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What Is the Status of My Personal Injury Case?

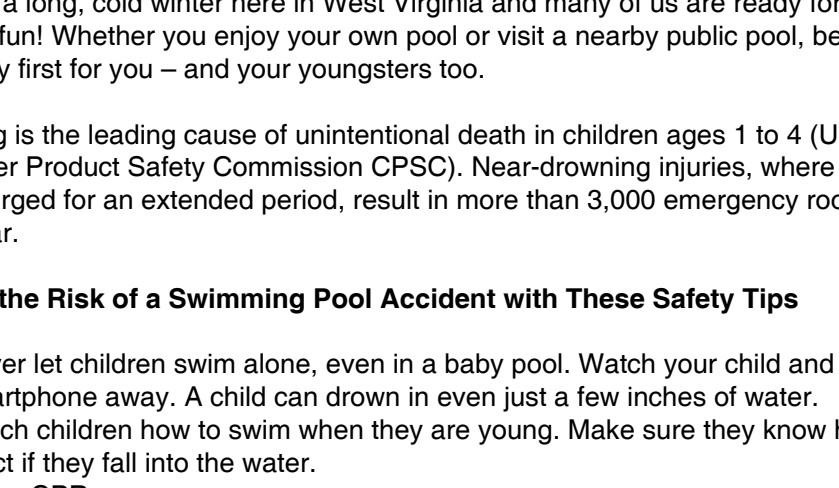


If you have been injured in an accident due to another's negligence, and you have filed a personal injury claim or are thinking of filing one, you may be curious about how these cases typically progress.

Whether the accident involved a slip and fall in a retail establishment, neglect in a nursing home, or a vehicle crash, the steps of most personal injury claims are similar. Read on to learn about the complexity of personal injury cases and how important it is to consult with an attorney early in the process.

- **Get medical treatment.** Even if you received emergency treatment at the scene, get checked out by a healthcare professional as soon as possible. The doctor will document the nature and extent of the injury and prescribe treatment. Be sure to follow through with all recommended testing and treatments to help demonstrate the extent of your injuries.
- **Consult with an attorney.** We urge you to seek out an attorney experienced in personal injury law at the earliest point. Our attorneys have extensive experience in West Virginia personal injury cases. We will work with you to determine if you have a case and then fight for the highest possible settlement.
- **Collecting information for negotiation.** We will gather all facts about your accident and your medical records and begin dealing with the insurance company.
- **Demand package.** Our evidence will build a claim for damages, and a demand package will be presented to the insurance company or claims adjuster. We usually don't finalize the demand until the plaintiff has reached the point of maximum medical improvement, as the full extent of damages may not be known for some time.
- **Filing the lawsuit.** The lawsuit must be filed within the applicable West Virginia statute of limitations, whether or not the case is settled.
- **Negotiations and offer.** At some point, the insurance company may offer a settlement. This offer can be negotiated upwards and, if successful, the insurance company pays the settlement and the case is closed.
- **Litigation.** The insurance company may deny liability for the accident, or if the settlement that has been offered is unacceptable, the case will be scheduled for trial.
- **Mediation.** Rather than go to trial, both parties may concur and mediate a settlement.
- **Personal injury case trial.** Unless the case is settled, a trial in front of a jury will be scheduled. The trial may be decided quickly – even in just a day – or can stretch on for months, and the jury will decide the settlement amount.

Our Top Swimming Pool Safety Tips



It's been a long, cold winter here in West Virginia and many of us are ready for some summer fun! Whether you enjoy your own pool or visit a nearby public pool, be sure to put safety first for you – and your youngsters too.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 1 to 4 (U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission CPSC). Near-drowning injuries, where the child is submerged for an extended period, result in more than 3,000 emergency room visits each year.

Reduce the Risk of a Swimming Pool Accident with These Safety Tips

- Never let children swim alone, even in a baby pool. Watch your child and put your smartphone away. A child can drown in even just a few inches of water.
- Teach children how to swim when they are young. Make sure they know how to react if they fall into the water.
- Learn CPR.
- Keep lifesaving equipment nearby and accessible.
- Implement all state and local ordinances on pool gate access, alarms and barriers.
- Remove flotation devices and portable ladders when not in use.
- Check that pool and spa drains comply with anti-entrapment requirements. A swimmer can be trapped in the strong suction from a pool or spa's drain.

