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1. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas

One of the pleasures of this holiday season is to thank many people for their friendship, goodwill and the pleasant association I have enjoyed with the hundreds of friends and professional people I have dealt with over the past several years. We sincerely appreciate our relationships and are thankful for the confidence many people have shown in us. We want to take the time to extend to these friends our sincere gratitude because it is friends and new clients that make our business grow. Client recommendation is a very important source of new clients to us.

In the true spirit of the season, may we all be thankful and share in the hope for peace on earth and goodwill toward our fellow man. May the new year bring happiness and good health to you and those you love. Link to Frizby dog: <a href="http://www.kennethvercammen.com/Seasons">http://www.kennethvercammen.com/Seasons</a> greetings2009.html

We hope you have enjoyed the NJ Laws Newsletter, produced by Law Office. We spend hundreds of hours each year researching relevant cases, new laws and creating website articles for our clients and readers. We mailed to clients our 2011 American Flag calendar to clients during the first week of December. We included a business card. Please share a business card with a friend or co-worker.

After December 27 we will have some additional American Flag calendars available. If you would like additional copies to give to friends, family or co-workers, stop in our office. Share the Flag and support the USA- America is #1.

The Holiday / Christmas time is the Season for giving. We are helping raise food donations for the St. James Food Bank located at 2136 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ We also offering to following gifts to friends and clients.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & SEASON'S GREETINGS WORLDWIDE:

Wesoly Siat, Bozega Narodzenia (Merry Christmas in Polish)

**FROHE** 

WEIHNACHTEN

PRÓSPERO AÑO NUEVO

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**FRIEDEN** 

GLÜCKLICHES NEUES JAHR

JOYEUX NOËL

**PRETTIGE** 

KERSTDAGEN

**GELUKKIG** 

**NIEUWJAAR** 

BUON

**NATALE** 

**BONNIE ANNEE** 

HYVÄÄ JOULUA

### 3. Consequences of a Criminal Guilty Plea

- 1. You will have to appear in open court and tell the judge what you did that makes you guilty of the particular offense(s)
- 2. Do you understand that if you plead guilty:
- a. You will have a criminal record
- b. You may go to Jail or Prison.
- c. You will have to pay Fines and Court Costs.
- 3. If you are on Probation, you will have to submit to random drug and urine testing. If you violate Probation, you often go to jail.
- 4. In indictable matters, you will be required to provide a DNA

- sample, which could be used by law enforcement for the investigation of criminal activity, and pay for the cost of testing.
- 5. You must pay restitution if the court finds there is a victim who has suffered a loss and if the court finds that you are able or will be able in the future to pay restitution.
- 6. If you are a public office holder or employee, you can be required to forfeit your office or job by virtue of your plea of guilty.
- 7. If you are not a United States citizen or national, you may be deported by virtue of your plea of guilty.
- 8. You must wait 5-10 years to expunge a first offense. 2C:52-3
- 9. You could be put on Probation.
- 10. In Drug Cases, a mandatory DEDR penalty of \$500-\$1,000, and lose your driver's license for 6 months 2 years. You must pay a Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund penalty of \$30.
- 11. You may be required to do Community Service.
- 12. You must pay a minimum Violent Crimes Compensation Board assessment of \$50 (\$100 minimum if you are convicted of a crime of violence) for each count to which you plead guilty.
- 13. You must pay a \$75 Safe Neighborhood Services Fund assessment for each conviction.
- 14. If you are being sentenced to probation, you must pay a fee of up to \$25 per month for the term of probation.
- 15. You lose the presumption against incarceration in future cases. 2C:44-1

16. You may lose your right to vote.

The defense of a person charged with a criminal offense is not impossible. There are a number of viable defenses and arguments, which can be pursued to achieve a successful result. Advocacy, commitment, and persistence are essential to defending a client accused of a criminal offense.

#### **Jail for Crimes and Disorderly Conduct:**

If someone pleads Guilty or is found Guilty of a criminal offense, the following is the statutory Prison/Jail terms.

NJSA 2C: 43-8 (1) In the case of a crime of the first degree, for a specific term of years which shall be fixed by the court and shall be between 10 years and 20 years;

- (2) In the case of a crime of the second degree, for a specific term of years which shall be fixed by the court and shall be between five years and 10 years;
- (3) In the case of a crime of the third degree, for a specific term of years which shall be fixed by the court and shall be between three years and five years;
- (4) In the case of a crime of the fourth degree, for a specific term which shall be fixed by the court and shall not exceed 18 months.
- 2C:43-3 Fines have been increased recently! 2C:43-3. Fines and Restitutions. A person who has been convicted of an offense may be sentenced to pay a fine, to make restitution, or both, such fine not to exceed:
- a. (1) \$200,000.00 when the conviction is of a crime of the first degree;
- (2) \$150,000.00 when the conviction is of a crime of the second

degree;

- b. (1) \$15,000.00 when the conviction is of a crime of the third degree;
- (2) \$10,000.00 when the conviction is of a crime of the fourth degree;
- c. \$1,000.00, when the conviction is of a disorderly persons offense;
- d. \$500.00, when the conviction is of a petty disorderly persons offense;

If facing any criminal charge, retain an experienced attorney immediately to determine you rights and obligations to the court. Current criminal charge researched by Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. 732-572-0500

# 5. Jan. 8, 2011 Freezing Cold Hash run, Edison, NJ

-Start Ken Vercammen Law Office, 2053 Woodbridge Ave, Edison 732-572-0500 Adventure trail run, not a formal race. Featured on TV News12 NJ and Cablevision. Free beer, open bar 7:30-11:30

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE A SHIRT AND OPEN BAR. Please call 732-572-0500 We also need to borrow a Kerosene gas heater to keep the volunteers warm. Registration for the run is in the outside garage at 2053 Woodbridge Ave., Edison.

Are you a health Club/Gym member? Can you put out flyers for Freezing Cold Hash Run to Benefit St. James Food Pantry at your gym?

If you want to help set up the garage and basement on Sunday December 19 approx 12 noon or help stuff the prize bags, let us know.

## 6. 2010 update of the Wills and Estate Planning Seminar

You and your friends are invited to our annual Client & friends lunch and the "2010 update of the Wills and Estate Planning Seminar" on January 12, 2011 from 12:15-1PM. Please email us if you plan on attending.