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Distracted Driving -Keep Your Eyes on the Road

Don't Text & Drive

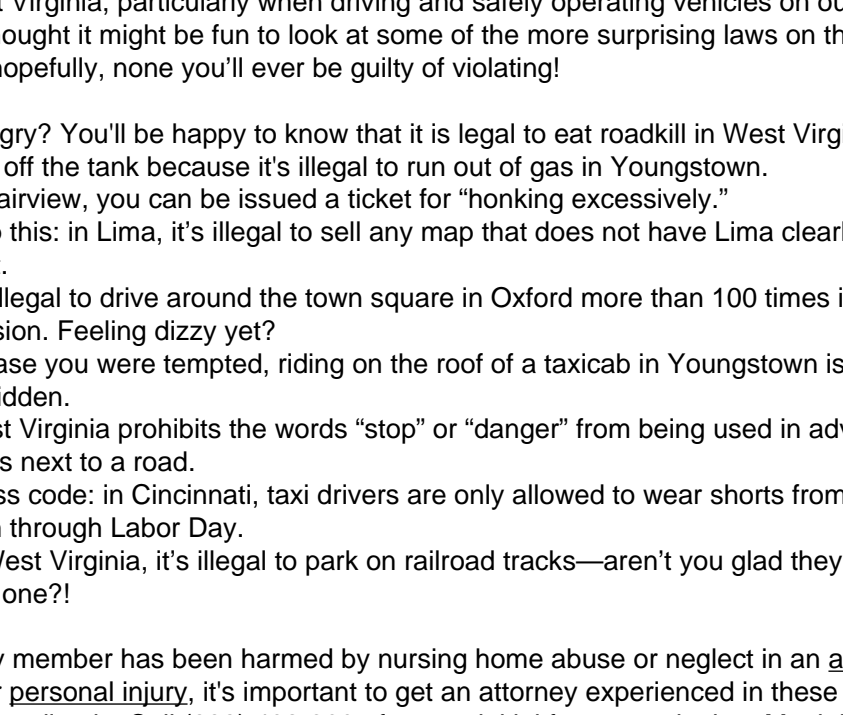
We use our cell phones for everything: planning, working, taking pictures, using social media, and so much more. For many, these small, complex devices are essential to everyday life. Unfortunately, texting and scrolling through social media while driving are huge issues on today's roads. This practice is dangerous and illegal in the majority of states.

According to NHTSA, between 2012 and 2019, 26,004 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver. While fatalities from motor vehicle crashes decreased slightly from 2018, distraction-related fatalities increased by 10%. NHTSA also reported that the number of deaths linked to driver distraction was 3,142 nationwide, or almost 9% of all fatalities, in 2019. This represents a 10% increase over the year 2018, or 284 more fatalities. The distraction figure was the largest increase in causes of traffic deaths reported for 2019.

While we generally think of distracted driving as texting or talking on a cell phone, it can also take many other forms, such as adjusting the GPS, applying makeup, eating, or even interacting with other passengers. The bottom line is this: If your attention is anywhere other than the road, you're driving distracted, and that makes you a dangerous driver. Texting is an especially dangerous form of distracted driving because it takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, and concentration off driving.

Check your notification when you arrive at your destination.
#JustDrive

Would You Believe It? Weird and Wacky Road Laws in Ohio and West Virginia



We spend lots of time ensuring our clients understand the laws of our fine states of Ohio and West Virginia, particularly when driving and safely operating vehicles on our roads. But we thought it might be fun to look at some of the more surprising laws on the books—hopefully, none you'll ever be guilty of violating!

- Hungry? You'll be happy to know that it is legal to eat roadkill in West Virginia.
- Top off the tank because it's illegal to run out of gas in Youngstown.
- In Fairview, you can be issued a ticket for "honking excessively."
- Map this: in Lima, it's illegal to sell any map that does not have Lima clearly shown on it.
- It's illegal to drive around the town square in Oxford more than 100 times in a single session. Feeling dizzy yet?
- In case you were tempted, riding on the roof of a taxicab in Youngstown is forbidden.
- West Virginia prohibits the words "stop" or "danger" from being used in advertising signs next to a road.
- Dress code: in Cincinnati, taxi drivers are only allowed to wear shorts from May 16th through Labor Day.
- In West Virginia, it's illegal to park on railroad tracks—aren't you glad they made that one?!

