

# Legal Insider



## FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES D. HANKEY

### Supporting The 2014 Central Indiana MDA Summer Camp

On March 6, 2014 the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School Women's Caucus hosted the 37th annual Women's Caucus Auction. The auction proceeds benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) of Central Indiana Summer Camp.

The MDA summer camp is a week for children with muscle disease to feel normal and experience activities that they may never get to do anywhere else! It costs \$800 to send one child to camp for a week. This cost includes their medical care, food, lodging and any other special needs they may have.

At the Hankey Law Office, we dedicate our time and practice to representing disabled adults and children. In an effort to give back, we donated \$1000, enough to send one child to camp on us! At camp, kids with neuromuscular disease discover a world created specifically for them and meet many other kids sharing the same needs and experiences. MDA campers dream about summer camp all year and often say it's better than Christmas. Some even say it's changed their lives. Almost all campers agree that it's "the best week of the year." We hope our small contribution allows one child to have the week of their life!

This year, the auction brought in \$18,530, which far exceeded its original goal of \$10,000. The \$18,530 is the equivalent to the cost of sending 23 kids to MDA's annual summer camp, which is where the funds will be directed.



*Attorneys Melissa Davidson and Ashley Marks at the Women's Caucus Auction*

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR YOU

This month's edition is focused on resources in our community for YOU! As a long standing lawyers in the Indianapolis area, we often work with folks who are uninsured and unable to get the medical treatment they need. Many times, there are free clinics and resources out there, but most people are not aware of them. The following information is for those looking for alternative health care options, for those in need of shelter and a plethora of community resources we often find helpful when representing our injured and disabled clients:

### Federal Health Exchange

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

The federal government's competitive health insurance options.

We recommend you contact the following health exchange certified agents for questions:

Adrian Fahey  
Alliance Insurance Agency  
317-840-7304

Alan Hendrickson  
Hendrickson, C.H. Douglas & Co., LLC  
317-815-9035

### Eskanzazi Health (Formerly Wishard Advantage)

<http://www.eskzazihealth.edu/patients-and-visitors/health-advantage>

Health Advantage is a managed care program providing high quality, seamless medical care to low-income and uninsured residents of Indianapolis. All Marion County residents that

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## YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

By Attorney Ashley Marks



The Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) was enacted to help working individuals deal with the stress and difficulty of balancing work and family life when health problems arise. Under the FMLA, qualified employees can take up to 12 weeks per year of job-protected leave for the following reasons:

- Needs to take care of a child, spouse or parent who has a serious medical issue either mental or physical (which is considered to be an illness, injury or condition) that requires care in a medical center or ongoing medical care from a health provider.
- Needs to take care of himself or herself due to developing a serious health problem.
- Needs to care for a newborn child or a child that was recently placed under the employee's care through adoption.

One common misconception is how FMLA time must be used. It does not have to be used all at once. The 12 weeks of FMLA leave may be taken intermittently, in increments of minutes, hours, days, or weeks. For example, if someone has a major surgery, they might require all 12 weeks to be used at once. If someone suffers from migraines, he/she might only have to use 2 days per month. If you believe you may need to request FMLA leave, you should promptly contact your employer and provide the necessary information.

Sadly, many employers fail to treat their employees properly when they apply for or take FMLA leave. For example, many employers discipline employees for missing time that should be covered under FMLA leave. From unfairly disciplining an employee to firing him/her, our lawyers at the Hankey Law Office are prepared to help anyone in Indiana who has been mistreated by their employer regarding use of FMLA leave.

## RECIPE: STRAWBERRY LEMON SHORTCAKES

### Ingredients:

9 ounces all-purpose flour (about 2 cups)  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons chilled butter, cut into small pieces  
1 1/4 cups low-fat buttermilk  
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind  
Cooking spray  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon butter, melted  
1 tablespoon turbinado sugar  
4 cups sliced strawberries  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1 1/4 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly spoon flour 9 ounces of flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife. Combine in a large bowl with 1/4 cup granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Cut in chilled butter with a pastry blender until the mix resembles coarse meal. Combine buttermilk and grated lemon rind. Add the buttermilk mixture to flour mixture, and toss gently with a fork to combine.

Coat a 9-inch round metal cake pan or baking sheet with cooking spray. Place 1/2 cup flour in a shallow dish. Scoop 10 equal dough portions into dish. Gently shape each portion into a round by tossing in flour to help shape the dough. Arrange in pan. Brush dough with melted butter, and sprinkle evenly with turbinado sugar. Bake at 425° for 22 minutes or until the shortcakes are lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes.

Combine berries, 1/4 cup sugar, and lemon juice; toss to coat. Let stand 15 minutes. Split each shortcake in half; spoon 1/3 cup berry mixture and 2 tablespoons whipped topping into each.



## CHANGES IN 2014 MEDICAID DISABILITY ELIGIBILITY

Starting June 1, 2014, Indiana is changing the way Hoosiers will obtain Medicaid coverage in the aged, blind or disabled categories. Currently, when individuals apply for disability coverage, they are subject to additional, more restrictive criteria by the state than the Social Security Administration (SSA) requires for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) programs.



After June 1, Indiana will automatically enroll individuals that the Social Security Administration determines eligible for Supplemental Security Income into Indiana Medicaid and will accept all SSA disability determinations. This will eliminate the arduous and duplicative requirement of a second application and medical review.

