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## Here are Team G&M's best moments from Summer 2017....



The Diaz fam vacayed in the OBX!



Kiley & Logan at their closing... they bought a house and got married within 24 hours!



John & Radlyn took their girls to Hanoi, Vietnam!



Grace cooling off in New Orleans!



Sarah indulged in some wine tasting at Valle de Guadalupe in Baja California, Mexico!



Shelley went boating with the fam on Lake Wylie, South Carolina.

## Client's Corner

*"If I could give this firm 10 stars, I would. We chose this firm over several others in the area because they seemed the most welcoming and non-discriminatory despite us being a "non-traditional" couple. We were respected and treated equally every step of the process. Our decision to retain Mrs. Mendoza was also due to seeing her long track record of success and excellent reviews online, which we luckily discovered were 100% accurate.*

*Gardner & Mendoza, P.C. are reputable, organized, maintain excellent communication with clients, and ultimately provide outstanding legal services - especially to minority & military families. We highly recommend this firm."* –Emily Catherine



# Business Spotlight

## Hilltop Eye Care Center

Meet Doctors Amanda and Jeffrey Thompson of Thompson Vision, LLC! This happy couple met in medical school and have been practicing optometry together ever since. We had the honor of meeting them this spring when they asked for our help in obtaining lawful permanent residence for Jeffrey, a Canadian citizen.

Originally from Indiana, Amanda comes from a family of medical professionals and has always had a love of optometry, while Jeffrey's love of optometry developed as he worked under an incredible mentor optometrist during medical school.

The Thompsons had been practicing in beautiful British Columbia, Canada for several years when the opportunity arose for them to practice at Hilltop Eye Care Center! Not only are they now closer to Amanda's family, but they also quickly fell in love with the Hampton Roads area.

The move to Virginia Beach is not the only big change Amanda and Jeffrey have experienced

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during this last year. In May, the couple welcomed baby Emma! Now three months old, you can often find Emma in their offices as she plays the dual role of office mascot.

The next time you are in need of a new pair of glasses or contacts, or just need some eye care, please reach out to this amazing husband and wife optometrist team at Hilltop Eye Care Center, and tell them John and Radlyn - the other husband and wife team - sent you!



## Ask Our Legal Beagle

**Q:** What's going on with deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA)?

**A:** On September 5th, 2017, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it is ending DACA. DHS will no longer accept any first time DACA filings from potential applicants. DHS accepted renewal filings until October 5, 2017 for those current DACA holders whose status expires between now and March 05, 2018. All currently pending cases, both first time and renewals, will continue to be processed and adjudicated. Congress is attempting to enact permanent legislation to replace DACA. As always, we will keep you updated on any changes! QUESTIONS? CALL US!



# Recipe of the Month: Salad Olivier

## Ingredients:

1 lb. chicken breast or 1 lb. bologna  
3 eggs  
2 medium-sized potatoes  
1 large carrot  
3 small whole dill pickles  
½ small sweet onion  
One 12-oz. can of sweet peas  
6 Tbsp. mayonnaise or sour cream.  
*Olive oil-based mayonnaise enhances the flavor.*  
Salt to taste  
Parsley for decoration



Check out our client  
Olena as she preps  
the salad.

## Directions:

1. Poach or roast the chicken breast. Set aside to let cool.
2. Hard boil the eggs (at least 10 minutes) and let them cool.
3. Wash the potatoes and carrot. Do not peel until they are cooked.
4. Put vegetables in a pan and simmer until tender (20-25 min.); poke with a knife to check readiness. If the knife goes in easily, remove from pan. If the carrot is ready, remove it and continue cooking the potatoes.
5. Alternatively, you may steam the vegetables. Let them cool and peel. To make peeling easier, put cooked potato and carrot under cold water for a few seconds.
6. Cut the cooked and cooled chicken breast or bologna into small cubes.
7. Peel and chop the eggs.
8. Cut the potatoes, carrot, and pickles into small cubes, and chop the onion finely.
9. Combine all the ingredients in a mixing bowl.
10. Add sweet peas (drain the liquid first). Mix everything well, and then add the mayo or sour cream.
11. Mix everything again and then add salt to taste, if necessary.
12. Decorate with snips of parsley.
13. Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes to an hour.
14. Serve as a main dish, appetizer, or salad.



"My grandmother taught me how to make the salad when I was a teenager. We used to make it for every big celebration in our family in Ukraine. Since I left my country I prepared it for my friends in many different countries, and it never failed. Everybody who tried it always asked me for the recipe even if it's an obviously simple dish."

# Legal fees seem daunting?



Crowd fund your case! That's right – CrowdJustice provides an amazing platform for those needing legal services but don't have the funds to pay for them.

CrowdJustice helped the Aziz brothers, two Yemeni nationals, raise over \$36,000, who were detained and deported in the rollout of the White House's travel ban. CrowdJustice also helped an American veteran raise almost \$12,000 when he was denied voting rights because he moved out of the U.S.

These are just a few of their success stories. Yours could be next!

Gardner & Mendoza is happy to announce that we have partnered with CrowdJustice in an effort to provide an additional resource to clients who may need it. Don't let money prohibit you from moving forward with your legal case - crowd fund it! No case is too big or too small. If you need help with legal fees and think crowd funding may be an option for you, contact Jameel Gordon at 718-709-4930 or [jameel@crowdjustice.com](mailto:jameel@crowdjustice.com) to get started, and visit [www.crowdjustice.com](http://www.crowdjustice.com) today to learn more!

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## JUST BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT GABRIELA MARTINEZ



Just because I'm different  
Don't be negative towards me  
Just because I'm different  
It doesn't mean I'm an outsider  
Just because I'm different  
You can still get to know me  
Just because I'm different  
I don't like being considered "normal"  
Just because I'm different  
I like to stand out  
Just because I'm different  
I'm just being myself  
Just because I'm different  
Simply...just because

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