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*A note from Tom . . .*

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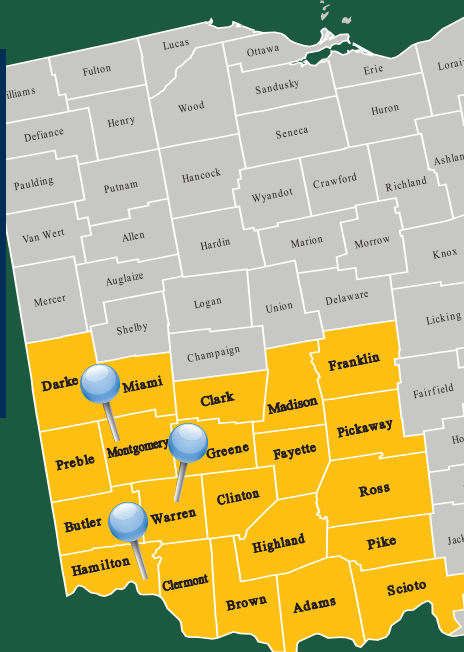
I hope 2024 is off to a great start for you and that you are sticking with those resolutions whether they be to drink more water, read more, eat healthier, increase your exercise or whatever self-improvements you are targeting!

You may be inspired by our two paralegals, Debbi and Hope! See our insert in this newsletter to read more about all they have accomplished in 2023 and will continue to do in 2024!

We also review the deadline to file a car accident claim (it may be shorter than you think!), a recent case, and the real origin of the phrase "Mad as a Hatter".

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Digest!

*Tom*



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## WORDS: A LAWYER'S STOCK IN TRADE

### "MAD AS A HATTER"

When we use the phrase "Mad as a Hatter", we are implying that the person described is completely nonsensical and insane. Many people believe that this phrase was generated from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, but this is not accurate. The origins date from around 1680, well before Lewis Carroll's book was published. In seventeenth century France, poisoning occurred among many hatmakers because they utilized Mercury in the felt used in the hat making process. Mercury exposure can cause irritability, tremors and other conditions that give the appearance that the afflicted has turned mad or insane. Thus, when people started acting in a bizarre fashion, they would be described as being "Mad as a Hatter."



## JOKES, PUNS & FUNNIES ...



A lawyer walked into the courtroom wearing nothing but his underwear and asked, "Can we please postpone the trial?"

The judge replied, "Of course! How can we start when you've forgotten your lawsuit?"



## WONDERFUL WORDS FROM OUR CLIENT

"Tom Diehl and his firm have been handling all my personal and corporate matters for a number of years. Tom is a take charge, get 'er done kind of guy and you see he passes that attitude through his organization. Never have I been disappointed in the results always exceeding my expectations. Always keeping me advised of anything I need to know plus all options and effects our position holds. I personally wouldn't think of using any other law firm. I am a big believer in taking care of your customer and getting the job done. His firm does both."

—Charles Hamilton Jr., owner of Charles Hamilton Company

## DID YOU KNOW?

### THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT AUTO ACCIDENT CASES\*

\*and maybe some attorneys don't know either

#### THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CLAIM MAY BE LESS THAN TWO YEARS

Most everywhere you look, you will read that the deadline to file your lawsuit for damages from a car accident is two years. That is generally right. But not always! There are circumstances where it may be necessary to perfect the claim within as short as thirty days from the date of the accident. For example, if the person that caused the motor vehicle accident dies, and the estate of the negligent driver takes certain steps, the deadline to perfect the accident claim can be as short as thirty days.

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

We recently resolved a pedestrian/motor vehicle injury case. Our client, who was walking across a bank parking lot and had just visited a sandwich shop, was heading back to her car.



In the process of getting to her car, she was traversing a business parking lot. Unfortunately, someone backing out from a parking spot struck her with their vehicle.

The police did not issue any citations as they could not determine who was at fault. As is often the case, there was security video from a nearby business that showed our client was walking safely through the parking lot and the driver inattentively pulled backwards into her.

Many businesses have a protocol to delete their security video on a regular basis. That is why it is important to obtain the potential video evidence as soon as possible after a contested accident as the evidence could be destroyed.

This recipe has taken TikTok by storm! My daughter raved about this recipe and shared with me. It is so easy and absolutely delish!

