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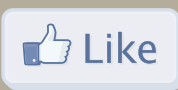
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# Legal Insider



FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES D. HANKEY  
**OUR OFFICE FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE INJURED**

# Injured? We can help.

Workplace and construction injuries  
Injuries from falls  
Motor vehicle collisions  
Neck and back injuries  
Unpaid bills  
Brain and spine injuries  
Nursing home neglect  
Expert witnesses  
Frustrated by insurance company  
Lost wages and disability  
No medical insurance  
Vehicle totaled/No transportation  
Unpaid hospital bills  
Wrongful death  
What's my case worth?  
Unpaid bills  
Car and truck wrecks  
Expert witnesses  
Permanent injuries  
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Unpaid hospital bills  
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Nursing home neglect  
Brain and spine injuries  
Do I have a case?  
Unpaid hospital bills  
Lost wages and disability  
Nursing home neglect  
Injuries from falls  
What's my case worth?  
Expert witness  
Workplace and construction injuries  
Unpaid bills  
Vehicle totaled/No transportation

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Call us.  
**317-634-8565**

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

By Megan Cotton, Marketing Director

### Featured Organization: Westminster Neighborhood Ministries

At Hankey Law, we care about our community and are doing our part to make it better.

Over the summer we partnered with the Indianapolis Westminster Neighborhood Ministries (WNM) to educate Indianapolis residents about their legal rights. Our goal was to provide information to families about the Social Security Disability process and give them the upper hand when pursuing a case for benefits.



We are not just there for information either. Our staff has volunteered for the organization and our office donated our Hankey Law Office bags to their weekly food pantry. Folks have used the bags for groceries, clothing and general necessities.

If you or someone you know is interested in donating items to the WNM food pantry then please check out their location & hour information below (We'll pick up any donations if need be):

**Westminster Neighborhood Ministries**  
445 N. State Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
**Food Pantry Hours: Thursday Morning (8-11 am:**  
**Free Breakfast & Lunch Served)**

The food pantry is just one of the many resources the WNM offers residents. They also hosted a week long Summer Camp for local children at Camp Pyoca. The camp's goal is to build cross-cultural understanding, grow friendships, foster self-esteem, and nurture faith.

Unfortunately not all children are able to go because of the money required upfront, which is why the camp allows for scholarships. We sponsored two children this year and were very excited for them! As campers, the children will play, take swim lessons, paddle, sing and create art projects. It's an excellent opportunity for any child and we only wish we could have done more!

Please stay tuned for our next community outreach corner article...

## CONGRATULATIONS SHANNON!

The Charles D. Hankey Law Office would like to congratulate Shannon, one of our Case Administrators, on the recent birth of her new daughter! Layla was born on February 8, 2012 and, as you can see from her smiley face, she is doing very well!



## A PARENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

By Charles D. Hankey

As one of the few law firms in Indiana that handles child SSI cases, we have seen that many parents are unaware of their rights concerning their disabled child.

If you feel your child is disabled and needs special education services, you absolutely have the right to request that your child be evaluated by his or her school. The child must be evaluated in all areas related to the child's suspected disability. If you disagree with the results of the evaluation, you have the right to take your child to an independent evaluation and you have the right to ask the school system to pay for it.

If the child is found to have a disability, the school must write an IEP for the child within 30 days. If the child is not found to qualify for services you have the right to ask for a hearing. You have the right to attend the meeting wherein the IEP will be drafted. If the meeting is scheduled for a time or place where you cannot attend, it must be rescheduled for a time and place convenient to you.

You have the right to bring anyone with knowledge of the child's disability, including advocates and attorneys, to the meeting with you. You have the right to disagree with any or all of the IEP, or to refuse or discontinue services all together.

1. Parents have the right to list all of their concerns in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
2. Parents have the right to review and receive copies of their child's educational records.
3. Parents have the right to receive Prior Written Notice when a school district proposes a change in a child's placement or refuses a parent's request.
4. Parents have the right to file complaints and disagree with parts or all of the IEP.

Remember, if you are pursuing SSI for your child, an IEP can be a valuable resource for your SSI case.

If you obtain an IEP or your IEP changes, make sure you let us know as soon as possible so we can submit it and any supporting evidence for your SSI claim. Also, if your child has an IEP or physical or mental disabilities, contact us so we can evaluate your case and see if your child might qualify for SSI.

## DEFECTIVE MEDICAL DEVICES

By Attorney Ashley Marks

### St. Jude Heart Defibrillator Riata Lead Recall

The Hankey Law attorneys encourage our clients with St. Jude heart defibrillators to find out if theirs contains the recently recalled Riata lead. A recent study found that 15% of patients with the Riata leads suffered an "insulation breach," causing the wires to protrude through the protective coating. If you or a loved one has a St. Jude heart defibrillator with Riata leads and experienced problems, please contact one of our attorneys at 317-634-8565 for a free case evaluation.

### Biomet Hip Replacements

In late 2001, the FDA announced that Biomet was recalling hip implants due to a problem with the device that could cause a fracture and require additional surgeries. The faulty component is known as the Zirconia ceramic femoral head, which is the ball portion of the artificial hip. The recall applies to Zirconia ceramic femoral heads manufactured since January of 1998.

Symptoms of a fractured Zirconia ceramic femoral head include hip pain, grinding sensations, and limited movement in the hip. If you or a loved one has a Biomet hip implant containing the Zirconia ceramic femoral head, and have experienced such problems, contact one of our attorneys right away to protect your legal rights.

### Medtronic Kappa and Sigma Pacemakers

If you have a Medtronic Kappa or Sigma pacemaker, and have experienced symptoms such as an abnormal heart rate or fainting, your device may be defective. In June 2009, Medtronic issued a recall of certain Kappa and Sigma pacemakers due to faulty wiring that could cause the device to fail. Thousands of people are currently implanted with these pacemakers, and there is no way to detect the problem until the device fails.

If you or someone you love was injured by one of Medtronic's faulty Kappa or Sigma pacemakers, you may be entitled to compensation. Call the Hankey Law Office and speak to one of our attorneys today.

## RECIPE: PECAN PANCAKES

### Ingredients:

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup finely chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon light brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/8 teaspoon salt



1 cup nonfat buttermilk  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 large egg

### Instructions:

Stir together first 8 ingredients until well combined. Whisk buttermilk, oil, and egg in another bowl; add to flour mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour 1/4 cup batter per pancake onto a hot, lightly greased griddle. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until tops are covered with bubbles and edges look cooked. Turn and cook other sides.

## THE HANKEY LAW PUZZLER

Take a break and see if you can figure out the Hankey Law puzzler, the Word Search. Words can go up, down, forward, backwards and diagonally. Good luck!

### Word Search

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| Accident   | Frustrated     | Settlement |
| Disability | Hospital bills | Verdict    |
| Falls      | Injury         | Witnesses  |

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## OUR SINCEREST THANKS

We would like to say THANK YOU to the following people and organizations for recommending the Hankey Law Office to others this year:

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| Cynthia Springfield | Carolyn Mays                          |
| Mike Williams       | Anthony Ventura                       |
| Guy Malerbi         | Westminster Neighborhood Ministries   |
| Dr. Elgin Baker     | Adult & Child Services (Indianapolis) |

A referral from a past client or industry partner is the greatest compliment we can receive and we are very grateful for their trust and kind words.

If you know someone who could benefit from our services or know someone who has referred to us but is not listed above, please contact Megan at [mec@hankeylaw.com](mailto:mec@hankeylaw.com).

*Thank You!*

“Anyone can hide. Facing up to things, working through them, that's what makes you strong.”

— Sarah Dressen