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## Creating Lasting Memories: Thanksgiving Traditions to Cherish

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude, togetherness, and reflection. Beyond the feast and festivities, it's an opportunity to establish meaningful traditions that bring family and friends closer while honoring the spirit of the holiday. Whether you're continuing long-held customs or starting new ones, here are some Thanksgiving traditions to consider that will help make this holiday truly special.

- 1. Gratitude Circle:** Gather your loved ones before the meal and take turns expressing something you're thankful for. This tradition fosters a sense of appreciation and reflection, reminding everyone of the blessings in their lives.
- 2. Volunteering Together:** In the spirit of giving, consider volunteering as a family or group of friends. Whether it's serving at a local soup kitchen, collecting donations for a food drive, or participating in a community clean-up, volunteering can create a sense of unity and purpose.
- 3. Friendsgiving:** Celebrate with friends who might not have family nearby by hosting a "Friendsgiving" gathering. Share stories, enjoy a potluck-style feast, and create lasting memories with your chosen family.
- 4. Family Recipe Exchange:** Encourage family members to share their favorite recipes, whether they're cherished holiday classics or personal favorites. Compile these recipes into a family cookbook that can be passed down through generations.
- 5. Pie Contest:** Host a pie-making contest among family members or friends. Everyone can contribute their favorite pie, and the winner can earn the coveted "Best Pie Baker" title for the year.
- 6. Memory Jar:** Have a memory jar on the table where everyone can jot down a special memory or something they're thankful for during the year. Open the jar the following year and reminisce about the past.

In the end, what truly matters is the time spent together, the bonds strengthened, and the memories created. Whether your Thanksgiving traditions are steeped in history or freshly conceived, they serve as a reminder of the importance of gratitude, love, and the warmth of human connection.



"Honestly Madam, do you expect this court to believe that *all* of your husbands mysteriously disappeared at this time in November?"



# Risk of Home Fire Increases in Winter

As the temperature drops, the risk of a home fire increases substantially. The most likely cause of a home fire is cooking. The second most likely cause of a home fire is a space heater. Space heaters are also involved in 79% of home fire deaths. To decrease the chances of disaster, some safety precautions can be taken.

Never leave a space heater running in a room that is unoccupied. Plug space heaters directly into an outlet, do not use an extension cord or power strip. Keep anything that can catch fire at least three feet away from any space heater. According to the National Fire Protection Association, half of all home fires start because something is too close to a heater.

Use common sense in the kitchen to keep fire from sparking up. Keep towels and any other flammable items far away from burners. Do not leave cooking items unattended. Do not use your oven to heat your home.

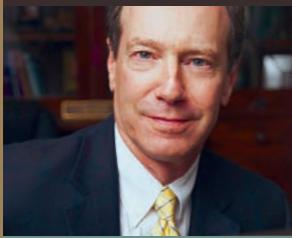
Just being aware of fire danger goes a long way to preventing home fires. Take these safety precautions and pay attention to the risks and you will greatly decrease the chance that disaster strikes your home.



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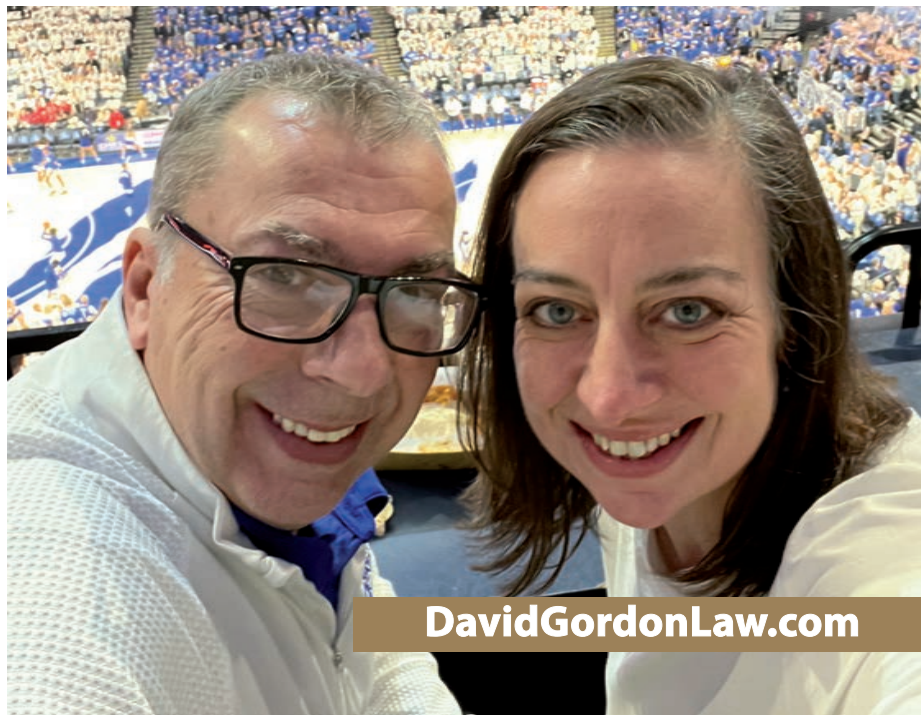
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## Meet Our Team

### Elissa Coombs

Elissa Coombs is our Litigation Counsel and has been with us for over four years. She is the attorney that oversees all lawsuits in our office.

Elissa is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and lives in Holly Springs, Mississippi, with her husband, Glen. She graduated from Auburn University and the University of Memphis School of Law, where she has been an adjunct professor for over 20 years. Elissa and Glen enjoy attending Tigers and Grizzlies games, spending time at Pickwick Lake, playing in an adult kickball league, and spoiling their two rescue dogs, a husky mix and an akita mix.



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