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Noteworthy news and information from Hardison & Associates



New Arrivals - Part 2

In our last newsletter, you may have viewed that two of our attorneys, Jack Hardison and Will Owens, recently welcomed new bundles of joy into their families. Well, the good news just keeps rolling in as attorney, Blair Biser and I have both have been blessed in the month of August with additions to our families. Blair and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed Ella Katherine Biser to the world on August 7th. She arrived at a healthy 8 lbs. 1 oz. My wife, Chris, and I welcomed Avery Garrett Cochran into the world on August 8th. Avery was 7 lbs. 5 oz. at birth. This is Blair and Elizabeth's first child and Avery will now join his sister Abby Grace in the Cochran family. Both families are very proud and both mothers are recovering well. We wanted to share our joy with all of our friends.



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Ella Katherine Biser



Avery Garrett Cochran and
big sister Abby Grace

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Thank you...

A referral from a former client or friend is the greatest compliment our firm can receive. We are grateful for every referral - below is a list of the people who recently referred a friend or family member to our firm. We would like to publicly thank each and every one of them by listing them in our newsletter. And again, we say, "Thank You!"

Christopher Bowes	Earle Edmonds	James McNeill	Dorothea Rhone
Cesar Chavez Hernandez	Gloria Headen	Mary Jane Moore	Tammie Sanderson
Lou Collie	David Jacobs	Annette Morelli	Michael Smith
Alice Davis	Charlie Locklear	James Murphy	Lucille Smith-Brayboy
Angie Davis	Virginia Marshmon	Charles Outlaw	Johnny Walker
Charles Dixon	Betty Martin	Joshua Peterkin	Michelle Wallace
Kenny Doyle	Cherri McCoy	Mary Ann Peterson	Gerald Wells

Steve Gugenheim Now Of Counsel



Hardison & Cochran has announced the Of Counsel relationship with Raleigh adult care and nursing home negligence and abuse attorney, Steve Gugenheim.

Mr. Gugenheim began his career as an attorney in 1991 at one of the

largest defense law firms in the United States. Since his move to Raleigh in 2000, to be closer to family, he has solely represented the victims and victims' families of adult care and nursing home abuse and negligence. He has helped hundreds of victims of nursing home abuse and neglect and is recognized as one of the leading attorneys in the State of North Carolina for handling these types of cases.

Mr. Gugenheim has obtained some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the State of North Carolina. Many of his cases have been reported in North Carolina Lawyers' Weekly, the leading legal publication in the State of North Carolina. Through Mr. Gugenheim's efforts, the North Carolina Court of Appeals has interpreted laws that benefit residents of North Carolina's nursing homes.

"It's always a plus when you add someone with Steve's experience and talent to your team," said Hardison & Cochran's Managing Partner, Ben Cochran.

Summer Prize Pack Winner



Diane of Lillington, NC was the winner of the Summer Prize Pack. Along with the cooler, chairs, tote bag and snacks, she picked the Durham Bulls for her Minor League Baseball

tickets. Congratulations to Diane! Flip to the back page to see this edition's give-a-way!

What's Cooking In Marilyn's Kitchen?



CREAMY HOMESTYLE TUNA MELTS

What you need

- 4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 cans (5 oz. each) tuna, drained, flaked
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 12 slices Whole wheat bread
- 6 KRAFT Singles
- 2 Tbsp. Butter or margarine, softened

Make it!

MIX first 4 ingredients. Fill bread slices with tuna salad and Singles.

SPREAD outsides of sandwiches with butter.

COOK in skillet on medium heat 3 min. on each side or until golden brown on both sides.

Serving Suggestion

Serve with cut-up fresh vegetables and a piece of your favorite fresh fruit.



5 Questions With: Isela Kiaku



Q1. How did you celebrate July 4th?

I spent the fourth with friends and my three boys at a cookout. We played cards and listened to music.

Q2. What is your favorite TV Show?

Intervention on A&E

Q3. Do you have any hobbies?

I love to dance, play pool and watch my boys play sports.

Q4. What is your favorite food?

Shrimp Pasta.

Q5. What is your favorite city to visit?

My home town of Chicago.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LEGAL LIBRARY

We've been busy around the offices writing new books to keep you up to date on your legal rights in North Carolina. We make these available free of charge to the residents of North Carolina. If you would like one of the books featured below, please log onto our website at www.lawyernc.com or give us a call at 1-800-600-7969.

