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FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES D. HANKEY

Protecting Our Children From Senseless Bullying



As our children grow and begin to explore the world around them, they will have many experiences that will shape who they will become as adults. Bullying and harassment should not be a part of this journey. Scraped knees and dirty hands should come from playing outside and climbing trees, not because of youth violence. Bullying is an all-too common problem that is severely traumatizing and even killing our children. This can be prevented.

I realize the severity of this problem. That's why I've joined Public Justice's Anti-Bullying Campaign. Public Justice seeks to hold school leaders, and the other adults entrusted with caring for our children, accountable when they choose to ignore bullying. We seek to keep our children safe from the emotional and physical harm of bullying and harassment. In some cases, that may mean we have to seek legal action.

When our children's schools fail to protect them from the dangers of bullying, Public Justice uses litigation to:

- Seek justice for bullying victims and their families.
- Effect systemic change within school districts through injunctive relief requiring training and education programs for school administrators, teachers and students.
- Develop good federal and state case law in both the civil rights and tort arenas
- Serve as a resource for attorneys handling bullying cases

Public Justice joined the lawsuit John and Jane Doe v. Maine Township High School District to make sure coaches and school officials who willfully ignored the annual hazing and sexual abuse of new soccer team members were held accountable. Furthermore, the suit prompted rule changes to make sure such incidents couldn't happen again at the school.

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PREVENTING DOG BITES: TIPS FOR OWNERS AND OTHERS

Dogs, like people, love playing outside in the summer. If you are a pet owner who lets your furry friend have reign over the backyard, it is important to make sure they stay there.

The Marion County's Animal Care and Control agency investigated 1,182 dog bite cases in Indianapolis last year. And, the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery reported more than 27,000 reconstructive procedures nationwide in 2012 to repair dog bite injuries.

It has become such an issue that organizations like the American Veterinary Association and companies like State Farm Insurance have teamed up to raise awareness. The week of May 20th has been designated National Dog Bite Prevention Week.

Indiana ranks seventh in the nation for dog-bite claims according to State Farm. In 2012, the company had 3,670 dog-bite claims and paid more than \$108 million in claims as a result of dog bites.

State Farm and fellow sponsors of the public awareness campaign, suggest some commonsense steps pet owners and others can take to reduce the number of dog bites:

- Treat All Animals With Caution: People often think that stray animals are the only ones who are dangerous when, in fact, any animal – including neighborhood pets – can become aggressive when frightened or intimidated. Do not approach any animal without discussing the dog's behavior around people with the animal's owner. If no owner is present, contact your city's animal control agency. You can find yours listed

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The contents of this newsletter do not constitute legal advice. Every case is different and must be judged on its own merits. Past results afford no guarantee of future results.

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Preventing Dog Bites... *(continued from page 1)*

online or in the government section of your local phone book.

- **Watch Children:** Children are especially vulnerable to dog bites. They should be reminded that not all dogs like to be approached. Keep children away from all dogs you don't know. Never allow a child to approach a dog's face while the animal is eating or playing with toys.

- **Ignore The Bad Rap:** Over the years, specific dog breeds like Pit Bulls, German Shepherds and Dobermans have been negatively stereotyped. Many people fear these breeds and give them plenty of space. It's important to remember, though, that any dog, little or small, fluffy or smooth, loud or quiet, has the possibility of delivering a dangerous bite!

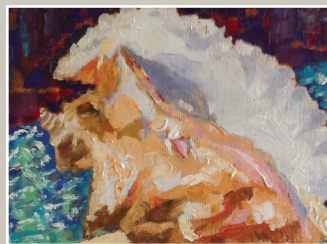


- **Know the Law:** If you allow your dog to roam free, it could cost you \$50 in Marion County. If the animal has to be held in an impound facility, there can be extra fees.

Unfortunately, we at the Hankey Law Office have met many clients with dog bite injuries that could have been prevented. If you've been attacked by a dog and are facing mounting medical bills, call us. Our Personal Injury team will fight to get you the money you deserve so you can get the medical care you need.

OUR LAWYER-ARTIST: SONDRA BURGER

When she's not busy helping clients at the Hankey Law Office, Sondra Burger enjoys painting landscapes, live stills, and more. This piece, called "Shell by a Pool" is an oil-on-canvas work she did while visiting her sister's house in St. Croix, V.I.



HOW TO GET A PARKING PLACARD

A parking placard or license plate with the international symbol of access is available for people who have lost the use of one or both legs, have a temporary or permanent disability that requires the use of a walker, wheelchair, braces or crutches, or are certified by a doctor to be impaired. If your doctor completes a statement verifying your disability for a placard, please make sure our office gets a copy of that statement.

There's no additional charge for license plates or up to 2 permanent placards. A temporary placard, which is effective for up to 6 months, costs \$5. Pick up an application at your local license branch or you can print/download a copy of this and other helpful forms from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles web site at: www.in.gov/bmv/2347.htm under vehicle services. Indiana code IC 9-14-5-1 governs accessible placards and plates. Find a copy of the code at www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/.



