

Legal Insider



FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES D. HANKEY

Stomp Out the Stigma: Run to End Mental Illness Discrimination



On Sunday, October 25, 2015, Hankey Law Office and Heartland Endurance Sports will host a 5K/10K/15K race to benefit KEY Consumer Organization.



Join us on October 25th, for a chip-timed run at historic Ft. Harrison State Park.

All proceeds for the 2015 Stomp Out the Stigma Run will benefit

KEY Consumer. The mission of Key Consumer Organization is to protect the rights of individuals with psychiatric disorders. They also work to educate the public and to end discrimination against persons with mental illness. KEY Consumer Organization unites its efforts with other organizations and individuals concerned about themselves or loved ones being treated by mental health professionals.

We would love to see you at this great event! Below are the web addresses that provide additional information about the race and how you can participate.

When: October 25, 2015 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 am

When: Fort Harrison State Park (Sycamore Shelter)
6000 North Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216

Learn More:

<http://heartlandendurance.com/event/stomp-out-the-stigma/>
<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/fullscreen/347008605/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1051023304925295/>

CYMBALTA LINKED TO “BRAIN ZAPS” AND OTHER SIDE EFFECTS

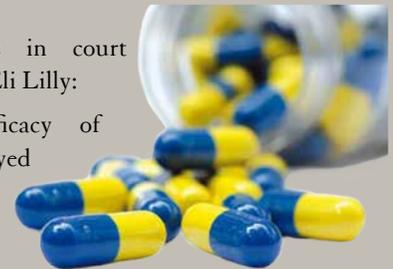
People with diabetic neuropathy, fibromyalgia, depression, anxiety and chronic pain take Cymbalta, but most don't know how hard it can be to stop taking it. Withdrawal symptoms include dizziness, tunnel vision and brain zaps – shock-like sensations in the brain that come with terrible nausea and headaches that cloud mental clarity and impair the ability to perform daily tasks. These symptoms also tend to last longer than withdrawal symptoms from other medications.

Some Cymbalta users keep taking it – becoming dependent – simply to avoid these life-altering symptoms that can last weeks or months. Legal claims against Eli Lilly say that the drugmaker does not do enough to make patients aware of potential dangers associated with this medicine. The after-effects can cost people lost hours from work, dramatic medical bills and can decrease their quality of life.

Of their many claims in court documents, Plaintiffs say Eli Lilly:

- “Overstated the efficacy of Cymbalta” and “downplayed and/or failed to state the true withdrawal side effects associated with Cymbalta.”

- Deceived the public by saying only one percent of users experienced withdrawal symptoms, when in reality nearly 45 percent suffered from discontinuation problems.



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BACK TO SCHOOL VACCINATIONS: STUDIES EASE PARENTS' CONCERNS

School is back in session and it's time to think about vaccinating your children. Each state has a list of required vaccinations your child needs to attend school. If you are in the state of Indiana, you can find this information on their website at: http://www.state.in.us/isdh/files/2015_-_2016_School_Reqs_Chart_WR_9029.pdf

In the last few years, there has been much controversy in regards to getting your child vaccinated. The biggest fear people have is their child becoming Autistic. Children now receive twice as many shots then children did in the 1980s.



Some people believe that Thimerosal, a mercury-containing preservative, caused Autism in some children. However, experts believe that this is not the case. They say it is coincidental since a child receives vaccines at 12-15 months, the same time autism symptoms typically become noticeable. Autism rates continued to rise even after the removal of Thimerosal from the vaccine.

There have been many studies in major medical journals that have found no association between the MMR vaccine and Autism. Even with these studies available to parents, some people still delay shots for their kids, skipping some shots all together. As a result, there have been recent outbreaks of serious illnesses – measles, mumps and whooping cough. These illnesses have now become more prevalent in the United States.

Please check with your school district to see what immunizations your child needs. If you need assistance in getting your child immunized, please check with your local health department. In Marion County, the health department provides immunization clinics. If you have no health insurance you can get your child immunized for \$10.00.