The transition should result in significant savings for the State of Indiana. It also eliminates an unpopular "spend down" program that has caused administrative burdens for providers and members. In addition, actions being taken to help current members maintain eligibility will result in more members receiving more comprehensive Medicaid coverage after the transition. For additional information, please visit <http://www.in.gov/fssa/4859.htm>.

## CASE ADMINISTRATOR CONTACTS

Your Social Security Disability case administrator can help answer any questions you might have about your case. Below is the current list based on the last two digits of your Social Security Number.

Last 2 of SS#	Admin.	Number	Email
00-21	Ashley D.	317-638-1656	aad@hankeylaw.com
22-39	Beth L.	317-634-8621	sel@hankeylaw.com
40-63	Anna	317-638-1653	ab@hankeylaw.com
64-77	Martha	317-638-1659	mmr@hankeylaw.com
78-84	Jamie	317-554-5906	jlf@hankeylaw.com
85-94	Kyle	317-554-5902	kac@hankeylaw.com
95-99	Kim	317-632-7611	ksw@hankeylaw.com



## Community Resources... *(continued from page 1)*

fall at, or below, 200 percent of the federal poverty level and do not qualify for any other assistance program are eligible. Services include, but are not limited to, routine exams and sports physicals, immunizations, GYN care, referrals to specialty care, lab and X-ray services, prescribed medicine and emergency services. Health Advantage goals include improving the overall quality of health care in Marion County, effectively coordinating and managing patient care, strengthening doctor/patient relationships, decreasing inappropriate emergency room use and producing reliable data to guide future decision-making.

We recommend that you visit their website, or contact a financial counselor at 317-630-6574 to see if you qualify.

### **HealthNet Care Center at the Tower** *(Accepts ALL counties)*

1633 North Capitol Ave., Suite 500  
Indianapolis, IN  
317-962-5014

Health Care Services offered include birth control education, exams and prescriptions; childbirth classes to prepare mothers for childbirth and infant care; family planning counseling and treatment; gynecologic problems diagnosis and treatment of women's reproductive issues; reproductive diseases counseling and treatment; routine and medically required OB ultrasound exams; routine pediatrics check-ups and sick visits; free pregnancy tests; nurse midwives; well-woman annual check-ups, pap smears and exams; mammograms; diagnosis and management of illness/injury; behavioral health counseling, psychotherapy, and assessments; social work services and crisis intervention; nutrition education for healthy eating and tobacco cessation.

- Foreign language interpretation & bilingual professionals on-staff
- Financial screening (sliding scale) payment assistance available

We recommend you contact the Care Center at the Tower by calling 317-962-5014.

### **Indianapolis Indiana Homeless Shelters & Needy**

- <http://www.shelterlistings.org/city/indianapolis-in.html>
- <http://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Indianapolis&state=IN>
- <http://www.indianahousingnow.org/Resources.html>
- <http://www.referweb.net/c2h/Search.aspx>

### **Housing Resources for Persons with Disabilities**

- <http://www.in.gov/fssa/2328.htm>
- [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HU?src=%2Fprogram\\_offices%2Ffair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp%2Fdisabilities](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HU?src=%2Fprogram_offices%2Ffair_housing_equal_opp%2Fdisabilities)

### **Free Clinics**

- [http://freeclinicdirectory.org/indiana\\_care.html](http://freeclinicdirectory.org/indiana_care.html)
- [http://www.indyhealthnet.org/index.php/patient\\_care/location\\_information/healthnet\\_care\\_center\\_at\\_the\\_tower/](http://www.indyhealthnet.org/index.php/patient_care/location_information/healthnet_care_center_at_the_tower)  
*\*\*Regardless of your county\*\**
- <http://www.mcfreeclinic.org/>

Please see the "Clip & Save" section for more useful information.

## CLIP & SAVE: Helpful Contacts

### **Charles D. Hankey Law Office P.C.**

Lockerbie Square, 434 East New York Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202  
Office: 317-634-8565 | Toll Free: 800-520-3633 | Fax: 317-634-9818  
[www.hankeylaw.com](http://www.hankeylaw.com)

### **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](http://www.hip.in.gov)

**RX for Indiana:** assistance with prescription drug cost –  
877-793-0765 | [www.rxforIndiana.org](http://www.rxforIndiana.org)

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

**Div. of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (DDRS)** – 800-545-7763  
[www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4938.htm](http://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](http://www.damien.org)

**Indiana Free Clinic Information:** low cost or free health care for low-income or uninsured – [www.freeclinicdirectory.org/indiana\\_care.html](http://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](http://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.

*“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”*

*—Anne Bradstreet*



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- DOG BITES/ANIMAL ATTACKS
- CAR ACCIDENTS
- HIGHWAY DEFECTS
- CHILD INJURIES
- TRUCK ACCIDENTS
- WORKERS' COMPENSATION
- CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS
- MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS
- PREMISES LIABILITY
- BURN INJURIES
- BICYCLE ACCIDENTS
- PRODUCT LIABILITY
- DROWNING
- RAILROAD CROSSING/  
TRAIN ACCIDENTS
- BRAIN/HEAD INJURIES
- SPINAL INJURIES

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Carolyn is the receptionist for the Hankey Law Office. Although she's only been here nine months, she's already a valued member of the Hankey Law team. Carolyn was born and raised in Indianapolis. She attended Lawrence North High School. She's married and has two children – both in college. Carolyn loves spending time with her family. She also enjoys gardening, baking and being a foster parent for the Indianapolis Animal Care and Control Center.

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

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