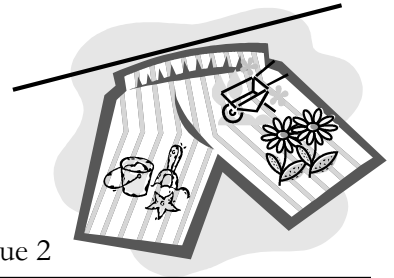




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WHAT WE DO

C&C Law is here to help our injured neighbors in PA and NY. We will fight to protect your rights in the following areas:

- Workers' Comp**
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- Auto Accidents**
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- Slip and Fall**
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- Serious Injuries**

We appreciate your referrals. If you know of someone who has been injured through no fault of their own, please encourage them to call C&C Law.



Spotlight on: Carla K. Weldy Paralegal Extraordinaire

Many of you know and have worked with Carla, C&C Law's Paralegal Extraordinaire. You've met Carla to discuss the basis facts of your case, you've called Carla to update her on your medical status and you've spoken to Carla when Jim is out of the office.

Paralegals are more than just legal assistants—through formal education, training and experience, paralegals have knowledge and expertise regarding the legal system and substantive and procedural law which qualify them to do work of a legal nature under the supervision of an attorney.

Carla has been in the legal field for over thirty years and earned her Paralegal Degree from Penn State University fifteen years ago. Carla made the switch from legal assistant to Paralegal because "the additional formal education added to my knowledge and experience. I consider myself one of the lucky "paralegals". I have the pleasure of working for two attorneys who respect and use my knowledge and education as a paralegal and not as a "glorified secretary".

Carla enjoys being a Paralegal because "everyday on the job brings something different."

Carla describes her job as "being there to help your clients when they need it most. Most people need attorneys when they are facing some of the most difficult situations in their lives."

While Paralegals work hand in hand with attorneys, it is important to understand that Paralegals cannot give legal advice. Legal advice may only be relied upon if given by an attorney.

Another Step in Stopping Court Secrecy

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee is working on the Sunshine in Litigation Act—a bill that seeks to restore public accountability in the judicial system by restricting court secrecy on matters that affect public health and safety. Secrecy provisions are often part of legal settlements and they prevent people from finding out about dangerous products.

According to the American Association for Justice Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Linda Lipsen "From tires that are defective to cribs that collapse on sleeping babies, secrecy agreements have been used to keep safety information away from people. Stopping secrecy in our civil justice system is necessary to ensure that defective products do not injure or kill more people."

Box Tops Update

A HUGE thanks to Denise from The Rolling Tire Shop for bringing in over 100 Box Tops!! We will continue to collect Box Tops throughout the summer so we encourage everyone to keep on clipping!!



Most Perilous Jobs

For many of us, the most dangerous part of the workday is the commute -- followed closely by teetering on stiletto heels. Nationwide, most employees have a miniscule chance of being killed at work. For some workers -- soldiers in combat, for example -- every day is a life-threatening one. But on the domestic front, the most dangerous jobs are less obvious. Statistically speaking, farmers -- with a fatality rate of 41.1 -- are more than twice as likely to die on the job than police officers (18.2) and nearly four times more likely to be killed at work than firefighters.

The Most Life-Threatening Jobs

According to the Department of Labor, the following jobs had some of the highest fatality rates:

Fishers and related fishing workers

Average salary: \$29,000

Logging workers

Average salary: \$31,290

Aircraft pilots and flight engineers

Average salary: \$135,040

Refuse and recyclable material collectors

Average salary: \$30,160

Farmers and ranchers

Average salary: \$39,720

Truck drivers

\$35,460 (for heavy or tractor-trailer drivers)

Miscellaneous agricultural workers

Average salary: \$24,140

Construction laborers

Average salary: \$29,050

The Most Injury-Prone Jobs

Although employees are statistically unlikely to die on the job, illnesses and injuries are a far greater threat. In 2005, the rate of nonfatal injuries and illnesses was 4.6 per 100 workers. The manufacturing industry accounted for more than 20 percent of the nation's reported nonfatal occupational injuries last year, with complaints ranging from

sprains to gashes. Sixteen percent of workplace injuries were reported by workers in the healthcare sector.

The following industries saw the highest workplace injury rates for 2005:

•Beet sugar manufacturing:

•16.6 injuries per 100 workers

•Truck trailer manufacturing:

•15.7 injuries per 100 workers

•Iron foundries:

•15.2 injuries per 100 workers

•Prefabricated wood building manufacturing:

•13.9 injuries per 100 workers

•Framing contractors:

•13.3 injuries per 100 workers

Jobs That Could Make You Sick

Considering the nature of their work, it's not surprising that healthcare workers reported 19 percent of the 242,500 new occupational illnesses in the private sector for 2005. But manufacturing workers actually get sick from work most often, accounting for 39 percent of reported injuries.

The following industries had the highest reported illness rates:

•Light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing:

701.5 illnesses per 10,000 workers

•Animal slaughtering, except poultry: 478.8 illnesses per 10,000 workers

•Automobile manufacturing: 320.6 illnesses per 10,000 workers

•Cut stock, re-sawing lumber and planning: 276.4 illnesses per 10,000 workers

•Motor vehicle air-conditioning manufacturing: 235 illnesses per 10,000 workers



Pennsylvania Work Injury Blog Launched!!