MEET THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO THE HANKEY LAW OFFICE



The Hankey Law Office is expanding! Two of our attorneys have brought beautiful new bundles into this world. Attorney Ashley Marks and husband David Marks are the proud parents of Harrison Marks, who was born on July 2.



On July 7, Attorney Stacy Crider and husband Bobby Crider became second-time parents to Maxwell Crider. All families are doing well. We are looking forward to watching these kiddos grow up!

SOCIAL SECURITY TIP FROM THE DESK OF CAROLYN ECK



When applying for Social Security Disability it is so important for you to get ongoing medical treatment. You must have this evidence in order to obtain benefits from Social Security. Talk to your doctor and see if an MRI would be appropriate for your diagnosis. The more information we have to provide Social Security, the stronger your case could be. If you don't have medical insurance, you can contact the state and request to sign up for HIP 2.0, The Healthy Indiana Plan. This program has helped many of our clients receive the proper medical treatment they need. You can contact the state at 1-877-438-4479 to see if this plan will work for you.

Applying for Social Security benefits is not a quick process. We hear almost daily how someone's neighbor or friend had a check in less than a month after applying. This is likely not the case. For the majority of people, obtaining benefits is a 3-step process. Once you apply for benefits, it takes approximately 90 days for a response from Social Security. It is not uncommon for someone to be denied at the initial level. If that's the case, we would appeal that decision. This is called a Reconsideration. Again, it's not unusual to receive a denial at this level. The next step is that we request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. Right now, the local hearing office is taking approximately 16 months to schedule a hearing.



So, as you can see, Social Security is not a quick fix. However, it can provide you with long-term financial security once approved.

RECIPE: Pepperoni Rolls

The kids are home from school and hungry! This is a cheap and easy snack to help curb the hunger pains.

Ingredients:

- 1 tube refrigerated crescent rolls
- 16 slices of pepperoni, cut into quarters
- 2 pieces of string cheese, cut into quarters
- ¾ tsp. Italian seasoning
- ¼ tsp. garlic salt
- 1 cup marinara



Instructions:

1. Unroll crescent dough; separate into eight triangles. Place eight pepperoni pieces on each. Place a piece of cheese on the short side of each triangle; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Roll up each, starting with the short side; pinch seams to seal. Sprinkle with garlic salt and remaining Italian seasoning.
2. Place 2 in. apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 375° for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with a side of marinara.

Cymbalta Side Effects... (continued from page 1)

- Failed to properly warn patients about the risks.
- Benefited from patients who started taking Cymbalta again (becoming physically dependent on the drug) to avoid terrible side effects.
- Advertised the benefits of the drug, even those that were not proven.
- Produced a defective drug.

If you or a loved one is contemplating filing a Cymbalta claim, call us today for a free case review or visit us online at HankeyLaw.com.

THE HANKEY LAW PUZZLER

See if you can figure out the summer Word Search. Words can go up, down, forward, backwards and diagonally. Good luck!

backpack	experiments	math
bus stop	homework	pencil
classmates	literature	teachers

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You know it is time to go
 back to school when you hear
 parents singing, "it's the most
 wonderful time of year!"



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.

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- CAR ACCIDENTS
- PREMISES LIABILITY
- LONG TERM DISABILITY
- TRUCK ACCIDENTS
- PRODUCT LIABILITY
- SHORT TERM DISABILITY
- MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS
- BRAIN/HEAD INJURIES
- WORKER'S COMPENSATION
- BICYCLE ACCIDENTS
- SPINAL INJURIES
- EMPLOYMENT LAW
- RAILROAD CROSSING/
TRAIN ACCIDENTS
- DOG BITES /ANIMAL ATTACKS
- WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION
- AIRPLANE ACCIDENTS
- CHILD INJURIES
- WAGE & HOUR ISSUES
- HIGHWAY DEFECTS
- CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS
- INSURANCE LAW
- WORKERS' COMPENSATION
- BURN INJURIES
- PERSONAL INJURY
- DROWNING

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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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