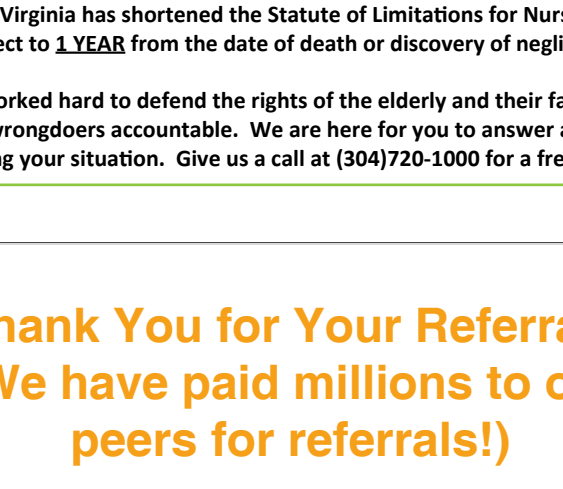
Be sure to have your pool and spa inspected each year by professionals.

Learn more by reading the CPSC Pool Safety brochure, including entrapment cautions, as well as [Tips for Safety in and around Water](#) and [Portable Pool Tip Card](#).

If a family member has been harmed in an accident or any other personal injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved 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.

From Our Blog:

Tips on Sharing the Road with Trucks in West Virginia



Accidents involving trucks can be some of the most devastating events on the road. With the massive size and weight difference between a passenger vehicle and a loaded truck, any collision between them has a strong chance of doing a large amount of damage.

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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.

Thank You for Your Referrals (We have paid millions to our peers for referrals!)



At Mani Ellis & Layne, PLLC we rely on our friends, family and former clients to send us new referrals. Many of you have given us great referrals and also referred us new business and we are always grateful.

We value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even many years after. We also value all of our friends, family and business associates in West Virginia and further afield.

By receiving our newsletter, you can also receive free copies of publications such as How to Handle a West Virginia Car Accident and How to Protect Your Loved One in a West Virginia Nursing Home. Contact dlellis@mel-law.com.

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Recipe of the Month Spicy Sriracha Shrimp



Spark up the grill with shrimp marinated in a few simple ingredients that when combined creates a warm, lasting, and assertive heat without being overbearing. Pile them on a platter and watch them disappear!

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup Sriracha
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 handful cilantro, roughly chopped, plus more for garnish
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pounds large shrimp (16 to 20 count), peeled and deveined

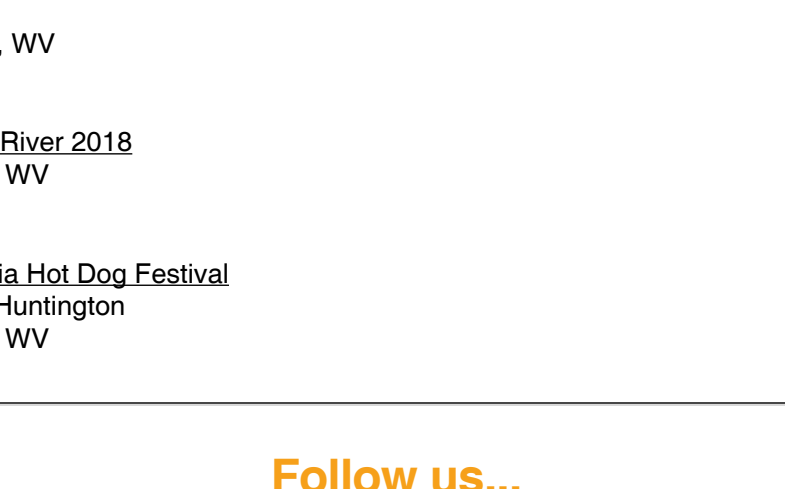
Directions

1. Mix together the Sriracha, olive oil, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, cilantro, and sugar. Season aggressively with salt and pepper. Put in a 1-gallon plastic bag, add the shrimp, and mix together in the bag. Marinate in the fridge for 2 to 4 hours. Or longer.
2. Heat a grill. Skewer the shrimp (4 to 6 shrimp per skewer) and grill until pink and delicious, 2 to 3 minutes per side.
3. Remove the shrimp from the grill, slide the shrimp from the skewer using a fork, and pile on a serving platter. Sprinkle with finely chopped cilantro, and throw a few toothpicks in a few shrimp. Watch them disappear.

