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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
- Auto Accidents
- Slip and Fall
- Serious Injuries

If you or someone you know has been injured through no fault of their own, please encourage them to call C&C Law.

Big Bird: A Health Threat?

Toy-maker Fisher-Price is recalling 83 types of toys -- including the popular Big Bird, Elmo, Dora and Diego characters -- because their paint contains excessive amounts of lead.

The recalled toys include popular preschool characters like Elmo and Big Bird along with dozens of other items. They were made by a contract manufacturer in China using a non-approved paint pigment containing lead, Mattel said on Wednesday.

Lead paint has been linked to health problems in children, including brain damage.

Mattel is asking U.S. consumers and sellers to return 967,000 plastic toys. Mattel's senior vice president of worldwide quality assurance, Jim Walter, said they have traced the problem to a single manufacturer. Walter said the toy maker had launched an investigation. Mattel had stopped producing and shipping toys from that manufacturer, but said it would wait for the findings of the investigation to decide whether to keep doing business with it. For details on the recalled toys visit <http://www.service.mattel.com>. For more information, call Mattel's recall hot line at 800-916-4498.

I've Been Injured . . . Now What? Part 2

What does it mean to "file a lawsuit"? How is a lawsuit filed? Why is a lawsuit filed?

In our last article, we met Peg who had slipped and fallen in a convenience store parking lot. She had serious injuries and wisely came to C&C Law right away. After Peg's doctors determined the full extent of her injuries, and once it was obvious that the Defendant was not going to voluntarily pay up, Jim

was ready to file suit.

To do that, Jim wrote a Complaint, which is a formal court document that is written in a very specific format with numbered paragraphs. Generally, a Complaint lets the Court (and the Defendant) know exactly that we allege the Defendant did and what damages, or problems, were caused by the Defendant's actions. In this case, the Com-

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C&C 6

Jim and Carrie are proud to announce the arrival of Catherine Ann Maclaren Carroll! Catie arrived May 9, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces and measuring 20 ½ inches long. Her big sisters Maisie, Ellie and Josie are excited to have another baby in the house. Jim is now seriously outnumbered . . .

I've Been Injured...

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plaint alleged that the Defendant had failed to properly maintain the parking lot by allowing oil to collect in an area that Defendant knew people walked upon. The Complaint described Peg's injuries and requested that the Defendant pay Peg a certain amount for her injuries and lost wages.

Once the Complaint was written, Peg looked it over and signed a verification that the alleged facts were true. Jim signed the Complaint and it was then taken to the Bradford County Courthouse where it was filed in the Prothonotary's Office with a docket number, as well as the date and time it was filed. Once processed by the Prothonotary, the Complaint is assigned to one of our two

County Court Judges. The service of the Complaint upon the Defendant was then served by the Sheriff, who is required by State law to serve the Complaint. So then Peg had her day in Court, right? Well, not exactly.

In our next issue, we'll explore what happens after a lawsuit is filed and why the real world Court system moves a lot slower than it does on TV. In the meantime, remember: at C&C Law, our job is to protect you every step of the way. From the moment you walk in our doors, you have only one job: taking care of yourself and getting better. Leave the haggling with insurance companies, workers' comp, social security, disability and all the rest to us. Together, we will get you the result you deserve.

A Note From Jim

As the father of four small children, nothing is more important to me than the health and safety of my girls. But focusing on the welfare of kids means more than just keeping them safe-- it means taking care of yourself and the adults in your family, too.

That is why both Carrie and I are up at the crack of dawn each day, making the time to run, go to the gym or do an exercise program at home. We know that our girls are watching everything we do and that *what* we do will mold *who* they become as they grow up.

As a family, we walk in the evenings or ride bicycles thru the neighborhood. We know that fitness and health are a family affair and we try to do all we can to make sure our children grow up as active and happy as possible.

I encourage you all to keep yourselves fit and work with your children, grandchildren (or heck, with your neighbor's children) to teach them the value of a healthy lifestyle.

Feel free to shoot me an email with your ideas on how we can all work together to keep our children's future as healthy and happy as possible.



Do Not Call List

Renew Your Registration

We would like to remind you if you registered for the state's Do Not Call list when it was first created five years ago that you need to re-new your registration. The Do Not Call law provides Pennsylvanians with a means of avoiding unwanted phone calls from telemarketers or other solicitors.

