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We truly appreciate the recommendations of our law firm by our friends and former clients. It seems like every time we turn on the TV or open an internet site, there is a new lawyer or new law firm soliciting potential personal injury clients. Lawyer advertising is a fact of life now and while we know there are many excellent lawyers who use mass media advertising to secure clients, we also know there are many lawyers who spend too much time in the TV studio making commercials and not enough time in the Courtroom securing meaningful results for injury victims. The constant media advertising by lawyers can make it difficult for consumers to select the right attorney or law firm for their case. This is why your recommendation of our services is so important. Even if it involves an issue outside our primary area of practice, you know we will make every effort to help and, if necessary, recommend a lawyer who we believe can help. Also, please keep in mind that personal injury victims who are already represented by an attorney do have a right to seek a second opinion about their case from another attorney.

TEACH YOUR TEEN TO BE A SAFE DRIVER!

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Teenagers dream about getting their driver's license and worry about passing the road and written test. Having that official piece of identification tucked in their wallet opens up a new world of freedom, choices, responsibilities, and consequences. For parents, white knuckled and hunched over in the passenger seat, the process of teaching their son or daughter to drive may feel more like a nightmare than a drive through the park. And the stress only increases with having your new driver on the road. This column will provide tips to prepare your teen to become a safe driver and hopefully reduce everyone's anxiety level a notch or two. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>), motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 20 year olds, accounting for forty percent of all teen deaths. While this age group makes up only 10% of the U. S. population, they account for 14% of all crash fatalities. So teaching your teen to be a careful and safe driver can make the difference in his survival behind the wheel. It's an effort that takes time, knowledge, and patience.



Know the rules: Having the right information can make your job as driving mentor so much easier. First, visit your state's Department of Motor Vehicles website. Most states have a new driver's booklet, list of places and times to take the exam, state driving laws, and more on their site. If you don't have access to the Internet at home, you can use the free computers at the library, pick up printed materials at the DMV offices, or often request them by phone. Parents should review the materials as well as ensuring that their teen studies them. This is usually one homework assignment, they are eager to do

Another helpful resource is your insurance agent. Many insurance companies have programs for new drivers including videos, safe driving booklets, and criteria for getting good student and safe driving discounts. This is a good time to check the rates for having a teen driver on your policy. If you have more than one vehicle, chose one with an airbag if possible, and find out which one will have the lower rate and best safety rating. Then add the teen as a driver to that car.

Be a role mode: Setting a good example is one of the best ways that you can help your teen be a better driver. If you run red and yellow lights, speed down the highway at 75 MPH, weave in and out of traffic, take chances on the road, ride the bumper of the car in front of you, scream at other drivers, or exhibit other signs of road rage, you're showing your teen that the rules don't count—and this can be fatal. Model the behavior you want your teen to follow and start early.

CONSUMER ALERT: PROBLEMS WITH POLI-GRIP

Poligrip denture cream's manufacturer, GlaxoSmithKline, is under investigation for failing to inform users of this product of potential safety risks. Poligrip denture cream contains 38 milligrams of zinc per ounce. Federal health experts recommend 8 milligrams of zinc per day for women and 11 milligrams for men. Medical studies have found excess zinc may purge the body of copper, a chemical needed for normal brain and nervous system function. GlaxoSmithKline has announced it will stop making Poligrip formulas containing zinc. Common side effects related to this product's health risk include loss of balance, loss of sensation in the hands and feet, and anemia. If you have questions regarding your health and the use of Poligrip, or have a family member who may be suffering from these serious side-effects, please contact Knox Boteler at 433-7766 or email him at Knox@bfw-lawyers.com



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KARLOS FINLEY BECOMES PARTNER



We are pleased to announce that Karlos Finley has become a partner in the firm and the new firm name will be *Boteler, Finley & Wolfe*. Karlos has been with the firm since 2008 and his hard work and dedication is a true asset to our clients. Besides handling personal injury matters for victims, Karlos has also assisted property owners in land condemnation cases and he has helped small business owners with contract reviews and guidance. He is a member of the American Association for Justice, the Alabama Association for Justice and the South Alabama Trial Lawyers Association. Karlos is the current President of the Vernon Z. Crawford Bay Area Bar Association, Treasurer for the Alabama Lawyers Association and he serves on the Executive Committee of the Mobile Bar Association. Besides his exceptional courtroom skills and leadership in the legal community, Karlos continues to be a great asset to our community and State. In 2008 he was elected class president for Leadership Mobile. He is currently serving as the President of the Mobile Chapter of the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform and he is on the Board of Directors for the

Dearborn Street YMCA and 15 Place Homeless Services Center. In addition, Karlos is a frequently requested motivational speaker for area schools and youth programs where he brings a positive message about the importance of education and responsibility to area middle school and high school students.

AT THE FIRM

Over the last few months, the lawyers and staff at Boteler, Finley & Wolfe (BF&W) have been very busy with your legal matters and working hard in the legal community and in our community to make a difference. Here are just a few things we have been working on:

-BF&W Web Site Updated. Our web site; <http://bfw-lawyers.com> has been updated so that most of our informational material for injury victims and consumers can now be directly downloaded from the site. Visit the Publications page of our web site to see all of the material we provide at no charge to the public.

-BF&W Community Support. In the last three months we have supported numerous charity organizations and community events, including the Dearborn YMCA Annual Charity Banquet and Program, the 100 Blackmen of Greater Mobile Annual Charity Gala, RideYellow charity benefit for Camp Rap-a-Hope for children with cancer, Leukemia and Lymphoma Man and Woman of the Year Awards program, the Child Advocacy Center Charity Wine Tasting, Family Promise of Mobile County, Family Promise of Baldwin County. In May BF&W sponsored a special showing of Chicago by the Mobile Theater Guild for the benefit of the Mobile Bar Association (MBA) Volunteer Lawyer Program and we co-sponsored a Charity Kickball Tournament organized by the MBA Young Lawyer Division to benefit the Mobile Bar Foundation (...and yes, Mark, Knox and Karlos all played in the tournament!)

-BF&W Attorneys. In June Knox Boteler was a featured speaker at the Alabama Association for Justice Summer Meeting in Destin, FL. Knox spoke and presented a paper on the current status of subrogation laws in Alabama and in our Federal Courts. Knox has also been busy with his involvement with Family Promise of Mobile County. Family Promise is a church based program that provides shelter and living arrangements for displaced families. Karlos Finley was recently elected Treasurer for the Alabama Lawyers Association at its annual meeting held in Panama City Beach, FL. Karlos also addressed the young men of Westlawn Elementary School at the TIES Program, Coached the Booker T. Washington Middle School Mock Trial Team and taught a civics class for the University of South Alabama's Institute for Learning. In May, Mark Wolfe spoke at a national program for lawyers in Clearwater, FL. The program was attended by over 1200 lawyers from across the United States. In June, Mark was a speaker at the Ala Lawyers Assoc annual meeting. Mark recently had another article published in TRIAL, a national law journal for the American Association of Justice. This will be the third article written by Mark that has been published in TRIAL and the 10th law related article he has had published in a regional or national law journal.

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