Recipe courtesy of Food52

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What's Happening in Charleston, WV

June 1
Tim McGraw & Faith Hill
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV

June 2
Soul2Soul
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV

June 3
Lee Ann Womack
Capitol Center Theatre
Charleston, WV

June 12
Alison Krauss
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV

June 16
Farm to Table: Father's Day Feast
Gritt's Farm
Buffalo, WV

July 4 - 7
Mountain State Art and Craft Fair
Cedar Lakes Conference Center
Ripley, WV

July 6 - 8
Wild & Wonderful Arts & Crafts Festival
Jackson County Fairgrounds
Cottageville, WV

July 6 - 8
Solar Fest
Fayetteville, WV

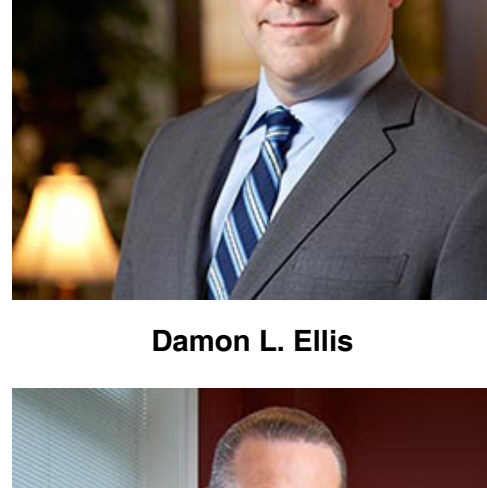
July 14
Rockin' the River 2018
Charleston, WV

July 28
West Virginia Hot Dog Festival
Downtown Huntington
Huntington, WV

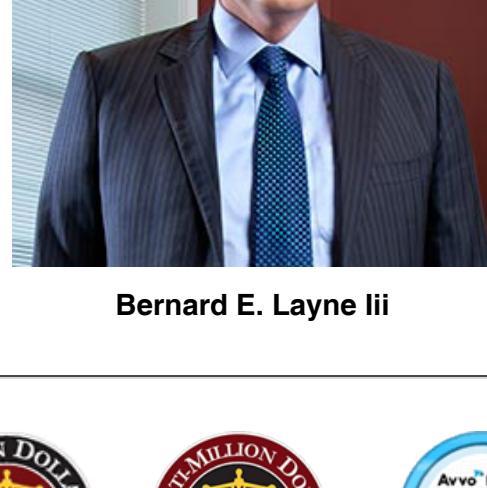
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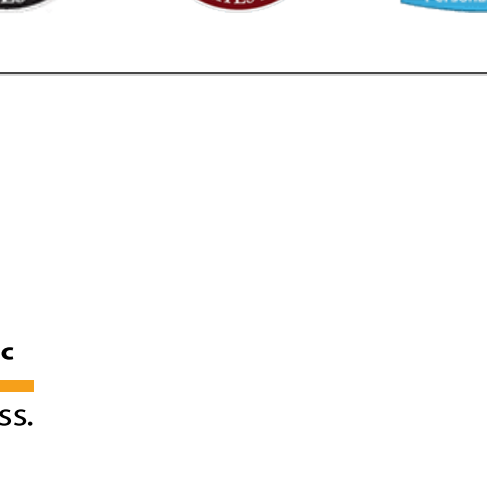
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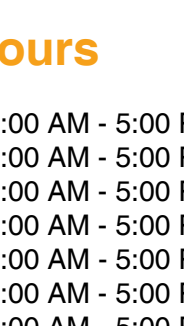
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