

Happy Thanksgiving

WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR

Here at BenGlassLaw, we are all thankful for our families, friends, and our amazing clients whom we help throughout the year, but we thought we would share a few things that we are thankful for as individuals. *(Some of us went the silly route, while others were a little more sincere. We hope you enjoy the fun ones and appreciate the others from the heart.)*



Ben Glass: I am thankful, of course, for a family that puts up with an entrepreneurial crazy person who they call “dad” or “husband.”

I am thankful that I am surrounded at the office by a team which values productivity and ethics, which “checks their egos at the door” and always strives to do the right thing.



James Abrenio: I’m thankful for Kanye West. He always sets the perfect example of what not to do in life, while also making my workouts a little more enjoyable.



Amber Dengler: I am thankful, of course, for my family, friends and coworkers. I am thankful that I have a happy and healthy life and that I am furthering my education through law school.



Charley Mann: I am thankful for banjo music by Steve Martin, spinach and cheese quiche, 18-year aged Scotch, novels by Michael Chabon, all music by Kelly Clarkson, and the fact that soon enough my newborn daughter will be old enough to laugh at me making goofy faces for her.



Jose Caballe: I am thankful for Hoisin sauce. I am going to bathe a turkey in it this year for Thanksgiving!!! Yum!!! I am thankful for the Walking Dead TV Show. Without that show, daydreaming about Doomsday would be so much more... depressing.

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What We Are Thankful For



Colin Lynch: I am thankful that I was born in a time of peace, prosperity, individual freedom, and comfort. I'm thankful my generation hasn't been drafted for war. I'm thankful that there's a cure for poor vision. I'm thankful for the Internet, microwaves, and indoor plumbing. Most of all I'm thankful for Jesus Christ, my best friend and Lord of my life.



Laura Vezzani: I am thankful for Amazon, Korean pop music, the fact that singing in your car isn't illegal, and that I have only gotten three paper cuts this year.



Mairim Bartholomew: I am thankful for Five "F" words - faith, family, friends and freedom...and flex time which allows me to stay up late and still put in the hours at my job!



Kristen Mayer: I am thankful for a great office environment where so many make me laugh (as noted in the above thankful notes) and make me want to come to work. Without the laughs, the stressful, hectic times in the office would be, well, even more hectic and stressful! ■

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BenGlassLaw's Best Kept Secret

a pleasure to speak with someone who is patient and not rushing to get off the phone, I'd say she is a keeper. She was such a delight to speak with. It would be nice if more people were like her. Again, THANK YOU, AMBER!♥

We know it may not seem like much, but, honestly, calling a law firm can be really intimidating for someone who has likely never called a lawyer in their lifetime. It really means a lot to us that Amber is on the front lines, helping people make the best decisions they possibly can for their legal situations. ■

BGL's Best Bites

EASY OYSTER STUFFING



Ingredients:

- 3 boxes of stuffing mix
- 2 cans fresh oysters, drained, reserving liquid
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 lg. onion, chopped
- 1 stick butter
- Salt and pepper

Preparation:

- 1 Saute celery and onion in butter until soft.
- 2 Prepare stuffing mix according to directions on box, substituting reserved oyster liquid and sufficient water to equal required liquid. Season to taste.
- 3 Cut oysters in half and mix in lightly.
- 4 Bake in casserole at 350° covered for 35 minutes; uncover and bake an additional 10 minutes.

RECENT VICTORIES:

Fairfax County jury awarded a 53-year-old Dumfries, Virginia, man \$311,000 for damages and injuries sustained.

In January of 2012, a 51-year-old man was hit by another driver who was travelling about 55 miles per hour on I-95.

He sustained multiple injuries in the accident, suffered from shoulder and knee pain, as well as a large facial gash among other injuries.

After following up with an orthopedic surgeon, it was determined through MRI that the victim had a large tear of the rotator cuff on his right shoulder and surgery would be needed.