North Carolina's Guide to Nursing Home Negligence

Penned by Managing Partner, Ben Cochran, and Of Counsel attorney, Steve Gugenheim, this book is the essential guide to know what to do if you suspect nursing home negligence to a loved one. The book offers tips on how to spot the seven most common examples of nursing home negligence. A nursing home checklist, which you can take with you on nursing home visits, is also featured in the book.

7 Big Mistakes to Avoid After a Big Rig Trucking Accident

Associate attorney and Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America member, Will Owens, and Ben Cochran share the seven big mistakes they have seen made by victims of big rig trucking accidents. Auto accidents and big rig accidents are not the same as this guide will show. This guide will offer tips on how to handle doctors visits, how to document the accident, when to seek the services of an attorney and much more.

The Guide to Protecting North Carolina Motorcyclists & Their Families

Ben Cochran teams up with motorcycle riding and safety guru, James R. Davis, to offer tips on buying motorcycle insurance and offering 179 motorcycle riding tips that could save your life. How much insurance coverage is needed? Do you need additional coverage for custom parts you placed on your motorcycle? How do you select the correct helmet? What is the best way to organize a group ride? All these topics and more are covered in the 68 page guide.



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Hardison & Associates Employee Spotlight

Betty Lynne Montgomery Receptionist

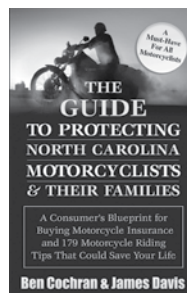
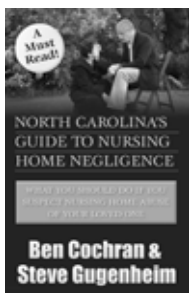
If you have called the offices of Hardison & Associates, chances are you have spoken with Betty Lynne. She is our receptionist, but that hasn't always been her position within the firm. Betty Lynne began working for Ken 11 years ago as his personal injury paralegal. In the time from her start at Hardison & Associates till now, she has worked in the Dunn, Fayetteville and Raleigh offices.



Betty Lynne and her husband, Jim, reside "out in the country" in Benson, North Carolina. When she's not greeting clients over the phone or in the Raleigh office lobby, she enjoys traveling to North Myrtle Beach, listening to beach music and dancing. She also enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren; Nelson (7), Lillie (5) and Kaleb(2).

Referrals

We want you to think of us as your law firm. If you have a legal matter that needs attention, let us know. If we can't handle the matter, we will refer you to a firm that can. Please feel free to refer us to your friends and family for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.



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The Law Firm with The Client Bill of Rights

We believe as our client you have the:

- 1) Right to talk to your attorney the same day you call.
- 2) Right to be updated regularly and in a timely manner as to the progress of your case.
- 3) Right to our respect.
- 4) Right to expect competence from our firm and all who work here.
- 5) Right to know the truth about your case.
- 6) Right to prompt attention from us.
- 7) Right to have your legal rights and options explained in plain English without legal mumbo jumbo.
- 8) Right to a fair written fee agreement with our firm.
- 9) Right to a fair fee for the work we do.
- 10) Right to make the ultimate decision on your case.

Hardison & Associates Books For FREE



Ben has written a new book that the insurance companies hate - 9 Common Mistakes that can Destroy your Workers' Compensation Case and how to avoid making them.

You can get your FREE copy by calling: 1-800-600-7969 and give them your name and address and it will be mailed to you.

We guarantee you will learn something new by reading this new book!

Back to School Give-A-Way

The summer is winding down. You wouldn't know it because the temperatures are still reaching the triple digits, but when you see the yellow school buses start rolling out across North Carolina, you'll know that it is the last days of summer. Since we put so much emphasis on not only the education of legal rights, but education in general here at Hardison & Cochran, we decided we'd help get the school year kicked off right. This edition's "Back Page Give-A-Way" is two \$100 Wal-Mart gift cards for anything that is needed to head back to school. As always, there are two ways to enter:

1. Pick up the phone and call 1-800-600-7969 and let us know you're calling for the "Back-to-School Give-A-Way." You will be redirected to a voice mail. On the voice mail, leave your name, telephone number and let us know of any community organizations in your area you think we should know about.

2. Shoot us an e-mail at wsc@lawyernc.com and place "Back-to-School Give-A-Way" in the subject line. In the body of the e-mail, leave your name, telephone number and let us know of any community organizations in your area you think we should know about.

On September 24th, we will put all the names of those who entered into a hat and Ben will draw two random winners. The winners will be contacted directly after the drawing.

