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YEAR IN REVIEW AT MAX MEYERS LAW



Max Meyers Law has had a big 2019!

We have been lucky enough to have a record number of people trust us to care for them and handle their vehicle accident cases. Many of those people come directly from referrals of people like you, readers of this newsletter. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your trust in recommending your friends and family to us!

We moved into a huge new office space. It's more than we need right now but I can't resist a good deal when I see one. The feedback from clients who have visited has been very positive. We are also growing the staff and will be welcoming a new staff member very soon, announcement to come in 2020.

The firm is growing because people want great service and a personal connection with their legal team, including their lawyer. That is what we are about at Max Meyers Law and will forever continue to be about.

Our clients were able to receive fair and just compensation for their accident claims either by settlement or in court via a verdict. Fighting the good fight for clients to deliver fair compensation for injuries, pay off medical bills, and bring closure to a difficult chapter in our client's life is the most enjoyable part of what the MML team does.

Looking forward into 2020, I'm seeing the distracted driver trend continue to increase in vehicle accident cases. The cell phone is the number one distraction I see in accidents. The direct result has been a BIG increase in the severity of crash impacts involved in accidents. As a result, more severe injuries are common, especially concussions.

The two best pieces of advice I can give is put down the phone (duh), and make sure your own auto or motorcycle insurance has at least \$300,000 in Underinsured Motorist (UIM) coverage.

The biggest problem in accidents with bad injuries is the at-fault driver having too little insurance to cover all the damages suffered of our clients. UIM picks up the pieces when this happens. Protect yourself and your family with good UIM coverage!

I wish you all the best and may your Holiday Season bring you many blessings!

- Max & the Team at MML



Alcohol-Related Accidents DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays can be a dangerous time to be on the road, with winter road conditions, fatigue, distractions, more traffic, and higher alcohol consumption all common during the holidays. Law enforcement in Washington state takes drinking and driving seriously. Prosecutors filed **2,157 DUI cases in December of 2015 alone**. There were over 26,000 driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs cases in Washington courts in 2015.

The alcohol-related accident rate statistics nationwide are staggering. **Almost 20 percent of the traffic crashes that take the lives of children in America involve alcohol.** Around 30 percent of all traffic fatalities in Washington have at least one driver over the legal limit for alcohol. In fact, nearly 20 percent of Washington road deaths had drivers whose blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.15, which is almost twice the legal limit.

While Washington's fatal traffic accident rate is a little lower than the national average, the holidays see a spike in collisions. December has the highest rate of car crashes in Washington state, with over 400 per day. In 2015, there were 1,349 collisions over the Thanksgiving weekend, 843 around Christmas, and 882 during the New Year's holiday.

HOW CAN I AVOID AN ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASH DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Regardless of how many advertising and public awareness campaigns there are every year, there will still be people who get behind the wheel after drinking. With impaired drivers on the road and a few parties on your calendar, is it possible to have fun during the holidays and stay safe? Yes, it is, if you follow these important safety tips:

BE PRO-ACTIVE.

Take actions that can save someone's life.

- When you see a driver who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, pull over at a safe spot and call 9-1-1. Report the license plate number as well as the color, make, model and other details about the vehicle. Tell the 9-1-1 operator the location and direction the car was traveling.
- Take the keys of someone who has had too much to drink. If you are not comfortable doing this and you are at a public venue, tell the server or bartender. They have plenty of experience dealing with people who are intoxicated.



- Never get behind the wheel when you have been drinking and do not get in the car with a driver who has been consuming alcohol.

PLAN AHEAD.

When a holiday event is coming up and you expect to drink alcohol, make arrangements to get home safe. Depending on your budget and how many people will be splitting the cost with you, some options for getting home include:

- Renting a party bus or limousine for the evening. With enough people pitching in, these options can be surprisingly affordable.
- If you do not already have one, set up an Uber, Lyft or other ride-sharing account and

install the app on your cell phone so you can easily call for a ride when you are ready to go home.

- Put the phone number of several taxi companies in your cell phone to make it convenient to take a cab home.

- Look up the hours and routes for public transportation at the time you expect to be going home from the event.

HOW CAN I FILE A CLAIM IN A DRUNK DRIVER CASE?

Unfortunately, this holiday season some innocent people may be the victims of drunk drivers. What should you do if you are in a crash with a drunk driver?

First, call 911. The police will arrive to create an accident report. If the officer suspects alcohol consumption, he or she will evaluate the suspected drunk driver's impairment. Results from a Breathalyzer or other alcohol test may not only be a factor in any criminal case against the drunk driver, but could be vital evidence in a civil case if you pursue legal action against the drunk driver to recover compensation for injury-related expenses and losses.

Second, talk with a lawyer about filing a claim for your injuries. Alcohol-related accident injury claims may be more complicated than standard accident claims, as they may require getting BAC results and other reports to prove impairment and liability.

CALL MAX MEYERS LAW IF YOU WERE HURT BY A DRUNK DRIVER.

Max Meyers Law PLLC handles drunk driver traffic-related accident claims. Call us today at **425-276-7804** and we will set up your free consultation.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER *this Holiday Season*



Are you looking for a way to give back this holiday season?

There are so many people in need of your time and giving spirit, but they may not be able to ask for your help. The HuffPost published a great article with several ways that you and your family can give back to those in need this holiday season.

