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YEAR IN REVIEW *at MML*

Well it finally seems we have made it through the worst of Covid and now just have to learn to live with it like we do the Flu. The three years have been tough for our clients and us with all the changes to our daily and work lives. Luckily, things appear to be normalizing a bit now.

Have you returned to the office? As many of you know we at MML have been in the office nearly the whole time. Now we see many more folks also getting back to the office setting. Have you notice how much of our mental health needs regular interaction with other people face to face?

That's one of the reason our team members all wanted to be back in the office during the pandemic. Of course, needing a break from 24/7 with your family can also play a part for some folks!

In the legal world the courts are almost all back to full operations. The mix between live in courtroom and via Zoom appears to be here to stay. Frankly, I feel this is better and more efficient for the processing of our client's cases and the use of court resources.

All of us are dealing with economic issues and inflation as a result of the pandemic. Insurance companies are influenced by the investment markets to a fair extent. When the investment markets are down insurance companies move to save money by paying less for claims, which translates into more low ball offers to our clients.

This has led to a higher percentage of our clients' having to resort to lawsuits to get fair compensation for their injuries caused by another driver. I believe this will continue for at least the next year.

As usual our amazing readers have recommended us to their friends and family. THANK YOU for your continued faith in us. Your trust in recommending your friends and family to us is a source of great pride for our Team!

*I wish you all the best in
this Holiday Season
and in the coming New Year!*
-Max



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Discover the secrets insurance companies don't want you to know.

Get Max's book: *The Ultimate Guide to Motorcycle Accident Cases in Washington: Motorcycle Accident Secrets Unlocked.*

Visit our website at www.WashingtonMotorcycle-Book.com to get your free download now or call **425.276.7804** to have a copy mailed to you.

MML Team's Favorite Christmas Time Charities

The Holidays are a great time to think about those less fortunate than yourself. All of us here at Max Meyers Law have been truly blessed, where all our needs are met and we don't have to worry about putting food on the table, let alone making the holidays special for our family. The sad reality is that many families throughout Washington cannot say the same. During the Holiday season, we love to donate to charities who reach out to families in need. Here are a few of our MML Team's favorites.

The Forgotten Children's Fund serves families with children who would not receive gifts on Christmas. There's nothing worse than a child with no present to open on Christmas! FCF selects families who are generally not receiving anything from any other charities. Each child receives a winter coat and at least three presents – some lucky kids get a bicycle, while the family also receives food staples and warm blankets. There are no paid staff at FCF, it is a volunteer run organization. You can donate or volunteer to wrap presents. www.forgottenchildrensfund.org

Toys for Tots is a well-known charity run by the U.S. Marine Corps. New toy gifts are provided to children ages 0-14 based on family income need. In years past, Toys for Tots have provided gifts and stocking stuffers to over 29,000 kids in King County alone. There are many ways to help. You can donate a new toy, volunteer, or even host a toy collection event. www.toysfortots.org

Seattle's Union Gospel Mission helps the homeless in Seattle with meals, hosting a shelter, and warm blankets. Every time any of us go to Seattle, the challenges the homeless population face are there to be seen by anyone who takes the time to look. The Union Gospel Mission is one of the places that provide warm meals daily. So many Washingtonians live paycheck to paycheck, and but for the Grace of God any of us could easily find ourselves needing the help of organizations like the Union Gospel Mission.

Each donation of \$2.00 provides a holiday meal to a person in need. www.ugm.org

Ronald McDonald House helps families with sick children find comfort and support when they need it the most. There are several programs offered including programs like the Ronald McDonald Houses, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles. These programs provide housing that is near a hospitalized child, the expense of a family staying together in another city, and even provide access to basic medical and dental care. An easy way for you to help support RMHC is to drop your spare change in the donation boxes at participating McDonald's restaurants. Little by little, it adds up and can mean a lot. If you would like to get involved and help these families in need, visit www.rmhc.org

There are so many other great charities, probably right in your own neighborhood, who would love for you to reach out and help. Giving to others is truly the way to embrace the Holiday season.

**All of us here at Max Meyers Law
wish everyone a Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays!!**

DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec 10 Taste of Bothell

Sample 50 wines, beers, ciders, and spirits in 23 shops during Holiday Wine, Beer & Spirits Walk at First & Main Design Market, 10100 Main St. in Bothell for age 21+. You're welcome to "wear your goofy holiday sweaters, blinking antlers, bells, and elf boots."

Visit www.bothellkenmorechamber.org for details.

Dec 10 - 11 Craft Fair

Renegade Craft Fair offers indie crafts, food trucks, and DJ music at Hangar 30 at Magnuson Park, 6310 NE 74th St. in Seattle.

Visit www.renegadecraft.com/fair/seattle-winter/ for details and tickets.

Dec 17 - 18 Native Craft Fair

Shop for clothing, jewelry, woodworking, drums, and art prints at United Indians Native Art Market in Discovery Park at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, 5011 Bernie Whitebear Way in Seattle. Free.

Visit www.unitedindians.org/native-art-market/ for details.

Dec 17 Holiday Run

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, 7400 Sand Point Way NE in Seattle.

Visit www.magnusonseries.org/ for details.

Dec 17 Jingle Bell Run

Run or walk 3 miles at the Jingle Bell Run and have "a cup of hot cocoa" at Wright Park, 501 S I St. in Tacoma. Costumes are welcome.

Visit www.metroparkstacoma.org/event/jingle-bell-run-3-mile/ for details.

DO I NEED A LAWYER

if Another Driver Caused my Crash by Running a Red Light?

Everybody knows that travel in and around Washington can be stressful. However, motorists are still expected to respect the rules of the road, regardless of whether they are late to work or on their way to an important appointment. Unfortunately, not everybody exercises due diligence. When drivers run through red lights—whether intentionally or by accident—they endanger not only themselves but everyone around them.

RED-LIGHT ACCIDENT CLAIMS AREN'T ALWAYS OPEN-AND-SHUT

If you or a loved one has been injured after another motorist ran a red light and struck your vehicle, you could be entitled to significant compensation through an insurance claim or personal injury lawsuit.

While common sense should suggest that the other driver's negligence caused the accident, establishing fault in insurance negotiations or in court could present unexpected challenges. Insurance companies are, after all, for-profit enterprises: for better or for worse, they are motivated primarily by profit—and paying large, comprehensive accident settlements is usually anything but good for profits.

Instead of accepting the evidence and taking you at your word, the insurance adjuster will likely try to save their employer money by finding any reason to devalue or deny your claim. They could:

- **Use your words against you.** Shortly after

your accident, the insurance adjuster might ask you to provide a recorded statement. While providing a recorded statement might seem like an ideal way to tell your side of the story, the adjuster likely has motivations



beyond hearing your account of the accident: in all probability, they will analyze your statement for any and all discrepancies, hoping to find a way to minimize their liability. Since simply apologizing for the accident could jeopardize your settlement, you should never consent to a conversation with an insurance adjuster without first consulting an experienced Washington car accident attorney.

- **Use your medical history against you.**

Washington law allows insurance companies to request that accident victims submit to an "independent medical examination." These examinations are conducted by supposedly impartial physicians, who will assess your post-accident injuries and write a report for

the adjuster. However, independent medical examinations are often anything but impartial. While the examiner might be a trained and highly experienced practitioner, insurance companies usually refer clients to the same pool of physicians—physicians who are very aware of the fact that they owe much of their business to the insurance company and may be more inclined to issue adverse decisions against prospective claimants.

- **Use your evidence against you.** Even if you have a dashcam recording or other seemingly unassailable evidence, the insurance company could still find a way to use it against you. If you had been talking on your cell phone at the time of the accident—or even changing radio stations—the adjuster could claim that you were also negligent. If you are found partially at fault for the accident, then the insurance company could reduce your settlement proportionate to its, or the court's, determination of fault.

HOW AN ATTORNEY COULD HELP YOU OVERCOME THE INSURANCE COMPANY'S OBSTACLES

You should never have to pay the price for another motorist's negligence. We at Max Meyers Law can help you overcome the insurance company's attempts to minimize your settlement by:

- Investigating the causes and circumstances of your accident

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Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

Holiday Salad

Ingredients:

For the Crust

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- ¾ cup melted butter
- 1 Tbsp. sugar

Mix the above ingredients and press into the bottom of a 13x9 inch pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 minutes. Let cool.

For the filling

- 1 cup sugar
- 8oz cream cheese
- 8oz tub of Cool Whip
- 16oz pkg of raspberry or strawberry Jello
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 10oz bags of frozen raspberries or strawberries

Directions:

Beat together 1 cup sugar and 8 oz cream cheese until smooth. Stir in 8oz tub of Cool Whip. Spread over the pretzel crust.

Combine 1 large pkg, 6oz, of raspberry or strawberry Jello with 2 cups boiling water. When Jello is dissolved add two 10oz bags frozen raspberries or strawberries. Stir till Jello thickens then pour over the cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate for up to 2 hours or overnight.



One of Max's Favorites!





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- Subpoenaing critical evidence, such as surveillance camera footage, the other motorist's cell phone records, and vehicle "black box" data
- Interviewing potential eyewitnesses
- Referring you to skilled medical practitioners who could help evaluate your injuries and determine your long-term care needs
- Communicating with the insurance company on your behalf, letting you focus on your physical health and mental well-being while we advocate for your best interests in court

While Washington state does not currently cap the damages that car accident victims could receive in a settlement or court award, the Evergreen State does have a strict

statute of limitations: if you wait too long to take action, the court could dismiss your complaint without giving you the chance to tell your side of the story.

If you, a loved one, or friend have been in a vehicle accident cause by another driver, please call us before speaking with any insurance companies.

We are happy to provide a free consultation with no strings attached, call us at 425.276.7804 today.

Thank you!

FOR YOUR REFERRALS!!

Referrals from family, friends, and clients are the highest compliment we can receive.

We thank you for trusting us with your closest friends and loved ones.



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