

Treasures

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Team Pearl

Being a personal injury attorney may have its challenges, but being a Mom is one of the toughest jobs ever. In May, we will be celebrating Mother's Day. In past editions of *Treasures*, I have expressed my admiration and love for my mom who passed away 16 years ago. This year, four moms who juggle work and motherhood every day deserve spotlighting.

Four of my legal assistant not only work 40 hours a week to help me and my clients, they also work countless of hours being a mom to their kids. Each of them are wonderful moms and I respect them for being able to juggle their duties so well.

Tisha is my litigation legal assistant and has three beautiful active-in-every-sport daughters. Jessica, one of my pre-litigation legal assistant, has two Disney-loving daughters and a cute young son. Erin helps my workers' compensation clients and some of my pre-litigation clients and is a wonderful mother to a soccer-goalie daughter. Janai is the fun-loving mother of two teenage boys who keep her in shape to help my social security disability clients. Janai also has a daughter earning her Masters Degree in Social Work.

These ladies work really hard during the day for me, Lorrie and our clients. Despite that, they go home and are great moms to their kids. Not only am I blessed to have them on my team, their kids are blessed to have them as their mom!

Happy Mother's Day to Tisha, Jessica, Erin & Janai and all the moms who work in and out of the house!



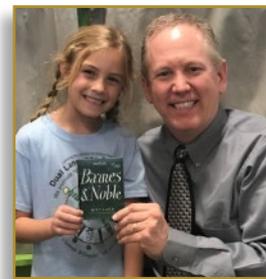
Classroom Treasure

Iliana Gorshe is quite the spunky first grader and has a huge heart! She is truly a big treasure in a little body.

Iliana is a first grader at Garrison Jones Elementary School in Dunedin. She and her classmates were assigned a project involving helping the community in some way. While other students cleaned up the beach, Iliana decided to help the hungry in her community. Her project was to collect 80 boxes of breakfast cereal to donate to the Dunedin Cares Food Pantry. Why this? Iliana tells me that "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day."

In order to make sure her project a success, Iliana had to present her project to the Library Director and other governmental entities. Was it a success? Well, she didn't collect 80 boxes of cereal - she collected 605 boxes of cereal and \$304.00 in donations. "I even got boxes of cereal from Kentucky," Iliana says beamingly. Iliana and her mom, Phyllis Gorshe, told me that one day they had 90 boxes of cereal in the car. "That when I knew I met my goal," Iliana says.

Iliana is a true treasure! This little six-year old touched my heart as well as so many others in the community. She is a wonderful example of how to make the world a better place!



As a token of appreciation for her dedication to the community, we presented Iliana with a \$50 gift card to Barnes & Nobles. Iliana, keep smiling, giggling and changing the world for the better!



Dixie Dee's Diamond Advice

Dixie Dee was in a local pet store that allows pets inside when she saw a puddle (left by one of her canine friends) on the ground. Dixie Dee knew what to do when it came to slipping on

puddles in a store. Dixie Dee's diamond advice when it comes to slip and fall cases is to remember that just because you get hurt at a business, the business is not automatically responsible for your injuries. You have to prove that the spill was there long enough for the business' employees to know it was there and failed to correct it.

Also, proving a mode of operation could hold the business owner responsible.

Dixie Dee recommends that if you have a slip and fall in a store, make sure you take pictures of what you slipped on as well as pictures of your clothes to show the substance on you. If there are shopping cart marks through the puddle, those photos could show the spill was there long enough to clean it up.

Of course, Dixie Dee also recommends that you call her owner, Lorrie Robinson, and Matthew Noyes for answers to legal questions after a slip and fall at 727-796-8282.



Jewel of a Joke

A man drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "This is amazing," he thought as he flew down I-275, pushing the pedal even more.

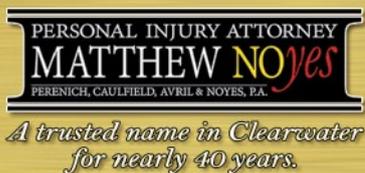
Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Florida Highway Patrol trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120 mph. Suddenly,

he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The driver thought for second. Then he said, "Years ago, my mother-in-law ran off with a state trooper and I thought you were bringing her back."

The trooper paused for a moment and then said "Have a good day, sir" and walked back to his cruiser and drove away.



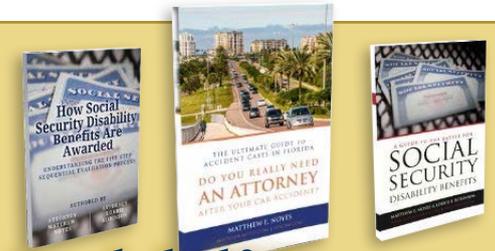
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Bookshelf Treasures

Did you know that we have written a book on car accidents and two books on social security disability? If you would like a free copy of any of the books, avoid Amazon and send me an email at matt@usalaw.com.

Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *Treasures*. I know life can be hectic so I appreciate you taking a break to read about treasures in our community. The Classroom Gem will certainly put a smile on your face. Please note when reading the Jewel of a Joke that I love my mother-in-law. Also, as you may know, Attorney Lorrie Robinson and I have been working on your cases together for nearly 20 years. Her dog, Dixie Dee, wanted to get into the newsletter so we created a new section just for her so she can share what Lorrie has been teaching her over the years.

Next month, we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to my Mom in Heaven and Happy Mother's Day to my wife, Marti, and my daughter, Krystal. Also, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in my office, in my clients' families, and throughout our communities. I encourage you to call your Mom and spend time with her so you can have a similar day like these lyrics in Taylor Swift's "The Best Day":

"I know you were on my side even when I was wrong; And I love you for giving me your eyes, staying back and watching me shine."



Also, know that I consider all my clients treasures. With baseball season staring up, I want to give back to my treasures by offering my two tickets to various Tampa Bay Rays games to clients. To make sure you are on the call list when tickets are available, please send me an email at matt@usalaw.com or call Erin at 724-7853.

Enjoy this edition of *Treasures*, but more so enjoy the treasures in your life and throughout the Tampa Bay community!

Matt

Recipe Riches

Robin's Egg Malt Fudge

WHO NEEDS THOSE PEEPS, WHEN YOU CAN EAT THE ROBIN EGGS!

INGREDIENTS

- 12 oz. Robin Eggs candies
- 11 oz. white chocolate chips
- 7 oz. marshmallow crème
- 1/4 c. Rich Chocolate Ovaltine
- 3/4 c. butter
- 3 c. granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 c. heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

1. Line an 8" square baking dish with parchment paper and set aside.
2. Place Robin Eggs in a large plastic bag and smash them gently, leaving most pieces large enough so that you can tell what they are.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer (or a separate bowl), place white chocolate morsels, marshmallow crème, and Ovaltine. Set aside.
4. In a medium saucepan over high heat, melt butter, then add in sugar, salt, and heavy cream. Bring to a rolling boil, stirring constantly. Boil mixture for 4 minutes, and continue stirring.
5. Pour the boiling butter mixture over the morsel mixture. (Careful—it's hot!) Turn the electric mixer on medium and mix until white chocolate is melted and smooth, about 1 minute.
6. Fold in 1 1/2 cups of the crushed Robin Eggs.
7. Pour into prepared baking pan. Top with the remaining Robin Eggs, pressing them gently into the fudge. Refrigerate for 3 hours or up to overnight.
8. Cut into squares and serve.

