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News from our firm

We hope you are enjoying your summer and the nice weather it has brought to the island. The team here at Rosenberg & Gluck has been getting back to business as usual, with increased in-office operations. Additionally, with each passing week, the Courts continue to do more, including some limited in-person appearances.

The COVID pandemic has done more than just hamper in-office operations. At Rosenberg & Gluck, we believe in giving back to the community. In furtherance of our goal, at the beginning of 2020 our staff members began volunteering at Island Harvest. Unfortunately, the pandemic made continued volunteering impossible. To keep supporting such a great organization, and one whose services are desperately needed by our community, we made a donation to the organization. We hope to be able to get back to volunteering soon, as it is an incredibly rewarding experience.

Please look out for our announcement of the winner of our spring 2020 Auto Safety and Technology Scholarship - coming soon! Our next scholarship runs through December 15, 2020, and is entitled Safe Driving Practices for the Next Generation. Details can be found on our website.

We are also excited to announce some personal firm news. Dana, who has been with us for three years will be getting married this year. Matt Bligh survived house training his new puppy, and no less difficult, Michael Famiglietti survived year one of fatherhood. Donna has a new rescue, a two-year-old lab named Buddy who is fitting in nicely to her home. Congratulations are in order to them all!

-Erin and Matt

PRACTICE AREAS:

Motor Vehicle Accidents | Slip, Trip & Fall Accidents | Medical Malpractice | Wrongful Death | Birth Injury
Product Liability | Premises Liability | Nursing Home Abuse | Personal Injury | Construction Accidents

Fun at the beach

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘

S	J	E	P	P	U	O	S	U	H	I	L	F	M	R	I	Y	L
D	B	D	T	O	T	G	C	A	P	P	P	U	C	E	V	O	R
C	H	E	H	J	P	O	Y	E	N	I	Z	N	Z	N	T	B	C
Q	S	G	A	V	W	S	W	C	A	D	E	N	A	G	J	A	P
E	A	N	I	C	U	J	I	E	P	N	F	E	U	K	H	Y	C
K	B	M	S	J	H	W	U	C	L	Q	T	L	G	X	M	E	U
H	E	N	H	W	I	X	R	L	L	M	A	C	U	Y	K	M	P
T	B	Q	A	C	I	D	N	G	Y	E	N	A	S	O	A	T	E
D	P	W	D	I	T	M	Y	L	A	P	H	K	T	U	O	H	P
S	U	N	E	F	R	I	S	B	E	E	A	E	X	S	P	H	M
S	Q	M	O	R	S	U	R	F	E	N	V	L	L	M	M	E	B
Y	L	F	C	W	B	S	U	N	G	L	A	S	S	E	S	N	K

AUGUST
BEACH
FRISBEE
FUNNELCAKE
JULY
OCEAN
POPSICLE
SAND
SHADE
SUN
SUNGLASSES
SURF
SWIM
TAN
TOWEL

Common causes of truck accidents

Commercial trucks, like big rigs and delivery vehicles, are a common sight on our roadways. While commercial truck drivers must meet certain standards to get behind the wheel and are generally more careful on the road than the average automobile driver, accidents still happen with unfortunate frequency. Often, the accident could be avoided if the automobile driver were aware of the limitations of the truck - such as ability to accelerate and brake, visibility, and turning radius.

To lessen your chances of being involved in an accident with a truck, watch out for the following:

- ▶ **Driving in the danger zone, where the truck driver can't see you**, is one of the leading causes of truck/automobile accidents. Pay special attention when near the back or sides of a truck and remember, if you can't see the driver's mirrors, they cannot see you.
- ▶ **Special care must be taken when passing a truck**. Changing lanes abruptly and passing without giving enough space are both especially dangerous.
- ▶ **Trucks need more space than other vehicles to make turns**. A common accident scenario is when a truck is turning right and it swings out to the left before making its turn and an automobile tries to pass on the right.
- ▶ **Trucks take longer to accelerate and need more space to brake**. Misjudging a truck's acceleration/braking, especially when merging, can lead to trouble.

By staying aware of these common causes of truck accidents, we can all stay safer while sharing the road. Accidents, however, will always happen. Driving a truck is difficult and even the best truck drivers make mistakes. If you or a loved one has been injured in an accident involving a truck, contact our office for a consultation.

KEEP CALM and Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Here are **5 things** you can do to avoid a Coronavirus scam:



Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.

Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.



Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers use illegal sales call to get your money and your personal information.



Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.

Don't click on links in emails or texts you didn't expect.



Research before you donate.

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Stay in the know.

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Federal Trade Commission

If you see a scam, report it to
[ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)

Grilled corn on the cob

Prep: 10 mins | Cook: 30 mins

INGREDIENTS:

6 ears corn
6 tablespoons butter, softened
salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1

Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil grate.

Step 2

Peel back corn husks and remove silk. Place 1 tablespoon butter, salt and pepper on each piece of corn. Close husks.

Step 3

Wrap each ear of corn tightly in aluminum foil. Place on the prepared grill. Cook approximately 30 minutes, turning occasionally, until corn is tender.

Family members of **Kobe Bryant's** fellow victims sue helicopter company

In late January, NBA legend Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter, and seven others were killed in a helicopter crash on a steep hillside in dense morning fog in Southern California. Families of four of the victims of the crash have now sued the owners of the helicopter. The two lawsuits filed allege that Island Express Helicopter, Inc., and its owner Island Express Holding Corp., are liable due to negligent and careless behavior that was a "substantial factor" in the crash.

The flight began in an ordinary way on an ordinary day. Then heavy fog and inclement weather moved in. The pilot, undeterred, requested special permission from flight controllers to continue the trip. According to an initial report by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the pilot flew into the clouds and lost control. Shortly after that, the helicopter crashed into a hillside, killing all 9 people on board. The NTSB investigation did not find any signs of engine failure. In the complaint, the plaintiffs allege the pilot did not use "ordinary care in piloting the subject aircraft".

Additionally, Vanessa Bryant, the widow of Kobe, filed a wrongful death suit in February.



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Hydroplaning

Driving in the rain presents a set of dangers that are not present in dry conditions. Slick roads and lowered visibility top that list of dangers, along with the risk of hydroplaning. What is hydroplaning? Glad you asked!

Hydroplaning occurs when your vehicle's tires don't have enough traction on a wet road and you lose control. This happens because the water on the road's surface is not pushed out of the way by the tires. When this happens, your vehicle has a thin layer of water between the road and the tires. Traction is lost and for a moment or two, you will not have control of your vehicle.

If you begin to hydroplane, stay calm. The worst thing you can do is panic. Ease off the gas and hold the wheel firmly. Do not slam on

the brakes or turn suddenly. Instead, pump the brakes gently and if you start to skid, turn your steering wheel in the direction you're sliding. Once you regain traction, ease back to straight and continue driving carefully.

There are a few things you can do to prevent hydroplaning before it starts. Slow down in wet conditions. Be aware of puddles and standing water and avoid if safely possible. Don't use the cruise control in wet conditions. Take your time and be extra aware, especially around intersections. It is also smart to make sure your tires have good tread and are properly inflated at all times.

If the worst happens and you are involved in an auto accident, you aren't in it alone. Contact our office for help.

