

### June 2011 Newsletter

This month, The Coye Law Firm is focusing on how you can have a safe and fun summer! Check it out!

#### Memorial Day Remarks by Wade Coye at Cpl. Larry E Smedly National Vietnam War Museum



Wade Coye recently had the honor of addressing a large gathering at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Service at Cpl. Larry E. Smedley National Vietnam War Museum, located at 3400 N. Tanner Rd. in Orlando, Florida.

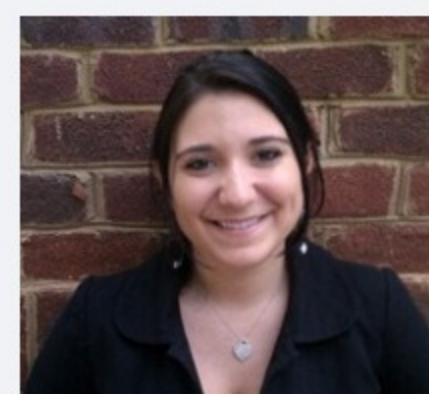
His remarks were on a sunny Sunday afternoon on May 29, 2011, and they touched on the topics of honoring the loss of those who have died in combat, the family and friends who have been left behind, and to the service members who still deal with problems and permanent injuries today.

Mr. Coye is a veteran himself. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry, 1/41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The Coye Law Firm is committed to helping our veterans in all their legal needs in personal injury, Social Security Disability, and workers' compensation cases, as well as guiding them through the details of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

You can watch Mr. Coye's Memorial Day remarks [here](#), or you can [visit our webpage](#) and watch and read the speech.

We're grateful for the chance to honor our veterans.

#### We Have a New Law Clerk With us This Summer!



Her name is Miriam Thornton, and she's a 22-year-old law student at Florida State University.

Miriam is from Lake County, Florida. She graduated high school third in her class and started attending college when she was 15 years old. She earned her Associate of the Arts degree when she was 17 at Lake-Sumter Community College magna cum laude, and she earned her Bachelor of the Arts in Literature from Florida State University magna cum laude. Last summer she also had the opportunity of studying law abroad at Oxford University.

She will be with us here at the Coye Law Firm until late August, which is when she'll return to her third year of law school at Florida State University. As a law clerk, she does research for cases; drafts pleadings, complaints, and demands; and more. She's excited to be here, and looks forward to spending time working with us this summer. Welcome, Miriam!

#### Safety Tips to Avoid Lawn Mowing Injuries

Yes, summertime is upon us, and that means many different things for different people: beaches, family vacations, no school, and more. For some people, especially in Central Florida, it also means sun showers and sporadic storm, and therefore, lawns to be mowed. Lawn mowing is necessary, and people should understand that it comes with some risks of personal injury.

Lawn mowers may appear small and simple, but they have sharp rotating blades, fueled by tanks filled with gasoline. It's important to be informed of the possible injuries that could come with something as simple as mowing your lawn. You could be putting yourself at risk, and potentially putting others at risk around you.

As a lawn-mower-owning consumer you have rights to a safe, working product and you have responsibilities as an individual for the safety of those surrounding you. [Read our webpage](#) about the dangers and injuries of using a lawn mower and safety tips.

Have a fun and safe summer!



#### Motorcycles are for Year-Round in Florida



Daytona's [Bike Week](#) has already come and gone, and Biketoberfest is still a few months away, but during these months of summer there are still plenty of motorcycles on Florida's streets and highways. The Coye Law Firm staff wants

to remind all riders and drivers to be safe and share the road with one another.

**Motorcycle riders:** make sure you have the right license and consider getting both a helmet to protect your head, and [uninsured motorist insurance](#) to protect you in the event of an [accident](#). Be courteous and treat cars and trucks with respect - especially when on the highways. Remember: they are bigger than you and you've got to keep yourself safe.

**Drivers:** just like the bumper stickers say, "Look twice! Motorcycles are everywhere." Be courteous and give a second check to your blind spot before changing lanes. Allow motorcycles plenty of room - especially on the highway. Remember: you are bigger than them and can easily avoid an accident.

For more information, visit our recent Squidoo lens [on riding a motorcycle in Florida](#).

#### Hurricane Season is Here!

June 1 was officially the beginning of hurricane season, and as Floridians we all know from the experiences in years past that we need to be as prepared as possible. The Coye Law Firm staff has been busy compiling tips and writing articles to help you keep yourself, your home, and your family safe and protected. Visit both our lens on Squidoo entitled "[How to Prepare for a Hurricane](#)" and our [Ezine article](#) by the same name for more details and information.



At the Coye Law Firm website, the staff has been busy with new pages helping clients understand the importance of [flood insurance](#), and the [recovery process after storm damage](#). If you don't currently have flood insurance, it may be important to know that the policy must be in place at least 30 days before you can place a claim. Look into all the ways you can protect your family and home now before the first tropical storms and hurricanes pass us a visit!

#### Keeping Kids Safe At The Pool



Summertime brings families together, especially to [enjoy time at the pool](#). Parents should never underestimate the dangers for kids and should never allow children to get out of arm's reach. Above all, never leave children unattended in a pool area! Parents, you can prepare your kids for a safe summer in the sun by reviewing the tip-list we have compiled.

- At your home pool, be sure all chemicals are secured where children can't accidentally get into them.
- You may consider installing a fence with self-locking gates around the pool to prevent kids from accessing it on their own.
- Make sure you have rescue equipment inside the fenced pool area, or otherwise within immediate reach in case of an emergency. Safety buoys are known as "life savers" for a reason!
- There was a [recent safety recall](#) on some pool drains - see if yours was included! Check that your pool drains are VGB compliant for the highest level of protection.
- Have a member of the family become CPR certified for emergency response.

Many public pools do not provide lifeguard services, so it is highly important to obey posted rules and regulations at all times. **Never** leave children unattended or with a strange adult. Always monitor children and encourage them to follow posted rules to avoid [slip-and-fall](#) accidents as well as the potential for accidents in the water.

Several professional organizations offer very helpful youth swim classes which can be a great way to introduce your child to the water from as young as 18 months. Coye Law Firm staff members recommend the [YMCA Safe Start program](#) for children of all ages and experience levels.



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