



Radlyn & Mia mountain-biking in Colorado.



John channeling his inner Tom Cruise.



Tammy enjoying a leisurely Sunday ride.

Do you feel the need for speed?

Courtesy of Sergeant Bradley K. Wessler, Fatal Crash Team and Motor Carrier Unit, Virginia Beach Police Department

Speed limits provide motorists with information that will facilitate the safe flow of traffic under normal conditions. They are established based upon thorough traffic engineering criteria, not set on casual observations or uninformed opinion.

What factors are considered? Traffic engineers examine many traffic and road conditions to determine speed limits. These include: roadway classification, accident history, vehicle speed and number of vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles. Also considered are the physical features of the road such as sidewalks, curves, driveways, intersections and traffic control.

Most drivers drive 5 to 10 mph over the speed limit. Why not establish the speed limit with this in mind? While some people drive faster than the speed limit, this is not true of everyone. Experience shows that 85% of the drivers adhere to properly established speed limits. This is the 85th percentile speed. It is the speed at, or below which, 85% of the traffic moves. Police officers can then target their speed enforcement efforts at the 15% of drivers who do not obey the speed limit. When enforcement is directed at these drivers, voluntary compliance increases, resulting in a lower percentage of violators.

Can speed enforcement be effective when limited to a small portion of the drivers?

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Is a lower speed limit always safer? No, lower speed limits do not necessarily improve safety. The more uniform the speeds of vehicles in a traffic stream, the less chance there is for conflicts and crashes. Posting speed limits lower or higher than what the majority of drivers are traveling produces two distinct groups of drivers: People attempting to observe the limit and people driving at the speed they feel is reasonable. These differences in speeds may result in increased crashes due to tailgating, improper passing, reckless driving and weaving from lane to lane.



My father's case was very special because I had consulted with other lawyers, all of which told me that I could not achieve what I wanted to, and if I did, the cost would be very high. Then, thanks to God, I remembered that Ms. Mendoza was one of the great attorneys a long-time friend had hired a while back. She stated that she was able to obtain her own residency and that of her whole family at a good price and above all else, there was always a lot of respect and professional attention in handling her case. This restored my confidence and faith in the process and I hired Ms. Mendoza to handle my father's case.

Today, my father received his permanent residency without any problems. He is very happy and now can travel to and from his native Peru. What I feel in my heart is that there are no words to express how eternally grateful I am. I can only give you an excellent recommendation and share that you'll be met with much support and unconditional love. My father and I felt like family. Attorney Mendoza and Attorney Fernandez-Griffin fought for us every step of the way to make this a reality for us and it was a blessing from God. – Maria (translated from Spanish)



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-TOP GUN**

Business Spotlight

Kaado Aesthetics and Anti-Aging

When you walk into Kaado's Aesthetics and Anti-Aging in Virginia Beach, you immediately feel like you've come to the right place to be beautiful! The people are warm and friendly, the décor is professional yet inviting, and it smells like a combination of flowers, citrus and happiness.

Then you meet Dr. Georges Kaado, and it gets even better. He is one of the most gentle, reassuring doctors I've ever met, and he took time out of his day to speak with us about the luxury skin care services he provides to the community.

As a young boy in Lebanon, Dr. Kaado grew up watching his grandmother prepare a skin remedy made out of dried wildflowers. The remedy gave her porcelain-like skin. During the Lebanese Civil War, she gave this remedy as gifts to family and friends in efforts to calm them during the stressful period. Georges was fascinated with this process as a young boy and could be found following his grandmother around as she collected the flowers, dried them and prepared them to make her secret remedy.

Georges and his family moved to the U.S. when he was 12. He chose to pursue medicine and when the time came for medical school, he traveled the globe to learn from the most modern and innovative doctors in the world.

During one of his residencies, Georges' work with infectious disease locked in his passion for cosmetology. Helping so many sick people whose faces had atrophied, he quickly became an expert on reconstruction and fillers. After that, he continued to study under the world's greatest plastic surgeons and cosmetic dermatologists.

Georges has been a doctor at Sentara's Urgent Care for several years, but he couldn't shake his underlying desire to pursue his love for making people feel beautiful, just like his grandmother did. In January 2015, he opened Kaado Aesthetics and Anti-Aging, where he's committed to providing luxury skin care and rejuvenation procedures with 5-star patient service. Between his business and practicing with Sentara, Georges is a very busy doctor. Despite his hectic schedule, he doesn't complain. "It's what I'm passionate about, so I don't consider it to be work."