If a family member has been harmed by nursing home abuse or neglect in an accident or any other personal injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases immediately. Call (888) 402-9607 for your initial free consultation. Mani, Ellis & Layne, PLLC, injury attorneys in West Virginia, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

What Our Clients Are Saying About Us!

Perfect experience. Took a horrible situation and turned it into the best possible scenario. I highly recommend this firm and I will not be using anyone else. Thanks for everything!!!! - A.H.

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From Our Blog: INVESTIGATION FINDS LONG HISTORY OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY OHIO DOCTORS

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WHY YOU NEED

UNINSURED & UNDERINSURED

MOTORIST PROTECTION IN OHIO

ABOUT 13% OF OHIO MOTORISTS ARE UNINSURED*

That means about 1 in 8 cars you see on Ohio roads have no insurance.

The minimum liability insurance in Ohio is:

\$25,000

for injuries to a single person

\$50,000

total for injuries to multiple people

\$98,400

is the average cost of a non-fatal disabling injury†

UNINSURED MOTORIST (UM)

AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST (UIM)

is coverage on your own policy that stands in for and supplements the other driver's liability coverage.

UM COVERS YOU IF:

- You are hit by a driver who does not have insurance.
- You are injured by a hit-and-run driver or "phantom vehicle," and the at-fault driver is never found.

UIM COVERS YOU IF:

- You are hit by a driver who has some insurance, but not enough to cover the full cost of your accident.

UM/UIM IS OPTIONAL IN OHIO.

but it's in your interest to carry it.

You can carry UM/UIM up to the same policy limit as your liability coverage.

FOR EXAMPLE

If your bodily injury liability coverage is \$50,000 per person/\$100,000 per accident, then you can carry at most \$50,000 per person/\$100,000 per accident in UM/UIM coverage.

For most drivers, UM/UIM costs between \$50 and \$100 per year

well within the tens of thousands of dollars in additional protection.

If you have UM/UIM coverage, you can proceed with a claim against an uninsured and underinsured driver, with your coverage standing in for or supplementing the other driver's insurance.

If you don't have UM/UIM, your options may be limited – but an attorney may still be able to help.

Either way, you need legal representation to pursue full value for your injuries.

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Give Us A Call Today

to discuss your situation and review your legal options.

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https://www.iii.org/fact-statistics/facts-statistics-uninsured-motorists

* https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/all-injuries/costs/guide-to-calculating-costs/data-details/

To learn more click here

What You Need to Know About Nursing Home Negligence!

Time is of the essence if you or a family member suspects neglect or negligence.

The state of West Virginia has shortened the Statute of Limitations for Nursing Home Abuse or Neglect to 1 YEAR from the date of death or discovery of negligence!

As a firm, we have worked hard to defend the rights of the elderly and their families in West Virginia and hold corporate wrongdoers accountable. We are here for you to answer any questions you may have regarding your situation. Give us a call at (304)720-1000 for a free consultation.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Help Us Grow

Recipe of the Month:

Spinach and Feta Pita Bake

This quick and easy dish can serve as an appetizer at a party or a meal around the table.

Ingredients:

- 1 tub sun-dried tomato pesto, 6 oz.
- 6 whole wheat pita bread, 6-inches each
- 2 Roma (plum) tomatoes, chopped
- 1 bunch of spinach, rinsed and chopped
- 4 fresh mushrooms, sliced
- ½ c. crumbled feta cheese
- 2 Tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- (optional) ground black pepper

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spread tomato pesto onto one side of each pita bread and place on a baking sheet, pesto-side up.

Top pitas with tomatoes, spinach, mushrooms, feta, and parmesan cheese. Drizzle with olive oil. Season with pepper (if desired).

Bake for about 12 minutes or until the pitas are crisp. Cut into quarters before serving.

Recipe Courtesy of [Allrecipes.com](#)

What's Happening In & Around Charleston, WV & Columbus, OH

Mar 17 - 19
Open Season Sportsman's Expo
Ohio Expo Center

Mar 22
Riverdance
Clay Center

Mar 24 - 25
Columbus Scrap & Stamp Show
Ohio Expo Center

Mar 25 - 26
Shrine Circus
Ohio Expo Center

Apr 13
Annie
Clay Center

Apr 15
Bored Teachers Comedy Tour
Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center

Apr 15
Annual Take a Walk on the Wild Side Nature Hike
St. Albans City Park

Apr 22 - 23
Oddities & Curiosities Expo
Ohio Expo Center

May 20
St. Albans Craft Beer & Music Festival
St. Albans City Park

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