Bullying... *(continued from page 1)*

Public Justice also joined the lawsuit *Eccleston v. Pine Bush Central School District* after Jewish students underwent years of vicious anti-Semitism at school. Despite numerous complaints of taunting, offensive graffiti, and physical harm, school officials dismissed these complaints. Public Justice succeeded in adding the district's superintendent and other school officials as individual defendants in this federal civil rights case.

Combating this problem should never be left to the victims alone. See how you can help. Learn more about Project Justice and the ways they're fighting to protect our children from senseless bullying by visiting publicjustice.net.

Bullying and intimidation takes many forms. If you think your child is being bullied, please contact their school right away to report it. If nothing is done, call us. We'll be happy to help make sure the school protects your child from bullying so they can just focus on learning.

SAVE ON DIABETES MEDICINES

If you're diabetic and looking to change your pharmacy to save some money, you might like Marsh supermarket's current promotion. They're offering a free 30-day supply of select medications when a new customer transfers their prescriptions for at least one of seven diabetes medications – Glipizide, Glipizide ER, Glyburide, Glyburide Micronized, Glimperide, Metformin, and Metformin ER. See their website (marsh.net) or stores for details of the offer.

RECIPE: FRUIT PIZZA

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Sliced fruit

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, mix the butter and 3/4 cup sugar until smooth. Add the egg. Combine flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt; stir into the creamed mixture until just blended. Press dough into an ungreased pizza pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 8 to 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with 1/2 cup sugar and vanilla until light. Spread on cooled crust. Arrange desired fruit on top of filling, and chill.



HANKEY LAW SETTLEMENT IN CHILD LEAD POISONING CASE

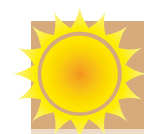


By James DuBach, Attorney

Our litigation team was very pleased recently with the monetary settlement of a complicated lead poisoning case. Our client was a child at the time that he was found to have a dangerous level of lead in his blood, and the Hankey Law Office filed a lawsuit against the property owner. The case involved expert testimony and our analysis of years of medical history.

The Marion County Health Department continues to monitor the presence of lead in residential buildings because of the harmful effects of lead. Most lead poisoning cases are the result children ingesting lead powder or paint chips from old lead paint. Lead-based paint has been illegal for many years, but some older residential properties still have dangerous lead paint residue.

If you have a family member or friend who suffered lead poisoning, even if it occurred as a child, we encourage you to call our office. It is possible in many cases that we can successfully pursue a lead poisoning case, even if the lead poisoning happened many years ago.



THE HANKEY LAW PUZZLER: SUMMER EDITION

STEP 1: Unscramble each of the clue words.

- GIMMINWS
- ECI CAMRE
- SUHNINSE
- BINKGI
- RISFEND
- LAMWERTENO
- CISPICN
- TODHOSG
- LIPCEOPS
- NICAAVOT
- DUESITO

STEP 2: Take the letters that appear in boxes above and unscramble them below for the final message.

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ANSWER: Enjoy the Season

CLIP & SAVE: Helpful Contacts

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Contact us if:

- You moved to a new address or changed your phone number
- You received a denial letter
- You went to see a new doctor
- You have been admitted to the hospital
- Your doctor has diagnosed you with a new medical condition
- You had a new test/MRI/X-ray

Additional Resources

Information Referral Network – 317-926-HELP

Crisis Line – 317-251-7575

Center Township Trustees (can assist with rent, utilities, takes applications for Food Stamps, TANF, and Medicaid)

863 Massachusetts Avenue – 317-633-3610

Healthy Indiana Plan: low cost insurance for Indiana Families – 877-438-4479 | www.hip.in.gov

RX for Indiana: assistance with prescription drug cost – 877-793-0765 | www.rxforindiana.org

Advantage Program: health care program for uninsured, low-income Marion County residents – 317-221-2000 | www.hhcorp.org/adv.htm

Div. of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) – 800-545-7763 www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4938.htm

Damien Center: help for those afflicted by HIV/AIDS – 317-632-0123 | 800-213-1163 | www.damien.org

Indiana Free Clinic Information: low cost or free health care for low-income or uninsured – www.freeclinicdirectory.org/indiana_care.html

Housing Help:

Indianapolis Resource Center for Independent Living – 317-926-1660

Colonial Park (chronic homeless program) – 317-353-6784

Indianapolis Public Housing Agency (section 8) – 317-261-7200

Barton Center (sleeping rooms - \$278, 2 bedrooms \$500-613) – 317-423-2575

You can apply for Social Security disability benefits by calling 1-800-772-1213, online at www.ssa.gov, or in person at your local office

Indianapolis Area Local Social Security Office Addresses*:

West Side: 6745 Network Place – 866-218-2309

Downtown: 575 N. Pennsylvania, Suite 685 – 866-931-7057

East Side: 5515 N. Post Rd. – 866-220-7899

*If you live outside of the Indianapolis area, please ask a Case Administrator for the address and phone number to your local social security office.

“You can chase a butterfly all over the field and never catch it. But if you sit quietly in the grass it will come and sit on your shoulder.”

– Anonymous