Adding to his line-up of awesome endeavors, Georges is set to launch his own skin-care line, *Kaado*, in January. We found out where that wonderful smell in his office was coming from the day we visited - Georges' new product line is derived in large part from his grandmother's secret wildflower recipe. He has added his own touches here and there, but the inspiration is all from his grandmother. His product development process from inception to launch will be featured in a reality TV show this Fall, where he and his staff will be featured.

Georges seeks perfection in the results of his patients. We can't wait to go back to try out one of Georges' specialty facials like the one infused with specks of gold. Talk about a million-dollar face! If you're in the market for total skin rejuvenation, be sure to give Georges a call at 757-788-4508.... and tell him Radlyn and John sent you!

Recipe of the Month

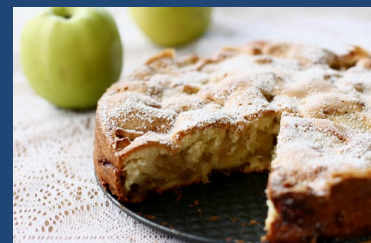


Tamara's Sharlotka (Russian Apple Cake)

Sharlotka, or Russian "Charlotte" apple cake, is a wildly popular dessert in Russia. Created by French Chef Marie Antoine Careme, many historians believe the dessert was named after Great Britain's Queen Charlotte, who was sister to Careme's Russian employer, Czar Alexander I. This recipe is so delicious you won't believe how easy it is to make! **Ingredients:** 4 large eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup all purpose flour, 2 large apples

Radlyn with Tamara at her Naturalization Ceremony

Butter the pan, preheat oven to 350F. Peel apples and cut into small or medium slices. Beat eggs and sugar until they increase in size and becomes thick and foamy. Stir in the flour. Combine with apples and bake for 30 min. or until the top of the cake becomes golden-brown. Dust with powdered sugar. Serve hot or cold.



Underage Possession of Alcohol

By Attorney John Gardner

If you're a parent, there's a good chance your kids have consumed alcohol before reaching the age of 21. Not something parents want to hear, but true. At a party, at a club, or maybe in the back seat of a car riding around town. We've all been there, right? As the kid and as the parent. And the punishment is usually something along the lines of a stern lecture on the dangers of alcohol and being grounded.

But parents and their kids need to be aware that in Virginia, Underage Possession of Alcohol is a class 1 misdemeanor carrying a maximum jail sentence of up to 12 months. Additionally, there is a mandatory minimum fine of \$500.00 or 50 hours of community service, and a mandatory driver's license suspension of 6 to 12 months. That means any person under the age of 21 who is caught with alcohol will be facing a possible jail sentence and a permanent criminal record. And, as a parent, you'll be doing all of the driving again for at least 6 months! It is important to note that "possession" doesn't just mean holding a bottle of beer; it includes alcohol that has already been consumed and is in your kid's stomach (and probably on his breath, which is how most folks get caught).



I'm a parent myself and I'm guessing that even the angriest of parents would rather stick with just the stern lecture and the grounding!

The good news is that if your son or daughter is an adult and has not previously been convicted of underage possession, consumption, or purchase of alcohol in Virginia or any other state, he or she may be eligible for a deferred finding by the Court. What that means is the Court will place them on probation and order them into a treatment or education program or both, may suspend or restrict their license, and may order them to do community service. If they complete these requirements and don't have any new charges while on probation, the Court will dismiss the charge at the end of the probation period.



Free Citizenship Day Workshop on September 17th!

Are you ready to become a U.S. citizen?

Stop paying to renew your green card every ten years and worrying about international travel. Invest in your family, your community, your future - become a U.S. citizen! There's no better time to apply!

Come to AILA's Citizenship Day Workshop on September 17, 2016!

**Venue: St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
5345 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462**

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Contact: marketing@gmlaw.net

If you have been a Legal Permanent Resident (Green card holder) for at least 5 years, (or) 3 years if you are married to a U.S. Citizen, then you may be eligible to apply.

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John & the girls on vacay at
the Grand Canyon,
South Rim!

Thank you for your referrals!



Ask Our Legal Beagle

Q: U.S. Citizens are protected from unlawful search and seizure; what about those who are here unlawfully?

A: The U.S. Constitution protects all people from unreasonable searches and seizures and self-incrimination. It does not matter whether you are in the U.S. lawfully or unlawfully. Don't get your paws dirty—remember, you have a right to speak to an attorney.



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