Deliver A Meal - Share a meal with a lonely person in need this holiday season when you sign up with the Meals on Wheel's food delivery program.
www.meals-on-wheels.com

Sponsor A Needy Family - Put food on the table for a family that doesn't have the means to do so when you volunteer with Family-to-family.org, an organization that matches you with a household in need.
www.family-to-family.org

Volunteer For Vets - Find out how you can thank the veterans who put their lives on the line for our safety by visiting the Department of Veteran Affairs.
www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/VolunteerNow

Help The Homeless - At a time when warm homes and family gatherings are common, the homeless are left feeling particularly isolated. The National Coalition for the Homeless offers a number of ways for volun-

teers to combat homelessness by serving food at shelters, building homes, or offering job training.

www.nationalhomeless.org/want_to_help

Visit A Senior - More than 50 percent of senior citizens in nursing homes never get visitors, according to the Senior Source. Bring a sense of family to someone who doesn't have one, when you volunteer by contacting your local nursing homes.

Show Some Puppy Love - Get a warm-fuzzy feeling when you volunteer with furry, loyal creatures who are waiting to find the perfect home. Find an animal shelter that needs your help!

www.petfinder.com/animal-shelters-and-rescues/-search

How do you give back during the holidays? MML wants to know! Send us an email letting us know how you like to give back to dawn@maxmeyerslaw.com.

DECEMBER

TOUR ARTIST'S STUDIOS DEC 6 - 8

Shop from 22 artists at 6 studios who make clothing, jewelry, glass, ceramics, prints, and more on Seattle Sampling Artists' Studio Tour.

Visit www.seattlesampling.com for more details.

CRAFT SHOW DEC 7 - 8

Shop for hand-crafted clothing, jewelry, toys, stationery, art, candles, housewares, and food at Urban Craft Uprising Winter Show in the Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center. Repeats in June.

Visit the www.urbancraftuprising.com/ucu for more details.

GREEN LAKE LIGHTS DEC 14

Take a walk following glowing luminaries on the Green Lake Pathway of Lights, which includes live music at four locations, rain or snow or stars. Free.

Visit www.facebook.com/events/311897509641715 for details.

CHARLES DICKENS FESTIVAL DEC 14

Dickens Festival at Stadium has characters in Victorian costumes, puppet shows, dressed up dogs, music, drums, and dancers in Tacoma's Stadium District. Also visit Victorian Holiday Festival at the botanical conservatory via horse carriage rides.

Details at www.dickensfestival.net.

NATIVE CRAFT FAIR DEC 20 - 22

Shop for art prints, clothing, jewelry, woodworking, drums, and lunch at Native Art Mart at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Discovery Park. Free.

Visit www.unitedindians.org/events/art-markets for details.

HOLIDAY RUN DEC 21

You're welcome to dress for the holidays when you join the Holiday Fun Run (5K, 10K, 15K), followed by hot chocolate and cider at Magnuson Park.

Visit www.facebook.com/events/1942810382690664 for more information.

JINGLE BELL RUN - TACOMA DEC 24

Run or walk 3 miles at the Jingle Bell Run at Wright Park in Tacoma. Costumes are welcome.

Visit www.metroparkstacoma.org/event/jingle-bellrun-1030-am.

JAZZ SHOW DEC 29

Sacred Music by Duke Ellington features the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra, plus guest vocalists, a gospel choir, and tap dancers at Town Hall Seattle.

Visit www.earshot.org/ellingtons-sacred-music for more details.

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

EASY SUGAR COOKIES

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter softened to room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Combine butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer (or in a large bowl and use an electric hand mixer) and beat until creamy and well-combined. Add egg and vanilla extract and beat until completely combined.

In a separate, medium-sized bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add dry ingredients into wet until completely combined.

Lay out a large piece of plastic wrap and transfer approximately half of the dough onto the wrap (dough will be quite sticky at this point, that's OK!). Cover with clear wrap and mold into a disk. Repeat with remaining cookie dough in another piece of cling wrap. Transfer dough to refrigerator and chill for at least 2-3 hours.

Once dough has finished chilling, preheat oven to 350F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.

Generously dust a clean surface with flour and deposit one chilled cookie dough disk onto the surface. Lightly flour the dough and roll out to 1/8" (for thinner, crispier cookies) or 1/4" (for thicker, softer cookies). Continue to add flour as needed both on top of and beneath the dough so that it doesn't stick.

Use cookie cutters to cut out shapes and use a spatula to transfer shapes to prepared baking sheet.

Bake at 350F for 9-10 minutes, or until edges just begin to turn lightly golden brown. Allow cookies to cool completely on cookie sheet before moving and frosting. Enjoy!



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MML'S FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIES OF ALL TIME!

The holidays are finally here and who doesn't love a good Christmas movie to get you in the spirit of the holiday season?!

There are SO many great Christmas movies out there to choose from. We all have our favorites, whether it be one of the classics, a funny comedy, or a good old family Christmas flick.

What is your favorite Christmas movie of all time? We took a poll here at Max Meyers Law and are sharing our list of our Favorite Christmas Movies of All Time.

The Max Meyers Law team hopes you take some time to slow down, watch a good Christmas movie and enjoy loved ones this Holiday season!

Here are our favorites... in no particular order.






A CHRISTMAS STORY (1983)

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946)

ELF (2003)

SCROOGED (1988)

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION (1989)

LOVE ACTUALLY (2003)

DIE HARD (1988)
(YES... WE COUNT THIS AS A CHRISTMAS MOVIE)

HOME ALONE (1990)

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN (1969)

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (1993)

THE POLAR EXPRESS (2004)

THE HOLIDAY (2006)

DADDY'S HOME 2 (2017)

THE SANTA CLAUSE (1994)

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (2004)

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (1966, 2000)



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