

Treasures

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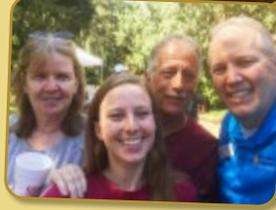
For this thankful-themed *Treasures*, I want to take some time to say thank you to all my past and present clients!

I don't handle cases, I proudly represent clients. Over the past 20 years, I have been blessed to have been able to help nearly 5,000 clients. I have been amazed by the strength of wonderful people who lost their family member after a car accident or because of someone's negligence. I have seen young clients grow and have babies of their own. I have had clients make my Cubs cupcakes, knit me a Cubs scarf, and many other tokens of appreciation. I have enjoyed picnics, ballgames and other events with my wonderful clients. Unfortunately, I have also been saddened by client who pass away – three wonderful clients just this year.

Thank you, clients, for your trust and confidence. Thank you for listening to my corny jokes or stories when you are stuck with me for hours in mediation.



Thank you for your kinds words about my team in your Google reviews and during our conferences. You are important to me and my team and I probably don't say thank you enough.



During this Thanksgiving season, know that we are thankful for you and are honored to be able to help you in your time of need! We look forward to the renewal of picnics, baseball games and helping you in 2021!

JEWEL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT



I am sure that Clearwater residents are thankful for the twenty years of service to our community by Clearwater Police Sergeant Lenshaw Price, but the two decades of service alone just scratches the surface of what Sgt. Price has done.

Throughout her twenty years at the Clearwater Police Department, Sgt. Price served as a patrol officer, an Officer Friendly, a School Resource Officer, a corporal, and recently promoted to sergeant. She has received several Letters of Commendation as well as the Chief's Unit Citation Award twice. If that wasn't already enough, Sgt. Price was named the 2017 School Resource Officer of the Year by the Pinellas County School District.

Sgt. Price was the school resource officer at Oak Grove Middle School from 2006 through 2018. She still puts into practice what she learned as a SRO. "Being a school resource officer requires you to be patient, firm, fair and consistent. I believe these qualities are just as helpful as an officer and as a sergeant."

One of her most treasured memories over the past twenty years was when she was serving as Officer Friendly and involved in the Department's Christmas Cheer program. Each year, families were selected to receive Christmas gifts for the children in the household. "The pure joy and gratitude from the community and the recipients was sometimes overwhelming," Sgt. Price adds.

As a prior school resource officer, Sgt. Price would encourage the kids to make good choices, especially when it comes to their friends, and do their very best in school. She shares that "the people you surround yourself with can either help or hinder your future." Great words of wisdom of a local community treasure!

Thank you, Sergeant Price, for all you have done and continue to do for Clearwater! You are an awesome treasure!

As a token of our appreciation to Sgt. Price, we presented her with a gift card to help with this year's Christmas Cheer or other community event.



Dixie Dee's Diamond Advice

Man's best friend. Woman's best friend. A dog and his/her owner have a special friendship. Well, Dixie Dee has allowed to commandeer her article to write about someone I am thankful for – her owner, Lorrie Robinson.

Lorrie Robinson and I have worked on the same cases together for over 14 years, but she has been part of the firm for over 22 years. Over the decades, Lorrie has shown what a wonderful attorney she is (she is a board-certified civil trial) and wonderful friend. I am so thankful for both!

Lorrie always shows her passion for the law and compassion for our clients. She fights battles for clients that others turn away. She has loved debating since high school and she is great at what she does. As important, she loves helping clients during tough times. Whether it fighting for social security disability benefits, work comp benefits or damages from a car accident, Lorrie loves dedicating her life to helping others.

Andrew Gold's *Thank You for Being a Friend* says it best about Lorrie:

Your heart is true, you're a pal and a confidant

I'm not ashamed to say

I hope it always will stay this way

My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow

Dixie Dee did want me to add that Lorrie is a wonderful "mother" to her albeit Dixie Dee wins the debates at the house and that the last word of the above lyrics should say Bow-wow!

Thank you, Lorrie, for your hard work, dedication to our clients, but most importantly, thank you for our friendship!



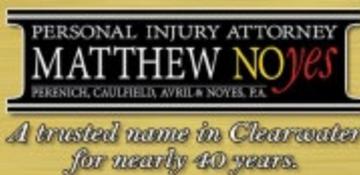
Jewel of a Joke

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey (let's call him Grank) came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared

in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line.

When Grank returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific!!! Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus." "Forget the bonus," the turkey said, "All I want to know is, does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"

PS Let's see our Bucs go through February 7th!



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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 time to read this edition of *Treasures*. I know life can be crazy right now, but we all could use a little sunshine. That's why I write this newsletter. Yes, I can bore you with the law in these newsletters, but I would rather share what's good in the world with you. (I can bore with the law if you ever need my representation.)

There is a lot of good in the world and a lot to be thankful for. This *Treasures* will spotlight a wonderful treasure who has dedicated decades to serving and protecting Clearwater, but I also want to share some things I am thankful for.

In today's time with COVID, politics and other uncertainties, it is easy to fall into the trap and focus

on what's bad around us. Heck, I have found myself doing that more often than ever before. However, it is important to follow the words of Willie Nelson in his song, *I'm Alive*:

It's so damn easy to say that life's so hard

Everybody's got their share of battle scars

As for me, I'd like to thank my lucky stars

That I'm alive and well

And it'd be easy to add up all the pain

And all the dreams you sat and watched

go up in flames

You were on, on their wreckage as

it smolders in the rain

But not me, I'm alive

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and enter the Christmas/Hanukkah/Holiday season, I encourage you to focus on your lucky stars. I appreciate you reading a bit about my lucky stars. Anyone who has flown in an airplane through a thunderstorm can appreciate the beauty of the skies once the plane rises above the storm. If you have risen from the thunderstorms, I encourage you to be thankful for the beauty of the treasures in your life. If you are still in the thunderstorms, know that beauty is up ahead!

Enjoy this *Treasures* and Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukkah/Happy Holidays! Search out the treasures in your community and treasure those in your life.

Matt

Recipe Riches

Cranberry Sauce Overnight Oats

WHO SAYS YOU CANNOT HAVE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR BREAKFAST? USE YOUR LEFTOVER CRANBERRIES TO ENJOY THIS BLACK FRIDAY BREAKFAST.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tbsp cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup almond milk
- 2 tbsp sliced almonds
- dash cinnamon (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Add 2 Tbsp cranberry sauce to a jar. Add the oats and milk. Top with more cranberry sauce and sliced almonds. Close the jar and refrigerate overnight. Top with more milk in the morning if desired.

