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NATIONAL LOST PENNY DAY IS FEBRUARY 12TH

by Dawn Husmoe



Did you know that the first U.S. penny was designed by Benjamin Franklin and minted in 1787? Billions of pennies have been minted and put into circulation since then. It was in 1909 that the penny became the first coin to have a president's image on it! This was released on February 12, 1909 in commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's 100th birthday.

"A penny saved is a penny earned." – Benjamin Franklin

Pennies have always been something near and dear to me. I always keep an eye out for them as I stroll down the street, walk through a store, or just while I am cleaning the house.

Pennies seem to find their way to me in the most unique ways. There is a saying about pennies that I hold near and dear to my heart that goes like this:

Pennies From Heaven

I found a penny today,
just laying on the ground.
But it's not just a penny
this little coin I've found.

Pennies come from heaven,
that's what my grandpa told me.
He said angels toss them down
oh, how I loved that story.



He said when an angel misses you,
they toss a penny down.
Sometimes just to cheer you up,
to make a smile out of a frown.

So don't pass by that penny,
when you are feeling blue.
It may be a penny from heaven,
that an angel has tossed to you!

Here are some things you can do in honor of National Lost Penny Day:

- Look out for lost pennies. You can make a game of it! If you have kids, you could turn it into a scavenger hunt.
- Flip a coin (a penny) to help you make a decision today.
- Donate your pennies to a good cause.
- Roll up your horde of pennies & cash them in.
- Start a penny collection.
- Throw a penny into a fountain and make a wish.
- Give someone a penny for their thoughts.

**Have a Happy and Prosperous
National Lost Penny Day!**



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MML College Scholarship Program

It is time to start planning on how you will reach your goals in 2021!

Max Meyers Law strongly believes in supporting those who are looking to further their education this year.

College costs continue to rise, which can cause stress and financial burden to families in our community. We want students to be able to focus on learning and not have to worry about how they will pay for their schooling.

This is why we have rolled out the Max Meyers Law Scholarship program. A \$2,500 scholarship will be given to the individual who is selected as the winner of our essay challenge.

To learn more about how to apply, you can visit our website at MaxMeyersLaw.com/scholarship.



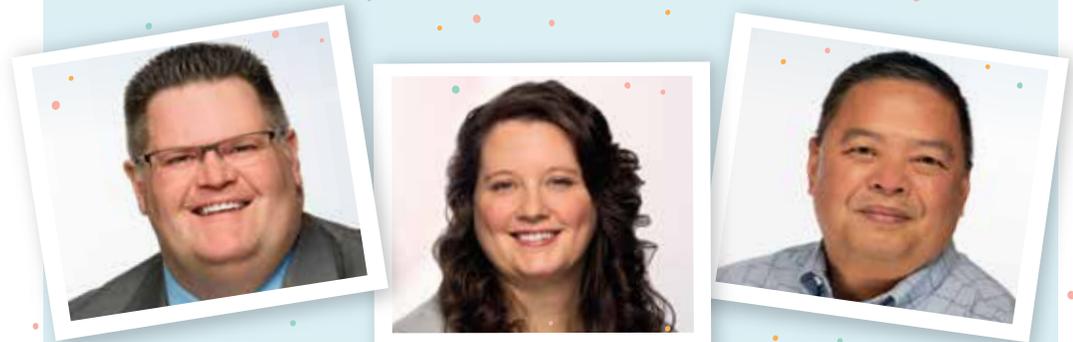
♥♥ *Happy* ♥♥
Valentine's Day



The Birthday Trio at MML!

We want to wish a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to three of our team members at Max Meyers Law! Max, Shelly, and Richard are all February birthday babies, so we have a lot to celebrate this month... and we could all use an excuse to celebrate!

Happy Birthday to Max, Shelly and Richard!



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Who Is Responsible For My Truck Accident: The Truck Driver or the Truck Company?

Liability is much more complicated in truck accident cases than with auto accident cases. In a passenger car traffic accident, you typically only deal with the other motorist and his/her insurer. However, liability for truck accidents can extend beyond the truck driver to include numerous parties, all of which are interested in protecting themselves against liability.

For this reason, it is imperative that you speak with an experienced truck accident attorney as soon as possible to preserve your right to compensation.

WHO IS LIABLE FOR MY TRUCK ACCIDENT?