Registration is only valid for five years from the date of initial registration.

- Nearly one million telephone subscribers registered for the state's Do Not Call list in the first two weeks, and millions more have registered in the five years since its enactment.

- **If you registered in 2002, you must re-register by Sept. 15, 2007.**

This applies to both residential landline and wireless telephone numbers.

How To Renew Your Registration:

Please visit www.reppickett.com or contact the office of Tina Pickett at (570) 888-9011 for information on how to register or update your registration for the Do Not Call list.

***Thanks to State Rep Tina Pickett for providing this information to her constituents!

www.WeKnowInjuryLaw.com

It's here!! Our new website is officially up and running. Check us out online for the latest legal news and resources for injured persons as well as Jim's daily blogs (will someone please post a response to his rantings?!?!?)

Jim, Carrie & Catie Head to Dixie

C&C Law attended the important GLM conference held June 29-30th in Virginia. Jim and Carrie brainstormed with attorneys from across the U.S. to examine outside the box marketing and attorney advertising.



Carrie, Catie, Attorney Ben Glass (conference coordinator) and Jim. At just seven weeks old, Catie was the youngest (and cutest) participant.

Legal Myths: Hardly the Whole Truth

Have you heard about the guy who injured himself while using his lawn mower as a hedge clipper, and then won \$500,000 in a lawsuit against the lawn mower company? How about the woman who threw a soft drink at her boyfriend, slipped on the wet floor, and then won \$100,000 in a lawsuit against the restaurant? These are only two of the common examples of lawsuit abuses that are fueling the call for 'litigation reform.' They are also completely untrue – part of a growing collection of legal mythologies that are appearing widely in the national media.

Both stories have been attributed to the Stella Awards, an annual listing of loony lawsuits. But the Stella Web site points out that they both are complete fabrications.

There is a great difference between using urban legends to dish on some actress and using them to make massive changes in the law. So as we begin this latest debate over tort reform, one small piece of advice: If you hear about a case that is almost too good to be true, it probably isn't.

-taken from USA Today

Help! Name Our Newsletter

Want to win a \$50 gift certificate to your choice of local fine dining? Win this contest and you have your choice of a \$50 gift certificate from either Original Italian Grille (Sayre, PA), The Veranda at Shepard Hills (Waverly, NY) or Barstow House (Nichols, NY).

An evening of fine dining can be yours . . . if you are the winner of our 'Name Our Newsletter' contest.

We realize that the name of our newsletter is pretty boring ('Legal Update' . . . snooze!)—yet we can't seem to come up with anything better. So we're asking you, our friends and neighbors, to help us Name Our Newsletter!

Simply submit your idea for a clever name for this newsletter using the contact info at the bottom of this page and if we choose your suggestion—you win!

We are looking for a catchy name that grabs attention and pinpoints what it is we do (as a reminder, we focus our practice on helping our friends and neighbors who have been injured through no fault of their own) .

This contest will end October 1, 2007. That means that all suggestions must be received or postmarked by that date. The author of the winning entry will be featured in an upcoming issue. If you have any questions, just give us a call or shoot an email.

Now put on your creative thinking beanies and help us Name Our Newsletter!

Did You Know?

- 'Prothonotary' is PA's fancy name for 'Court Clerk'?
- Carrie serves on the board of the Animal Care No Kill facility in Smithfield, PA?
- Camille was Captain of the Waverly H.S. cheerleading squad?
- This newsletter was formatted by Buck Consulting (Deb Buck is Jim's Sister)

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Big Bird A Health Threat? See inside for details.

School Bus Safety For Grown-Ups

For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Before children go back to school or start school for the first time, it is essential that adults and children know traffic safety rules.

- * When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- * When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- * Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood.
- * Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- * Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street with out looking for traffic.
- * Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:
 - * **Yellow flashing lights** indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
 - * **Red flashing lights** and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

In the Words of A Happy Client

"The way Jim took over and handled everything was unbelievable . . . when I called I got put right through or Jim would always return my call" — Andrew Glover, Very Happy C&C Law client.

New Name, Same Carla

Our paralegal, Carla McGuinness has changed her name to Carla K. Weldy. Her email has changed, too. Carla can now be reached at carla.weldy@cclaw.cc