Facebook.com and look for Shelly Leeke. Don't forget to join our "fan" pages- Shelly Leeke Law Firm and South Carolina Accident Book.

Cases In the News:

Desperately Sober Man Crashes Forklift into the Vodka Aisle

A worker on a forklift tries earnestly to move boxes around a vodka warehouse in Moscow. With one swerve of the wheel, he singlehandedly knocks over an entire aisle of Vodka and Cognac onto himself. Incredibly, the man walked away with minor injuries,

although the incident resulted in the loss of an estimated \$150,000 worth of vodka and cognac.



Woman Driving with Six Year old in Her Lap Crashes through Aquarium

In other careless driving news, a Tampa woman lost control of her

pickup truck at the Tampa International Airport and crashed into the over \$50,000 saltwater fish tank exhibit at the American Airlines baggage claim.

The woman, Yamile Campuano-Martine, was driving with an unrestrained 6 yr. old boy in her lap when the accident occurred. She jumped a curb and barreled into the 1,500 gallon tank. While the woman and child were unharmed, more than 30-40 exotic fish will be casualties of this woman's bad judgment.

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Guest Spotlight-

Dr. Debbie Kidd Wants You To Have a Healthy Spine

The holidays can add extra stress and strain to our lives, including our spine, which means it is especially important to take special care to keep your spine healthy during the holiday season

What a pain in the neck...! Most people will experience neck pain at some point in their lives. Neck pain can be acute, meaning it lasts a few hours to a few weeks, or it can become chronic. Neck pain that lasts several weeks or longer is considered chronic neck pain. If your neck pain is so severe that you cannot touch your chin to your chest despite a few days of self-care, seek immediate attention with an experienced physician or chiropractor.

Your Child's Backpack May be a Hazard to his/her Back...The average backpack weighs about 22 percent of a child's body weight! Out of 200 Chiropractors surveyed, 89% responded that they have seen patients ages 5-18 reporting back, neck or shoulder pain caused by heavy backpacks. To help your child, shoulder straps should be adjusted so the backpack can be fitted to your child's body. Make sure that your child's backpack weighs no more than 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight.

Dr. Debbie Kidd is an experienced Chiropractor with Kidd Chiropractic in Goose Creek. If you have questions about your spine, give her a call at 843-797-3290. She even offers free seminars and health screenings to help keep you, and your family healthy.



Kid's Corner- Holiday Safety Tips

- Toys: Look for sturdy construction, such as tightly secured eyes, noses, and other potential small parts.
- When buying an Artificial Tree make sure it says "Fire Resistant" on the label.
- Choose battery operated instead of electric toys for children under age 8.
- No BB guns or Pellet guns for Christmas. These "play" items are not safe for children... or adults.
- If a bicycle or other outdoor toy is on your child's Santa list, be sure Santa remembers a helmet or other safety equipment.
- Avoid using more than three sets of light on a single extension cord and make sure tinsel and small decorations are not near your child's eye level.
- Discard wrapping papers, bags, ribbons and bows immediately after gifts are opened, as these items pose a suffocation risk to children.



Deandre wore his reindeer antlers just long enough for Big Sister Shelly to snap a picture. Deandre and Shelly have been matched with Big Brothers Big Sisters for almost two years!!



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 843-608- 8811.



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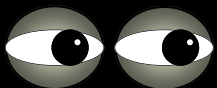
Tips To Help You Keep Your Cool This Holiday Season

Holidays can be stressful, try these helpful tips:

1. Make a little time for yourself. Knowing you have some personal time will help you to stay positive.
2. Make a budget and stick to it. One idea is to suggest a \$25 gift spending limit.
3. Schedule your sleep. Getting your zzz's helps keep a positive mental attitude.
4. Run off those negative thoughts.
5. Turn off the TV & computer and have family time outdoors.
6. Be thankful and happy about the good things in your life!
7. SMILE!



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