In most car accident cases, if the driver's negligence causes an accident, the driver will be your liable party. However, in most cases, you will not hold the truck driver liable for your damages. If the truck driver's negligence caused the accident, then you would typically file a claim against the trucking company, not the driver directly. This is because of a legal doctrine called respondeat superior, a law that provides that companies can be liable for their employees' actions.

This is actually a good thing for truck accident victims because trucking company insurance policies are generally better and larger than a personal insurance policy. In other words, trucking companies have deeper pockets and you can likely recover a much fuller settlement by filing against the company.

However, this also means that you will likely be fighting an uphill battle. Trucking companies often have very large, experienced insurers and legal teams. In many cases, accident victims who take on trucking companies themselves end up jeopardizing their case or accepting far too little for their case.

CAN A TRUCKING COMPANY BE DIRECTLY LIABLE FOR MY ACCIDENT?

Yes. A trucking company can be directly liable for your accident if the trucking company:

- Forced or encouraged its drivers to stay on the road past federally-mandated hours
- Hired a driver with a history of dangerous driving (e.g., DUIs, speeding tickets, etc.)
- Did not suspend a driver for driving while intoxicated
- Requiring drivers to text and drive

ARE THERE TIMES WHEN A TRUCKING COMPANY IS NOT LIABLE FOR MY ACCIDENT?

There are exceptions to this rule, though. If any of the following circumstances apply, then you may need to file against the truck driver rather than (or sometimes in addition to) the company:

- **Independent contractors:** Respondeat superior only applies to employees, not self-employed drivers. If the truck driver that hit you was an independent contractor rather than an employee, you will need to file against the driver. (Max Meyers will investigate your case to determine whether the driver was actually an independent contractor; in some cases, trucking companies will misclassify employees to save money or deflect liability.)
- **Off duty:** Employers are only liable for their employees' actions when the employees were acting within the course and scope of employment. An employer would be liable if a driver caused an accident making a delivery, but if the driver was off the clock and had an accident while running a personal errand, then the company will not be liable.
- **Intentional:** If the truck driver intentionally caused the wreck or harmed you, then the trucking company is not liable. You can file a

civil claim against the driver and pursue recovery.

WHAT DO I NEED TO ESTABLISH LIABILITY?

You will need to be able to show that the trucking company or other responsible party caused the accident as a result of its carelessness or negligence.



The items you may use as evidence to prove liability depend upon the circumstances of your accident. For instance, if the driver was texting while driving, we can subpoena his/her phone records to prove negligence. If s/he fell asleep at the wheel, we can obtain his/her log books to see if s/he overstepped the legal hours of service limits or his/her drug and alcohol test to see if s/he was intoxicated.

It is important to note that trucking companies tend to "lose" or quickly destroy evidence after an accident to protect their interests. Our team at Max Meyers Law PLLC can take steps to stop the destruction of evidence, collect any necessary evidence to prove liability, and obtain maximum compensation for you.

We will also determine whether there are any potential third parties responsible for your truck accident. We will build cases against any parties involved.

For a free consultation with a truck accident lawyer, call **Max Meyers Law PLLC** today at **425-276-7804** to learn about how we can help your claim.

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

This soup recipe was one of Dawn's grandmothers go-to meals. A great meal to make if you want leftovers and for those cold Winter evenings.

Grandma's Split Pea Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 pound bag split peas, dried, washed with water
- 2 ½ quarts cold water
- 1 large ham shank
- 1 large onion, minced
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 handful parsley, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste (after done cooking)

Directions:

Add the ham shank, onion, celery, carrots, parsley and split peas to a 5 ½ - 6 quart pot. Pour in the water and heat to a boil. Cover and simmer 4 to 5 hours.

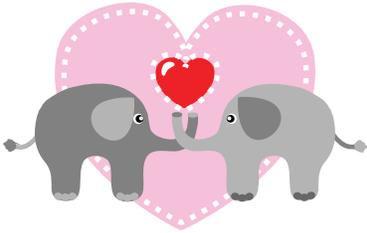
Remove the ham shank from the pot and shred meat off the bone. Add meat back into pot and stir. Season with salt and pepper to taste and enjoy!





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Where Accident Victims Get Help



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WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING...

A FIVE STAR REVIEW FROM A MAX MEYERS LAW CLIENT



"... All around 5 star law firm..."

Highly recommend Max Meyers! Office staff are super nice and helpful. Great newsletters with helpful tips and great recipes!
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 An all around 5 star law firm that is down to earth, honest and really cares about your overall well being!!
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 -Cass



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