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Annual PSA: Get UM/UIM Coverage

As we move into another year, I want to take a moment to thank you for staying connected with us. I hope you are enjoying The Digest!

Every case we handle is a reminder of how quickly life can change when you least expect it. In this issue's "What We've Been Up To", we share a recent hit-and-run case. Unfortunately, these situations are more common than people realize, and when the at-fault driver disappears or doesn't have insurance (as is the case for about 1 in 7 drivers in Ohio), the stress and uncertainty for the injured person can feel overwhelming.

I urge you to take a few minutes to check your auto insurance policy or call your agent and make sure you have uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage. UM/UIM coverage is very economical to add (typically about \$5-10 per month)—and can be critical if you're hit by someone who has no insurance, not enough insurance, or leaves the scene altogether.

We hope you never need it. But if you do, having the right coverage in place can make all the difference.

As always, thank you for reading and if I can answer a question for you, feel free to give me a call.

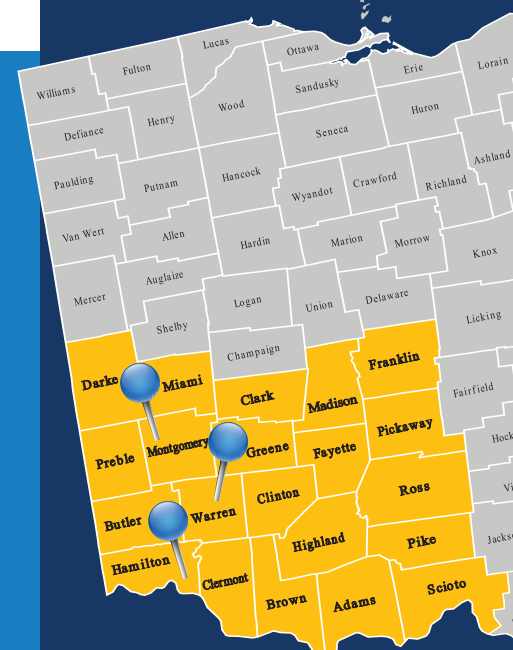
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Injured? Learn what you should know before hiring an injury attorney in Tom's FREE book "7 BIG Mistakes to AVOID" so YOU don't sabotage your car accident case! Simply call our office or go to diehllaw.com and send us a chat. We will be happy to mail one out to you!



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Our Clients Have Left Us Many Amazing Reviews.

“After a hit and run vehicle accident I was involved in at my workplace, I immediately sought out help to assist with this matter. I retained Tom Diehl to represent me. Tom directed me in every aspect of my situation. I was an injured person by someone who was never caught, and my situation seemed bleak at times. Despite these circumstances, I was able to with(sic) the help of Tom, to recover a large sum. His office worked with me throughout this situation and they were extremely professional and kind. I honestly didn’t know what to do had he not helped. Thank you Tom and to all your office for your help”. - Holly H.

What We’ve Been Up To: A Recent Case

Three Years of Fighting the Insurance Company Pays Off! (\$350,000+ RECOVERY)

We started a case back in 2022 in which our client was driving to work and was in an accident on a major highway. The person who caused the accident fled and was never identified. Our client sustained very significant injuries. Fortunately, because our client was injured while working, the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation paid for the treatment. We were retained to obtain a personal injury recovery for our client. Because we could not identify the negligent driver, we could not collect from that driver’s car insurance. And our Client’s car insurance would not provide any coverage because that policy specifically excluded coverage in a work vehicle. After considerable resistance, we were able to get a copy of the employer’s automobile policy. We determined that underinsured motorists’ coverage was available under the employer’s automobile policy. This insurance company was extremely uncooperative. We had to file suit to get a ruling that the insurance company had to provide coverage. That was just the beginning as the insurance company vigorously disputed that our client was injured in the motor vehicle accident. I am pleased to report that after three years of fighting, we were ultimately able to obtain a significant recovery for our client.

In other good news, we were able to get the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation to greatly reduce the amount of the recovery that it would receive as reimbursement for the medical bills and lost wages it had paid.

