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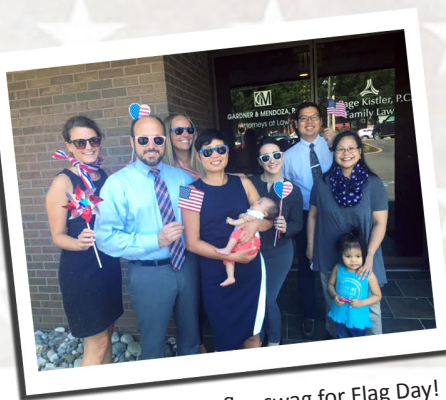
Summer 2017

Are you fired up for Summer?!



Did you know....

- Fireworks originated in China about 2,000 years ago? China continues to be the world's largest firework manufacturer!
- Sparklers can burn up to 3,662°F, which is the same as a blow torch.
- No wonder roughly 4,000 children under 15 are in U.S. emergency rooms each July due to sparkler-related burns!
- 1/3 of firework-related eye injuries result in permanent blindness.
- If you dream about fireworks, it can symbolize creativity, enthusiasm and celebration!
- Americans have been setting off fireworks to celebrate Independence Day since 1777!
- Always have a water source nearby should any accidents occur.



Team G&M rocking flag swag for Flag Day!

"Life is like fireworks, you can close your eyes and be scared or open them and enjoy the view!"

Anonymous



Team G&M were #patriotic at the J&A Racing Corporate 5K in May! We joined Team Parks Zeigler to bite the metal!

Client's Corner

"As my oath ceremony draws closer and the time and date counts down, I continue to hear those kind words from you, 'Your citizenship application will be approved.' I needed those words, but I still feared the rejections and denials that I had faced over the past seven years of fighting for my citizenship. Many immigration lawyers told me to renew my green card and forget about the citizenship process because it was just not possible. I sincerely appreciate you and your staff. Due to the difficulties we face as immigrants, we hope to find people like you. This was a long journey for me, but a big celebration from the day I found you. I can't forget you and I hope to find you after the ceremony. May God not only bless your professional work, but prolong your life and multiply your assets." - E. Sackor



When your client drives 2 hours to show you her Naturalization Certificate and personally thanks you.

Business Spotlight

Joyner's Driving Improvement School

How fitting that the Husband & Wife Legal Team connect with the Husband & Wife Driving School Team? It happened! Meet Queenie & Wendell Joyner, the proud owners of Joyner's Driving Improvement School.

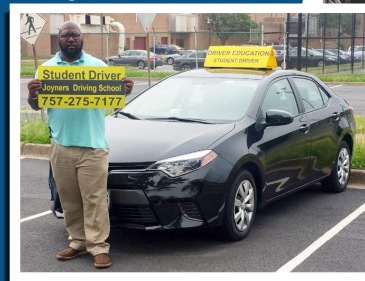
Several years ago when Queenie and Wendell's kids were teenagers, they were looking for a suitable driving school to assist them in getting their license. They were disappointed to discover that the necessary driving classes were always full and overpriced, and that's when they got the idea to develop an affordable driving school program that's immediately available.

It was a challenge to build a credible business on a small budget, but the Joyner's were determined to turn their vision into reality. By 2015, they were proud recipients of the Best Driving School Award by the Virginia Beach Award Program, and have continued to earn that distinction. They are also the proud recipients of Mazda's Top Driving School Award!

Joyner's has partnerships with some of the best vendors in the traffic school industry from auto repair shops, court representation and speed calibration to equip you and your vehicle with state of the art, DMV approved solutions that will increase your chance of fighting traffic tickets and get you 5 safe driving points.

Their instructors don't just meet DMV regulations but hold FBI clearances as well. The team is kind, flexible and place a strong emphasis on customer service.

Steve Couther, Licensed Drivers Ed and Defensive Driving Instructor



Queenie & Wendell Joyner, Owners of Joyner's DIS



If you have a teen looking to get their license, want to clean up your own driving record or have a court order to take a driver's improvement course, call our friends at Joyner's Driving Improvement School... and tell them Radlyn & John sent you!

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Ask Our Legal Beagle

Q: It's my Second Amendment right to bear arms. If I obtained my firearm legally, why do I need a concealed weapon permit?

A: In Virginia, it is a Class I Misdemeanor to carry a concealed (not visible) weapon without the appropriate permit, with penalties resulting in up to 12 months in jail and fines up to \$2,500 for the first offense. Don't get the police a reason to "hound" you; if you plan to carry your gun with you, it's worth it to obtain the appropriate permit.

Charlene's All American Cream of Mushroom Turkey Meatloaf

Our new Client Services Member Charlene created this a year ago when she was searching for a healthier alternative to meatloaf. It's a family favorite!

Ingredients:

- 1 can of Cream of Mushroom
- 2 lbs. of ground Turkey meat
- ½ tbsp. of Salt
- ½ tbsp. of pepper
- 2 tbsp. of dry minced onions or Lipton Onion mix packet
- 2 tbsp. of Worchester sauce
- ¼ a cup of Ketchup
- ¼ a cup of mustard (yellow or Dijon)
- ½ a cup of bread crumbs

Directions:

Mix all the ingredients together. Pre-heat the oven at 350 Fahrenheit. Put the ground turkey in a rectangular oven pan and cover the pan with aluminum foil and put in oven for 40 minutes. Take out of oven and spread cream of mushroom over the top of meatloaf and then put back in oven for 10 minutes.



Tasty!

The G&M Team has expanded!



Meet Domini Samson, our Law Intern! Domini was born in the Philippines but grew up in Kansas. He is currently enrolled as a second-year law student at Regent University School of Law. Domini earned his B.A. in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. After earning his B.A., Domini worked as a paralegal at a debt collection law firm in Richmond for 6 years. Before starting law school, Domini earned his Master of Arts in Law at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, VA in 2015.

Upon graduation, Domini plans to pass the Virginia State Bar and practice immigration law and estate planning in Virginia Beach. He lives in Virginia Beach with his wife and two daughters. When not working or studying, Domini likes to go on impromptu food tours, dances (not very well) salsa, merengue and bachata, and is an avid gamer.



Meet Charlene Muniz, our new Client Services Member! Charlene will be one of the cheerful voices that answers the phone when you call and one of the friendly faces that greets you when you arrive to our office. She will also be helping us with a myriad of other administrative legal needs.

Charlene holds a Bachelor's degree in both Business Administration and Accounting, with a minor in Spanish. Born to Puerto Rican parents, Charlene speaks Spanish fluently and loves to dance salsa, travel and spend time with her husband and two children.

Please join us in welcoming Charlene and Domini. We are excited to have them on board!

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READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

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OF 2017
GOLD
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Thanks to your votes, we
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