## Chicken Sausage Orzo with Boursin

1 16 oz. box of orzo  
1 block of garlic and fine herb Boursin cheese  
1/2 to 1 cup sun dried tomatoes roughly chopped  
4 cloves of garlic, minced

1 package chicken sausage, sliced  
Olive oil, 2 tablespoons  
Italian seasoning to taste  
Chicken broth, 32 oz. carton  
Crushed red pepper, if desired  
2 cups spinach



Place the boursin cheese in the middle of a Dutch oven or any oven-safe baking dish. Pour the entire box of uncooked orzo into the pan surrounding the Boursin. Add some sun dried tomatoes over the top of the orzo. Add the sliced sausage (I use apple chicken sausage) and the minced garlic. Drizzle some olive oil over top of the whole thing and season with Italian seasoning. Lastly, pour the chicken broth over everything. Cover the pot/pan and bake at 350° for about 30 minutes—or until most of the liquid is absorbed and your orzo is cooked. It may take longer! Remove from the oven and mix it all up so that the Boursin gets mixed in. Add the fresh spinach mixing it in until it is wilted and hot and you have a delicious one-dish meal! Top with parsley and crushed red pepper flakes, if desired.





# Congratulations to Donovan Elementary Teachers, Brooke Messinger and Jenna Anderson! Diehl & Hubbell Teachers of the Month for November and December 2023!



“We hit the jackpot!” is what one parent told us is the consensus among parents when their student gets assigned to Brooke Messinger and Jenna Anderson’s class! Please join us in congratulating this dynamic duo from Donovan Elementary in being selected as our Teachers of the Month for November and December 2023! These two had an army of parents and students who submitted nominations for them telling us things like “she bought a book at the book fair for any student who didn’t have money that day,” “both teachers are true rock stars,” and “all students who have them or have had them are truly blessed.” Need we say more?? Congratulations to Miss Messinger and Mrs. Anderson!

Also a BIG shoutout to all these parents who took the time to share their heartfelt sentiments of appreciation for these two!



Please visit the teacher appreciation tab on our website [www.diehlhubbell.com](http://www.diehlhubbell.com) to nominate the most outstanding teacher you know...or, scan the QR code to the right with your camera.





# SPOTLIGHT



We are so proud of these two amazing women! Debbi and Hope do a fantastic job in the office at Diehl & Hubbell helping to ensure all runs smoothly, but they also run a lot outside of work! We wanted to share their story because 1) It's impressive and 2) It's inspirational and who doesn't need a little extra inspiration in January?! Maybe it will help some of you to "Do more in 2024", sign up for a race, or stick with some of those resolution goals!

When Debbi was diagnosed with diabetes in November of 2022, she vowed to be more active every day and to lose weight. Debbi hadn't participated in ANY races since about 2007 so she started out with daily walking. Debbi became "Apple watch friends" with Hope and said "seeing her activity log, as well as seeing her running so many fun

events got me motivated to start training again." Since that time, Debbi has lost over 100 pounds, closed all of her Apple Watch rings (meaning she has met her Move, Exercise, and Stand goals) EVERY SINGLE DAY since November 30, 2022 (that's over 400 consecutive days!) and run dozens of races including: Cincinnati Flying Pig 10K, Centerville Furry Scurry 5K, Hamilton Hometown 5K, Cincinnati Museum Center 5K Upstander, Frida 5Kahlo in Bay St. Louis, MS, Lebanon Applefest 15K, Nashville, Tennessee Wonder Woman 5K, a 3 hour run in Washington Courthouse, the Queen Bee half-marathon in Cincinnati, Rocket City half-marathon in Huntsville, Alabama, two turkey trots, and a Thanksgiving Day 5K!



Hope's running journey began after she quit smoking on January 1, 2017. A friend asked Hope to run the Flying Pig Half-marathon with her in May. Neither were runners at this point, but Hope said, "I thought this would be a great way to keep me from smoking ever again. It worked!" Hope told us that the atmosphere and the amazing support of the racing community are what she loves best. She says, "You are never out there alone. There is always someone encouraging you!"



Hope completed the Troop 186 Scout Run in Lebanon, the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon Relay, The Murph in Maineville, Winton Woods Firecracker 4 Miler (coming in 6th in age division), Mason's Sonder Oktoberfest 5K, Cincinnati Queen Bee 4 Miler and Valley Vineyards Haunted Wine 5K (one the same day!), Cincinnati DDR Dash (finishing 6th overall), Lebanon Countryside YMCA Veterans Connect 5K Trail Race, Stonebrook 5K in South Lebanon, East Fork State Park Topo Trail 1/4 marathon, and the Middletown Santa 5K.

For 2024 Hope is working to regain her endurance and pace after some health issues caused her to dial back in 2023, and she plans to try more trail races this year. She ran her first trail event early last year, and in her second one later in the year, Hope finished 2nd in her age group! In December, Hope completed her first 1/4 marathon trail race, and declares that she is now hooked and plans to participate in more trail races this year!

Debbi's new goal is to complete 50 half marathons in 50 states over the course of her 50th decade! She turned 50 in August of last year, and has two states down, 48 to go!

## What will you do this year?