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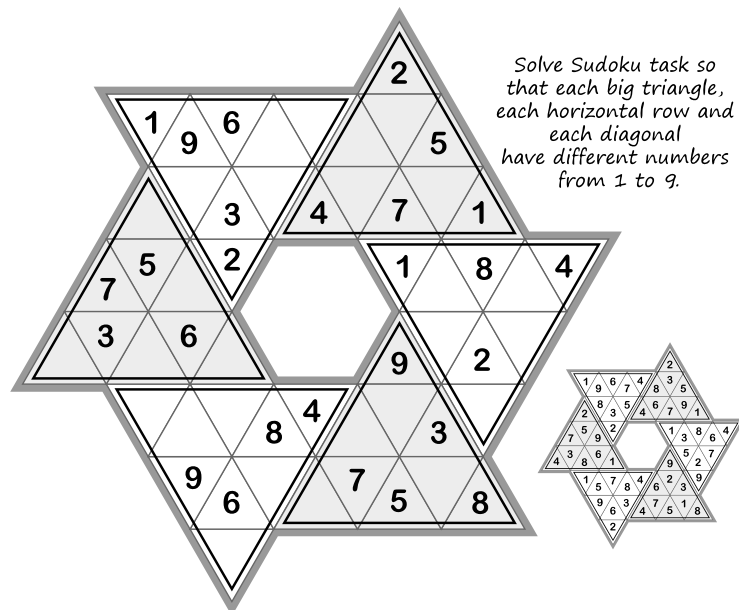
“My Car Lost Value After an Accident—What Can I Do?”

Some Good News for Ohio Drivers

If a car is repaired after an accident, it is most likely not going to be worth as much in its repaired state as it was before the crash. This makes sense if you think about it. If you are purchasing a used car, would you rather get a car that has never been in a crash over one that has been in a bad accident and repaired? I think it’s fair to say that most people, if they were to buy a repaired vehicle, would expect to pay less for the repaired vehicle than they would for one that had never been in a crash. The difference between these two values is known as the “**diminished value**”.

A recent decision from the Second District Court of Appeals of Ohio gives tools to help obtain full compensation for diminished value claims. In *Braum v. Kinderdine* (Ohio App. 2d) 2015-Ohio-696, the Appellate Court recognized that a party who receives a repaired vehicle may, nevertheless, still be suffering damages and is allowed to seek compensation. In other words, the car owner, if able to prove that the fair market value of the repaired vehicle is less than it was before the crash, can obtain compensation to make up for this loss in value, also known as the “**diminished value**”. In short, repairs alone don’t always make an accident victim whole—and Ohio law allows drivers to pursue fair compensation for that remaining loss.

FUNNIES & GAMES ...



Solve Sudoku task so that each big triangle, each horizontal row and each diagonal have different numbers from 1 to 9.



“And now I’d like to introduce my main witness, who saw it all from outer space.”

WORDS: A LAWYER’S STOCK IN TRADE “SKEDADDLE”

Most of us have told someone to “skedaddle” at some point, but the word itself has a surprisingly colorful history. “Skedaddle” first shows up during the American Civil War as slang used by soldiers describing troops who fled the battlefield in a hurry. It’s one of those words that feels made up—and in a way, it is. Linguists think it may have come from older Scottish terms like skiddle or scaddle, meaning to scatter or run off, but no one can say for certain.

What we do know is that “skedaddle” became popular almost immediately. Newspapers of the 1860s used it often, usually to mock opposing armies for turning tail. Over time, the word lost its military sting and became the light-hearted term we use today when telling someone to get moving.

Next time you say “skedaddle,” you’re echoing a bit of American history—a reminder of how even serious moments can leave behind playful language.



Thank you, Jenna Thomas, for this month’s recipe! Jack Diehl and his girlfriend, Jenna are both settling into their new roles as attorneys and spending time in the kitchen has become Jenna’s favorite way to unwind after a long day—Jack’s favorite is to enjoy the results. When I asked her to share a recent favorite, she and Jack both agreed that her Deconstructed Eggrolls were a hit. I can’t wait to make it myself!



- Ingredients:**
- 1 lb ground beef (or ground turkey)
 - 1 Tbsp olive oil
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp pepper
 - 1/2 onion, finely diced
 - 1 carrot, grated
 - 3 garlic cloves, minced
 - 3 cups cabbage, thinly sliced
 - 1 tsp ground ginger
 - 1/4 cup sou sauce
 - 2 tsp sesame oil
 - 1/2 tsp sugar

- Cook ground beef until no longer pink and season with salt and pepper
- Add onion and carrots and saute until onion is tender, 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic and cook for another 30 seconds, stirring constantly.
- Add the cabbage, ginger, soy sauce, sesame oil, and sugar. Continue sauteeing for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the cabbage is tender.
- Serve garnished with green onion and sesame seeds if desired.

