



April 2007 Newsletter for our Clients & Friends |
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Truth I have learned from my two children: "Raising teenagers is like trying to nail Jell-O to a tree"

Visit my new blog: Oklahoma Legal Help Blog--- for interesting articles relating to legal situations and how they affect you. You can either get there by going to www.oklahomalegalhelpblog.com or going to my website www.edmondgeary.com and clicking on the link on the left side of the home page that says Oklahoma Legal Help Blog

What Experienced Tornado Chasers Tell Us About How to Protect Yourself Around These Dangerous Storms

Now that spring is here, all of us in Oklahoma are familiar with the feeling when a storm is brewing. You can sense it. The air gets heavy and initially it may be still. Then the winds pick up and the sky is a funny color. If you saw the movie "Twister" then you know that storm chasers are people who actually like this time of year. They pursue tornadoes, not only to help news and weather people better prepare the public at large, but also, for the thrill and excitement.

Even though these chasers are attempting to see how close they can drive to the tornado, seasoned storm chasers do their best to avoid the "core punch" of the storm. That is the wall of extremely heavy precipitation. Several bad things could happen in that situation such as running into large hail or being hit by lightning. Also, chasers who follow clouds that can produce tornadoes say that you don't want to put yourself in the path of rotating clouds.

If you're out driving and there is already a tornado and you notice that it is getting bigger but not moving, guess what? That means you're in its path and you should quickly move in a direction that is away from the tornado's path. Remember to be extremely observant of your surroundings, looking above you, as well as behind you. It would be best if you had another person in the car to help you keep track of the weather as well as the road. Keep your radio on to listen to any developments. And, of course, avoid driving into rising water.

Trust your instincts if they tell you something isn't right and you should get out of there fast. Like the weather newscasters say, if necessary you might need to get out of your car and into a ditch to put yourself below the level of the road, if there is no time to drive away. Minimize the danger as much as possible and you'll be able to tell your friends how you escaped the tornado.

Adults Who Allow Underage Drinking --Even With Their Own Children, At Home --Risk Criminal Charges

Lately, I've run across a number of news articles about parents who host or allow their teen-age children to have a party where drinking occurs. With the end of school, proms and graduation coming up, parents worry about how to keep their kids safe, while still allowing them to celebrate and enjoy this special time. I can relate to this because my son, Ryan is a senior this year and will be graduating in May. So, I share other parents' concerns about this issue.

Unfortunately, some parents make the unwise decision that "if my child is going to drink anyway...I might as well supervise it at my home so I can make sure he doesn't drive or get into too much trouble." A decision like this is a recipe for disaster! Even if the parent falls asleep at home while the teenagers are there and the kids drink alcohol without the parent knowing, the parent can be charged.

Such was the case about a month ago in Virginia when a mom was charged with five counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and one count of providing alcohol to minors. The mom said she had taken some medication and was upstairs sleeping while her teenage daughter had several friends over.

An anonymous caller informed police of the underage drinking party going on. The police went to the home and tried for 30 minutes to get someone to come to the door and finally put spotlights on the house, which resulted in the mother answering the door. There were several alcohol containers in the backyard and a bunch of cars at the house. Six young people were ticketed for underage drinking and their parents had to pick them up.

Remember, if you have young people in your home under the age of 21, you can be held accountable for their actions. Even if they don't drive and none of them are arrested for DUI, DWI, there are lots of other bad things that can happen—such as someone falling and injuring himself, fights and violence breaking out, or sexual assault.

Then there's also the possibility that teens will get alcohol poisoning and even die--- which actually happened here in Oklahoma City to a student at Putnam City North (where my son goes to school). About a month ago, a 15-year-old girl

was supposed to be studying with a friend but, instead, they were drinking. The young lady became drunk so her friend called her parents to pick her up. They took her home and she became sick, throwing up repeatedly over several hours. The parents thought she was getting it out of her system, but tragically, the next morning they found their daughter dead on the bathroom floor.

After this event, medical professionals cautioned that someone who is drunk and throwing up for more than an hour should go to the hospital as they could have alcohol poisoning and can die from it. However, if they are treated, they can recover.

These events were very sad and I hope it doesn't happen again. However, there are some things adults can do, particularly in their home, to avoid underage drinking.

For instance if your teen son or daughter is having a party at your home:

- Make sure one parent is home at all times
- Stay awake and alert to what is going on
- Have guests leave heavy coats and backpacks with you
- Don't allow someone inside with a beverage you haven't inspected.
- Serve snacks in small bowls so you have a reason to enter the party often
- Put away your personal alcohol and prescription drugs in an area that's off limits to the kids
- Be at the door at the end of the party and don't let anyone drive who you suspect may have been drinking
- Call parents or police if someone is causing a problem

And one way to guard against an unknown party taking place while you're away from home is to let neighbors know that you want them to call you and/or police to shut a drinking party down. Let your son or daughter know you've done this.

These are a few ways you can help protect your teenagers and yourself from horrible situations and big legal trouble. Hopefully, you and your loved ones won't need my help, but if the unforeseen does happen, call me at the earliest sign of legal difficulties so I can help protect you.

Court Notes Humor: Incredible but true. These are some of the real-life answers given in the courtroom.

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?

A: It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

**Need Help Getting Your Home Organized?
Call My Daughter, Christine--- at 405-590-0196
Owner of Organized Delight**

A short time ago my daughter, Christine graduated from college and has started a professional organizing business. After finishing college at OU she moved back from Norman and she tactfully began to work on me and her mom to get various parts of our house more organized. It was like she was driven to do this as a new form of entertainment and satisfaction. She became a faithful viewer of organizing shows on cable TV and bought organizing books to read as well. To make sure she really wanted to do that kind of work she even worked for another organizer as an employee before she did her first organizing job on her own. In other words, she studied many organizers' styles and tips to learn the latest techniques for turning a stress inducing mess into a harmonious, usable space that makes you feel good to be in.

