

### July 2011 Newsletter

Summer heat waves, driving safety tips, overseas trips, and more! It's a busy, busy summer . . .

#### Sanessa Griffiths and Valeria Coll took the LSAT, set for law school!



Ms. Griffiths

Ms. Coll

On Monday, June 6th two experienced Coye Law Firm interns took their first steps toward life-long careers as legal representatives: they rose to the challenge of taking the Law School Admission Test--commonly known as the LSAT. The LSATs are a standardized test administered four times per year world-wide. Most American Bar Association (ABA) and Canadian law schools require a minimum score when considering applicants. The test is an intense exam requiring four hours to complete, and answers are designed so that there is "no wrong answer" - the test taker must pick the response which is "most correct." Valeria Coll works in the Social Security Disability department and Sanessa Griffiths is a part of the litigation department. Both ladies have studied at the University of Central Florida for their undergraduate degrees, and will be looking to apply for law schools beginning the 2012 fall semester. Val has completed her Bachelors in Business Administration (BSBA) focusing on management with a human resources concentration, and plans to apply to the law schools at the University of Miami, Florida International University, and the University of Florida. Sanessa's undergraduate degrees will be completed this upcoming spring, and will be in legal studies and political science with a minor in business. She dreams of attending Georgetown University for law school. The ladies have yet to receive their final scores from the exam, but the entire staff wishes them luck and has full confidence that they will have earned scores high enough to attend anywhere.

#### People Are On The Road Again This Summer

Summer means vacation for many people and that can mean travel. The economy has caused Americans to tighten their belts and many people are choosing to drive rather than fly to vacation destinations. Florida remains one of the top destination spots in the world because of its theme parks, amazing beaches, and the variety of cultural and historic family entertainment activities- including this month's historic [Atlantis Shuttle launch](#) which saw more than a half million visitors!



Because of its central location between the coasts and the numerous vacation spots which can be reached from I-4, Orlando finds itself not only as a final destination for many, but a thoroughfare for vacationers coming and going around the state. Combined with normally high traffic congestion of commuters and year-round residents, drivers in Orlando may find themselves experiencing extended traffic delays and being witness to [more car accidents](#) than at other times of the year.

Our staff wants to remind all drivers on Florida's roadways this summer to remember to [fasten their seat belts](#), be familiarized with the [details of your insurance policy](#), and give yourself a few extra minutes no matter the time of day or destination. If you are the victim of an accident - whether a Florida native or a [visitor](#) - we are here to help. You can also take a look at our webpage about [using your cell phone to document an accident scene](#) for some helpful tips.

#### Florida's Summer Heat Wave: Beware Heat Exhaustion!



If you didn't realize it was summertime, maybe the high 90-degree weather will tip you off. Florida is getting quite a heat wave this summer, along with record highs across the country. [The Orlando Sentinel reported](#) that the

Orlando International Airport nearly reached a temperature that was only matched way back in 1952.

With that being said, you should consider the risks involved with many usual summer activities such as bike riding, yard care, or outdoor exercise. In particular, if you're a student athlete or have a child who's a student athlete, you should be aware of the dangers of exerting yourself outside in such extreme heat. Heat exhaustion may be a large factor in [sporting injuries](#) or even [wrongful deaths](#). Even having a backyard barbecue, or children playing in the yard around the house or nearby in the neighborhood could potentially be dangerous.

Remember that the hottest time of the day is between 10am and 2pm - when the sun is at its peak. If you or your children are outdoors during this timeframe make sure everyone stays hydrated and doesn't exert themselves too much. If you feel dizzy, weak, or overly tired while working or playing outside, make sure you get water, rest and find shade, or get inside. And don't forget the importance of sunscreen!

#### Driving Safety Tips: Texting While Driving



It's summertime and everybody is out and about. There's no school, workload may be lighter, and everyone's having a good time! But with all of this free time, there are some safety tips to pay particular attention to, especially involving cars.

Texting while driving has and will continue to be a major distraction for drivers. [The state of New York recently passed a bill](#) that will allow police officers to pull a driver over if they're seen using their cell phone. New York will be the 27<sup>th</sup> state to enact a similar bill, and it's no wonder;

texting has been responsible for many car accidents since they've become so popular in our daily lives. When you text and drive keep in mind that:

- You use your hands, so you're physically distracted
- You need to look at the phone, so you're visually distracted
- You need to think about the conversation, so you're mentally distracted

Read our webpage about the dangers of [texting and driving](#). One of the experienced car accident lawyers may be able to help you if you were at the receiving end of a car accident, involving a driver who was texting.



To find out more about the LSAT, visit the Law School Admission Council page by clicking the logo to the left!

#### The International Adventures of Austin Coye: 6 Weeks in Shanghai

Mr. Coye's daughter Austin, a student at Lake Highland Preparatory School, is currently spending six weeks undergoing an adventurous and arduous Mandarin immersion program in Shanghai, China. Austin was one of the top performers awarded this trip which includes students from around the country due to her exemplary demonstration in a national competition sponsored by the [US State Department](#). Based on her performance, Austin and the other top students awarded this opportunity will be spending four hours per day in classes and with tutors at East China Normal University intensively studying the language, while the remainder of their time will be spent enjoying the sights, culture, and interesting foods that China has to offer. One weekend is spent with a host family and the students are encouraged to speak Mandarin as frequently as possible. Austin has [started a blog](#) to document and share her journey with her family, and you can see how much fun she's having! Everyone at the firm wishes her a fantastic time there and a safe trip home.



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