The injured driver had \$40,000 in medical bills and nearly \$60,000 in lost wages.

The jury's verdict of \$311,000 was almost \$100,000 more than the insurance company had offered to settle the case. The jury deliberated about 30 minutes before returning its verdict.

Remember: each case is different and past results do not predict future outcomes. Contact us for your own personal case evaluation.

Smartest Guy at the Party: *Know the Legal Vocabulary that Most People Don't*



"Statute of Limitations"

November's "Smartest Guy at the Party" vocabulary phrase of the month is "statute of limitations." The statute of limitations is the amount of time you have to file a case in court after an injury. If you got into a car accident 30 years ago, it would be weird to go to court for it today, right? That's why we have a statute of limitations in the American legal system, so that matters are addressed close in time (relatively) to the event itself. Each state follows different statutes.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, if you've been hurt and you unfortunately need to take legal action against someone, here's how long you have to do it:

- 1 In a **car accident**, you have **two years** from the accident to file a lawsuit.
- 2 Similarly, if you've been injured by a medical professional (what we lawyers call medical malpractice), you have **two years** since the time of the injury to file a lawsuit, but there are exceptions:
 - A child who is injured by malpractice has until his tenth birthday but his parents have only five years to sue for the medical bills. Confused? Call us.
 - If the surgery left a foreign object in the patient, the statute of limitations is longer.

- 3 In long-term disability cases, if you're disabled and your **claim has been denied**, you could have as little as **six months or up to five years**, depending on whether your claim is governed by state law or the federal ERISA law. Honestly, if your claim has been denied, you need to call us as soon as possible. BenGlassLaw is one of a small group of firms in the entire country who deal with ERISA cases and you may need to move quickly.

So, now you know all about the statute of limitations, and you're free to tell your friends. Hey, we didn't say you'd be the *life* of the party, just that you would be the smartest guy there.

Questions? Call us. It's what we do. ■

Ben Glass

Reminder About Our Firm's Communication Policy

Our promise to you is that while we are working on your case, we don't take inbound phone calls, faxes or emails. Ben Glass takes no inbound unscheduled phone calls whatsoever. It makes him much more productive and helps get your case resolved faster. You can always call the office at 703-544-7876, and schedule an in-person or phone appointment, usually within 24-48 hours. This is a lot better than the endless game of "phone tag" played by most businesses today. Remember, too, that email is "quick," but is checked no more than twice a day. Replies are then scheduled into the calendar. So if it's really important, don't email—call the office instead.

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BENGLASSLAW IS CONDUCTING A TOY DRIVE!

We've connected with a local women's shelter and are collecting toys for the children who are currently in their care. We have a list of ages and toys in varying price ranges and we need your help! Contact Amber at Staff@BenGlassLaw.com if you'd like to adopt one of the kids in need and help us bring a Merry Christmas to them!

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BENGLASSLAW'S BEST KEPT SECRET by Ben Glass

Not many people think about it, but answering the phones at a law firm ain't easy. Since we help people through their injuries, we're often meeting people at some of the worst moments of their lives: they've just been in a car accident, they had a surgery and something went wrong, or they are disabled and their insurance company has denied their claim. These are hard things to go through, and it means a lot to us to be in a position to help people get the money they need to avoid crippling medical debt.

That's why we put a lot of thought into the first person people talk to when they call our firm. From the moment someone makes a decision to call our office to get one of our free books, or even just to talk through their situation and see if they have a case, we want to make sure they are met with empathy, kindness, and useful legal advice.

That comforting voice on the phone is Amber Dengler, and we're so proud of the feedback we

get from people who've called the office that we had to share with you:

“I spoke with this wonderful lady, Amber. She was so kind, very informative and helped me quite a bit. Amber answered all of my questions in layman's terms, which I appreciated. Most people don't take the time to explain things to you. My conversation with her was very satisfying and enlightening. It was



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