



FREDERICKSBURG JURY AWARDS \$1.875 MILLION TO BENGLASSLAW CLIENT IN GALLBLADDER SURGERY MALPRACTICE CASE



(Disclaimer: Each case is unique. Past results do not predict future success)

Here at BenGlassLaw, our clients are like family. We've been helping these folks through an incredible ordeal of a case for the last four years. Medical malpractice is very difficult to prove in Virginia, but once you hear this woman's story, you may agree that she was owed massive damages for what happened to her.

First, the happy ending: ultimately, with our help, the 65-year-old woman was awarded \$1.875 million by a Fredericksburg, Virginia, jury. They found that a nurse had failed to advise the surgeon when the patient called three times complaining of post-operative pain after her bile duct was severed during a routine gallbladder surgery. This caused, over time, over two liters of bile to drain into the patient's body cavity and led to multiple additional surgeries.

The patient called the office on the afternoon of surgery, five days later, and then again 14 days after the surgery, to complain of a variety of symptoms, including pain that could not be controlled by narcotic medication, the inability to eat anything and, two weeks after surgery, "black bile" being regurgitated.

The nurse on the phone not only didn't tell the doctor, but prescribed a change in medication without speaking to a doctor!

The patient testified that she believed that the nurse was communicating with the surgeon during these calls when, in fact, she was not. Three surgeries later, the client and her husband decided that something was grossly mishandled here and they should look into finding an attorney.

They found Ben Glass online, downloaded his free medical malpractice book, and made a call which turned out to be life-changing.

The final verdict is helping our client take back a lot of her life, but as with many cases, she would have gladly traded the money to have not

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**"WE HELP PEOPLE MAKE
GREAT DECISIONS
ABOUT THEIR
LEGAL ISSUES."**



It may sound simple, but the truth is that not everyone operates like we do. Even when we can't help someone directly, we consider it important to make sure that they are matched up with a potential answer to their question or problem. We never "send people on their way." We are committed to being a positive, useful resource for anyone who has a legal issue.

If you know of someone who might need an attorney or has a legal question, hand them this newsletter. Let them know that there is a law firm that wants to guide them to a great decision. We're just a call or contact form away.

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BGL's Best Bites:

TRADITIONAL IRISH LAMB STEW

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds thickly sliced bacon, diced
- 6 pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 cups beef stock 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 4 cups diced carrots
- 2 large onions, cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 potatoes
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup white wine

A hearty stew that everyone will love!



Directions:

1. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble, and set aside.
2. Put lamb, salt, pepper, and flour in large mixing bowl. Toss to coat meat evenly. Brown meat in frying pan with bacon fat.
3. Place meat into stock pot (leave 1/4 cup of fat in frying pan). Add the garlic and yellow onion and sauté 'til onion begins to become golden. Deglaze frying pan with 1/2 cup water and add the garlic-onion mixture to the stock pot with bacon pieces, beef stock, and sugar. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours.
4. Add carrots, onions, potatoes, thyme, bay leaves, and wine to pot. Reduce heat, and simmer covered for 20 minutes until vegetables are tender. ■

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Three Fun Ways to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

1. Spread Clover Seed around the Neighborhood

Some people say clovers are an unwanted weed. Time to prove them wrong by becoming the Johnny Appleseed of clovers! Within weeks, your neighborhood will be teeming with beautiful, green shamrocks. Rinse and repeat until you are out of seeds or out of neighbors.

2. Run Your Home on Potato Batteries

The All-Knowing and All-Powerful Google tells us that it only takes 2,580 potatoes to power a residential home*! Perfectly reasonable. Why has no one else taken advantage of this cost-effective and delicious program? Forget solar and nuclear. Potato is the future. *For about an hour

3. Drive all the Snakes out of Your Town

Nothing's more true to the holiday than driving all the serpents out of your town and into the sea. We're looking for St. Patrick's guidebook on the process, and we'll post the PDF as soon as we find it.

In all seriousness, enjoy the holiday and please stay safe on the roads. It's a great day to celebrate life and honor the Irish heritage of many Americans. Oh, and don't forget to wear green. ■



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gone through the ordeal of surgery followed by the ordeal of a trial in the first place. If you or someone you know has been injured by a medical professional, tell them to call Ben. ■

During the trial, Ben used two liters of soda to illustrate the amount of bile that had leaked into the client's body cavity due to gall bladder surgery



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★★★★★ *"I received exceptional service. Mr. Glass reviewed two documents for me as a courtesy at no cost. His response was clear and concise. For him to take the time to do this is very nice and much appreciated. I would definitely recommend his law firm. Everyone in the office was extremely helpful."* ■

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If you are one of our many attorney referral partners, we thank you for the people you've allowed us to help this past month. We always make sure the client knows that you are the hero for having made the connection. If this month you find yourself with a personal injury, long-term disability, or medical malpractice case that you don't handle, give that person the BenGlassLaw number, 703-584-7277, and make sure they say, "Attorney (Your Name Here) sent me," so that we know who to thank. If you have any questions about how we handle referrals, email info@benglasslaw.com with the subject line "Referral Partners" to learn more about our program.

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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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THREE FUN WAYS TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

We have a lot of employees of Irish descent here at BenGlassLaw, so we thought it would be fitting to give you our favorite Irish joke, followed by some fun ways to celebrate the holiday. First, the joke:

An Irishman is searching for a parking space in a crowded mall parking lot. Finally, he's had enough, and he cries out to God with a prayer. "Lord, I can't stand this! If you open up a space for me, I swear I'll never drink whiskey again, and I'll go to church every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds parted and a brilliant light shone down from the sky onto an empty parking space. Without hesitation, the Irishman said, "Never mind, I found one."

And now, for our completely serious list of St. Paddy's Day activities:

