**EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22, 2020**

This year is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day Network launched a series of major campaigns to catalyze and channel global collaboration for the health of our planet. Trees for the Earth was the first of these campaigns. Launched in 2016, its goal is to plant, or inspire the planting of, 7.8 billion trees worldwide by 2020—one for every person projected to be on Earth.

**Why Trees?**

**Trees help combat climate change.** They absorb excess and harmful CO2 from our atmosphere. In fact, in a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO2 produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles.

**Trees help us breathe clean air.** Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

**Trees help communities.** Trees help communities achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability and provide food, energy and income.

**Plant a tree. Make a donation. Activate your friends and social networks. We can do this. #trees4earth**

Visit www.earthday.org for more information on how you can get involved!

**COVID-19**

In light of the evolving COVID-19 crisis, we would like to ensure you that Carpey Law is still open and actively working on our clients’ cases. Our emergency preparedness plan was put into action last month, allowing our employees to stay safe by working remotely. In addition, rather than having clients come into the office, we can practice social distancing by communicating via phone, email, or videoconference. Whether you are a new client or existing client, all paperwork can be signed electronically.

If you’ve been injured in an accident, please do not hesitate to call us.

To our current clients: Carpey Law will continue to work diligently on your case during this period of crisis. The courts have shutdown, and court hearings have therefore been postponed. Nevertheless, our office will contact you promptly if you have an upcoming hearing date, deposition or appointment that has been canceled or postponed. **Please feel free to call us if you have a question about your case. (610)834-6030**
Big Mistake. Now They Have to Deal With Me.

I met a new client in my office last week who was in a car accident. Her only concern was that her own insurance company was delaying paying her medical bills. The bills were beginning to pile up.

Big mistake. Now the insurance company has to deal with me. And that’s going to cost them a lot more than it would have if they had just been fair and cooperative with my client in the first place and paid her medical bills!

-Stuart A. Carpey

Laura Carpey’s Recipe of the Month

Soft Confetti Sprinkle Cookies

This is a perfect recipe parents can make with their kids while they’re stuck in the house during the COVID-19 quarantine!

Ingredients
- 1 cup butter (softened)
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups flour
- 4 tsp corn starch
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cup confetti sprinkles

Instructions
1. In the bowl of a stand mixer (fitted with paddle attachment) combine butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla extract. Beat on medium speed until creamed (it should be light and fluffy). This will take about 5 minutes but do not skip this part. Scrape down sides of bowl as necessary.
2. Add flour, cornstarch, baking soda and salt and mix until just combined. Add sprinkles and fold in by hand.
3. Using a medium cookie scoop (or 2-3 tablespoons of dough) form mounds. Place on a pan lined with parchment or wax paper, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 5 days.
4. When ready to bake preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheets with parchment or spray with cooking spray. Place mounds on sheets, being sure to space them about 2 inches apart. Bake for 8-9 minutes, or until edges are set and the middle of the cookie is just beginning to set. They will look under baked but let them cool on cookie sheet for 5-7 minutes before moving to a cooling rack and they will firm up as they cool.
5. Store cookies in an airtight container at room temp for up to a week or freeze for up to 3 months.

Recipe Notes
- These cookies should not turn golden brown, except slightly on the bottom.
- Freeze unbaked cookie dough mounds for up to 3 months and bake as directed, once mounds have thawed.

Reminder About Our Firm’s Communication Policy

About us: We perform very high quality legal work. We are highly competent and we have a highly competent support staff, but we are not perfect. We can make mistakes. We will correct a mistake if we find it or if you point it out.

It is our policy to return phone calls in the order they are received and based on the priority of the situation. If you leave a message, your call will be returned usually within 24 hours. Some clients feel that calling multiple times in a day will get their call answered faster, but that is not the case. Email is the quickest way to get a response from anyone in the office. We work by appointment only. Without an appointment, it is unlikely Mr. Carpey would be able to meet with you.

Please utilize our support staff to answer your questions and to give you status reports. Our legal assistants and paralegals are very experienced and will often be able to respond to your requests.

Stuart Carpey Invited by the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law to Teach Student Intern

Stuart has been invited for the second year in a row to mentor a law school student as part of the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law internship program.

This student will work in our office this summer and gain credits towards graduation and will gain first-hand experience and insight into what it’s like to work at a law firm. Stuart believes it is important to give back to the Villanova community as Villanova is his law school alma mater.
Secrets to Defeating the Insurance Company in Your Personal Injury Case

You may have heard that it is easy to settle a personal injury case “for a lot of money.” The reality is that insurance companies scrutinize everything about you and your case, including:

- Liability (how the accident happened)
- Injuries
- Wage Loss
- Prior Accidents
- Prior Injuries
- Prior Medical Conditions
- Prior Insurance Claims

At Carpey Law, we know what insurance companies look for and we present your case in a way most beneficial in maximizing your settlement. We prepare for trial from day one. Here are the best practices to follow and for you to be aware of:

- **Understand the Evidence Needed to Prove and Win Your Case**
  Photographs, property damage estimates, police reports and witness statements are the kinds of tools needed to prove how the accident happened. The medical records prove your injuries as does proof of wage loss.

- **Recognize that Your Case Will Take Time to Resolve Successfully**
  In Pennsylvania, you have two years from the date of the accident to file a lawsuit. Some cases settle before then. Some cases have to be put in suit. If that happens, your case is “docketed” in the court system, and will come up for trial depending on the court’s docket (or calendar). That means it could be anywhere from 1-3 years from the time suit is filed (not from the date of the accident) until your case goes to trial.

- **Be Diligent in Your Medical Care**
  Waiting too long to seek medical treatment, stopping your medical care before you’ve been discharged by your doctor, and not following your doctor’s instructions are all reasons that insurance companies will use to limit the amount they pay you in compensation for your injuries.

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Ever Get Nervous Driving Near a Tractor-Trailer?
You’re Not Alone.  
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In another case we are handling, a tractor-trailer was speeding on a highway and “drifted” into the lane of the car in which our client was a passenger, causing the vehicle to hit the guardrail, spin out of control and eject our client out of his car and onto the highway, resulting in life-threatening injuries.

Although it is impossible to control the actions of other drivers, you can mitigate the risk of being involved in an accident with a tractor-trailer by staying away from them, especially on highways. Try not to travel too closely and always be aware of your surroundings in case you need to get out of the way.

Stuart loves speaking to groups across the state. It’s a chance to share his knowledge and expertise, while educating the public about their rights.

If your group needs a speaker, reach out to our office. Stuart is available to address your club, group or meeting about injury law and your rights. Email scarpey@carpeylaw.com for more information.
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THE CARPEY CHRONICLE

Call me with any legal questions about injuries from any accident or medical care.

I promise to give you a straight forward answer.

That’s my guarantee. 610.834.6030

Ever Get Nervous Driving Near a Tractor-Trailer? You’re Not Alone.

At Carpey Law, we see the kind of damage an accident with a tractor-trailer can cause.

We are currently handling a case where our clients were stopped in traffic when the 18-wheeler in front of them suddenly began to roll backwards toward their vehicle. With nowhere to go, our client (who was driving) began honking his horn feverishly in an attempt to get the truck driver’s attention. The tractor-trailer struck our client’s vehicle and began pushing it backwards, pinning it between another tractor-trailer! All of our clients in the car sustained injuries in this terrifying accident…

Give this newsletter to a friend. They’ll thank you for it, and so will I.

Stuart Carpey

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