Introducing PaWorkInjury.blogspot.com...the latest offering from C&C Law in our continuing effort to keep our clients, friends and neighbors informed with important legal information.

As the name suggest, the discussion focuses on issues related to Pennsylvania work injuries and workers' compensation in general. Check us out at PaWorkInjury.blogspot.com

... And to keep up with all the other important legal news, go to C&C Law's home website

www.WeKnowInjuryLaw.com

Golden Anniversary for Law Day

This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Law Day. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. The theme for Pennsylvania's 2008 celebration is "Growing Strong Citizens."

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary this year of Law Day, we are delighted to celebrate the collaboration of the Pennsylvania Bar Association with Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge and Pennsylvania First Lady Marjorie O. Rendell in the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD). This initiative, founded by Judge Rendell, the PBA, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the National Constitution Center, is a unique union of educational, advocacy, and governmental organizations that are committed to improving civic learning for students in grades K-College. The PennCORD mission underscores the 50-year history of Law Day as we celebrate the Rule of Law.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association and local bar associations across the state will sponsor Law Day activities throughout the month of May. In addition, schools, lawyers and judges will be working together to arrange for classroom visits.



We Love Valley Realtors

Jim and Carrie want to thank the realtors listed below for their help in getting us ready to sell our big purple house. If you've ever sold a home, you know that it takes a lot of time and effort just to figure out how it should be listed. Each of these professionals freely gave of their time, insight and expertise – the sale of our home was a breeze thanks to all of their help. If you or someone you know is thinking of buying or selling a home, we encourage you to contact one of the realtors listed below (listed alphabetically – no playing favorites!):

Connie Cockcroft, Novak & Associates

Bonnie Courtright, Bird-Summer

Sarah Dunn, Henry Dunn Inc.

Val Raupers, Coldwell Banker

Eileen and Steve Westbrook, NY-Penn

Life Insurance - How Much Is Enough?

In the 18 years I've been in the insurance profession, I've noticed an alarming trend. Most people do not purchase enough life insurance to protect their loved ones in the event of their death. Why do you need life insurance? If someone would suffer financially at your death, **you need life insurance** to make sure that they are taken care of after you are gone. Whether you earn an income or are a stay at home parent, you perform an invaluable service that would be expensive for your loved ones to replace. When you die, your loved ones will have expenses. Lots of expenses. Basically, life insurance covers three types of expenses: immediate (such as funeral expenses); ongoing (such as living costs like food, mortgage payments) and future (such as money to fund a college education or retirement savings plan). To determine your personal need for life insurance, think through the worst-case scenario. Kids? Spouse? House? Mortgage? College? Although everyone's needs are different, it is not unusual to find that you would need ten to fifteen times your annual in-

come to make sure that your loved ones will not have to struggle to cover all of the expenses left behind. Your life insurance agent should also help you determine your life insurance needs – and if you don't have an agent, then you should get one. It is absolutely free to talk with an agent about your life (and other) insurance needs. Life insurance doesn't have to cost you a lot. Life insurance rates have steadily dropped over the years. Guess

how low the cost could be for a 35-year-old to have \$ 250,000 of life insurance? A whopping **\$ 11.66 a month** – not much when you consider that for the price of a burger and fries you can be sure that your loved ones are financially protected when you are gone. Avoid the biggest mistake most people make: buying too little coverage. Give me a call and when you mention this article, I'll give you a free life insurance evaluation. No charge. No hassle. No problem. Let me help you protect your loved ones . . .after all, the LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE ISN'T FOR YOU, IS IT?

C&C Law is pleased to introduce a new series of articles on insurance. Look forward to learning everything you always wanted to know, but didn't know you wanted to know about insurance in a series of articles by longtime friend and Super Insurance Agent Steve Summer of Gannon Associates. This edition focuses on Life Insurance – is your family protected?

~Steven Sumner

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Give this newsletter to your best friend. They'll thank you for it, and so will we.

PA Launches Hospital Quality Web Site

Patients and their families in Pennsylvania can go to a single Web site to learn about the quality of local hospitals.

The Pennsylvania Health Care Quality Alliance - a coalition of the state's four Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurers as well as its hospitals, doctors and government health agencies - developed the site so that patients can learn about hospital quality from a range of sources in four key areas: heart attacks, heart failure, pneumonia and hospital-associated infections.

The information, from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, and the Joint Commission, a group that accredits hospitals, will be searchable.

"Our goal has been to work together on a common way of understanding and sharing the quality measures data that providers are already required to report," Carolyn F. Scanlan, president of the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania, said in a statement.

Check the rating of your local hospital at www.phcqa.org.

"I don't have to worry about the medical bills, Jim made sure that they were taken care of. Jim always kept me informed and was quick to answer my e-mails."

-John B., Sayre, PA

Did You Know:

- Prior to her leap into the legal world, Camille was the Innkeeper of the Lindenwald Haus B&B in Elmira?
- We have nicknamed Jim 'Al Gore' because of his sometimes zealous views on saving the environment, recycling, windmill-generated electricity, organic gardening, blah, blah, blah?
- Jim and Carrie's daughter, Maisie, is growing her hair for Locks of Love?

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