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Dear Clients,

It's not unusual to hear someone say that "you cannot legislate morality." In my opinion, nothing could be further from the truth. All law reflects someone's morality – whether it is regarding crime, abortion, marriage, or the national defense. Before you vote this year, try to get a bead on the candidate's morality. If the candidate's view of morality is not like yours, you will not be happy with his or her voting record. Does the candidate believe in God? Does the candidate believe in the sanctity of life? The answers to questions like these will reveal to you whose morality will be legislated.

Most common vehicle accident injuries

More than three million people are injured across the country every year in vehicle accidents, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These injuries take many forms, ranging from mild to life-threatening. Some injuries are more common than others. Below, we will discuss some of the most common injuries suffered in vehicle accidents.

Cuts & scrapes When a vehicle is forced to a sudden stop, anything that isn't bolted down inside can go airborne and become a dangerous projectile. Any of these items can strike the driver, or passengers, cutting and scraping skin. Air bags can also cause scrapes and cuts when they deploy.

Soft tissue injuries Soft tissue injuries involve the body's connective tissue: muscles, ligaments, and tendons. These are the most common type of injury caused by vehicle accidents. They take many forms. Whiplash-type injuries are among the more common. These occur when the muscles and ligaments of the upper back are stretched due to sudden movement. Mid-back and low-back muscle sprains are another common soft tissue injury.

Chest injuries A driver's chest is in the position to take a big impact in an accident. Bruises, contusions, broken ribs, and even internal injuries may be suffered when the vehicle is forced to a sudden stop. The steering wheel, dashboard, or seat belt can all cause damage to the chest.

Arm & leg injuries A collision can throw the driver or passenger's body in any direction. Arms can hit windows, knees can hit dashboards. The extremities can suffer bruises, scrapes, sprains, or breaks, depending on the type and severity of impact.

Head injuries Impact with the steering wheel, windows, dashboard, or any other surface can cause head injuries of varying severity, from mild concussions to permanent brain damage. Head injuries are always serious, no matter how minor they may seem.

If you or a loved one has been injured in a vehicle accident, contact our office right away.



2016 is a Presidential election year in the United States. That makes it a great time to review how we elect a President in this country. You may know all or much of the following, but many citizens (especially younger citizens) may not.

Every four years, on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, Americans go to the polls to elect a new President. Actually, we don't cast our vote for a Presidential candidate, but for a slate of members of the Electoral College. These electors, in turn, vote for President and Vice President. Each state gets a number of electors equal to the number of Representatives and Senators the state has in the U.S. Congress. Washington, DC gets a number of electors equal to the least populous state. State law governs how these electors are chosen, with most states choosing the electors of the candidate who received the most votes in the election. Whichever candidate receives the majority of Electoral College votes across the country becomes the next President. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the House of Representatives chooses the winner.

The rules for Presidential elections are spelled out in Article 2 of the Constitution. Clause 2 details how electors are chosen:

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

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Did you know?

The only independent to ever win the presidency was George Washington. Since that election, every winner was a member of one of two major parties.

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I had given up on the justice system and my trust in lawyers until I hired David Gordon.

He restored my trust in lawyers because he is so honest and fair. I feel like he went the extra mile and he always had my best interest at heart. He never made a promise to me he did not keep. He was always there when I needed him just like he'll be there for you.

– Patricia V, Olive Branch, MS



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Record number of vehicle recalls in 2015

A new record for the total number of vehicles recalled in a year was set in 2015, breaking the previous record set in 2014. Over 51 million vehicles were recalled last year. Mark Rosekind, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, explained that "Part of what's happened is a vigilance in looking for defects and getting them addressed."

The large number of recalls comes as government regulators are cracking down on safety practices by auto makers. Many of the recalls (roughly 19 million) are connected to the Takata air bag issue that has been in the news.

Auto makers seem to be issuing more recalls in an effort to stay ahead of regulators and avoid fines and other punishments for safety failures. If this forces manufacturers to focus more on safety in the future, then this news is good news.



"Take this and make it much more difficult than it needs to be."