We (especially my wife) certainly have enjoyed the benefits of being able to find things easier in the areas of our home that Christine has worked on. If you've ever seen my desk, I know you're probably thinking, Christine should help me with MY office --- but I guess I'm one of those people who "has my own system and knows where things are" even though it may not make sense to someone else. So I'm reluctant to let someone else file things away – because it may really mess up my "filing system".

Anyway, my wife has really enjoyed what Christine did with her home office and maybe if my daughter keeps working on me, someday I'll let her work on my office. On the next page is a before and after picture of the home office supply closet that she transformed. Even I recognize that this was a vast improvement. Keep in mind Christine can help you if you:

- Need to get your home ready to sell
- Have moved into a different home and need help getting organized
- Have lived in your home for several years and are overwhelmed with too much “stuff”
- Want to get your home ready for a special event or company
- Are Tired of Wasting time and energy looking for things all the time
- Are Tired of Arguments with family member about who last used and “lost” something

Plus, from now until the end of June she agreed to offer a Special for My Newsletter readers and their family or friends ---

Buy 2 Hours of Organizing, Get 2 Hours Free (A \$70.00 Value) ---

Sorry, you out-of-towners --this is only for homes in Oklahoma City and Edmond, by appointment --- Call Christine at 405-590-0196 & mention this newsletter.



Office Closet Before



Office Closet After

Did You Know...

- Ernest Hemingway, the legendary journalist, and short story writer wrote his works while standing up.
- According to studies of human attractiveness, 8% of the world’s population is considered extremely good looking; 17% better than average; 50% average; 17% somewhat below average; and 8% ugly.

Welcome To New Clients and Thank You for Referring!

*I love spending more of my time thinking about your case, various strategies and the best way to educate and help you with your legal matters, rather than spending my time doing TV and radio advertising to bring in new clients. That's why I appreciate your referral of two like- quality individuals who need to talk to a lawyer. Furthermore, I will gift your two referred friends, relatives, neighbors, or peers (not current or past clients) with a \$100 Value Consultation Certificate. **Just call the office at 405-728-8223 to make the arrangements.***



Health Tip Of the Month...

(These tips are not for everybody and should not be taken as specific recommendations. Before you take any action regarding yours or anyone's health, we strongly suggest you consult a qualified physician – whether your condition is a result of a personal injury caused by someone else & requiring legal help, or due to some other reason!)

Washing Your Hands at Work

It makes sense that disease can often be caught or spread at the work place. “While most people employ good cleaning habits to fight germs at home, they have much less control over their work environment.” says Nancy Bock, from the Soap and Detergent Association. “That makes proper hand washing the first line of defense against germs in the work place.” The Soap and Detergent Association recommends scrubbing hands for at least 15 seconds and suggest doing so in these situations:

- Before and after lunch
- Each time you use the restroom
- Before and after shaking hands
- Before and after staff meetings if food is served or if papers have been passed from person to person
- After flipping through newspapers or magazines
- When using shared office equipment like faxes, phones, copiers, etc., or when using someone else's keyboard or tools.

Client Quiz!

Please enter our Client Quiz. The first person who answers the quiz question correctly will receive a Free Blockbuster certificate. All you need to do is circle the correct answer below and fill out your name and contact information and either fax this to me at 405-840-9467 or mail it to Ed Geary, Attorney at Law, 5601 NW 72nd, Suite 178, Oklahoma City, OK 73132 or call in your answer to 728-8223 and leave your name, phone number and time you called.

Here's Last Month's Quiz Question and Answer!

Q. What is the Gaeltacht?

- A. A seedy neighborhood in Dublin, on the wrong side of the Liffey.**
- B. Rocky islands off the coast of Kerry, once inhabited by Irish monks.**
- C. A contemporary Irish literary movement promoting literature in Irish (Gaelic).**
- D. The Irish (Gaelic) speaking parts of Ireland, most of which are on the western coast.**

Correct Answer: D

Congratulations to Geary Litton who won last month's quiz contest.

Now Here's This Month's Quiz Question

Circle the correct answer below and either fax or mail it as indicated below the address blank.

Q. What lawyer defended thrill killers Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold?

- A. F. Lee Bailey**
- B. Clarence Darrow**
- C. Alf Landon**
- D. William Jennings Bryan**

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“3 Questions You Should Ask Before Hiring a Lawyer Plus 6 TIPS For Getting Higher Settlements in Your Personal Injury Claim and Avoid Paying for Losses that Aren't Your Fault”

If you or someone you care about happens to be the victim of an accident through someone else's fault you need this information. As I have pointed out in the article in this newsletter, the insurance company who represents the other person at fault is not on your side and is trying to limit the amount paid out. That's why you need to be as informed as possible.

Call 405-728-8223 to get a copy of our FREE Report that reveals this critical information

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Or Check Off The Ones You Want On This Form And Mail/Fax It In!*

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- "How to Protect Your Rights if the Unexpected Happens & You are stopped or Arrested; & Avoid DUI Guidelines" Glove Box/Wallet or Purse Mini Guide (Remember to get some for your friends and loved ones –so tell us or indicate how many of these you want)
- "The TRUTH About The Financial Loss Caused By Long Term Care"
- "10 Common Estate Planning Disasters (And How to Avoid Them)"

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