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good news FOR OUR CLIENTS

We are happy to announce the new firm of *Purchase & George, P.C.* As subscribers to our newsletter, you almost certainly know Tim George or Eric Purchase. Hopefully, you think we did pretty well for you as sole practitioners.

Now, we're happy to tell you about how together we're going to be able to do more and better for our clients than we ever did alone.

The biggest change? Tim and Eric have different skills that complement the other in a way that adds power and flexibility to the representation of clients. Our combined strength will add value to all our clients' cases.

That's not all, of course. Our clients will benefit from our focus on personal injury cases which allows us to devote the time necessary to ensure our clients that we are up to date on the most current personal injury law and skilled at the most effective trial techniques. Also, we'll limit our clients to the most seriously injured so that greater time and resources are available for our clients and their cases.

And more cool stuff is coming from Purchase & George, P.C. This newsletter, for example. It's

the first of what we plan to be a regular publication. Our goal is to be informative and hopefully fun (at least a little). So, look forward to more in this space. If there is a particular subject that you would like us to write about, send us your

ideas! We want to hear from you. Also, a new website with loads of useful information and videos will launch later this month and two consumer books that we wrote just for you will be published later this summer.

What won't change? Our commitment to the pursuit of justice for people who are harmed by the carelessness of others. We will continue to make things right for people and their families when an inattentive driver causes them harm, or an overtired truck driver causes a tragedy.

What else won't change? Tim will continue to defend the freedom of people accused of DUI and other criminal offenses, and Eric will continue to help business owners and investors with their civil litigation needs.

As Purchase & George, P.C., we'll pursue justice and defend freedom...better. ■

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FOR YOUR REFERRALS

In recent months, we have received a number of referrals from lawyers and satisfied clients. Thank you.

Call us with questions about:

- Wrongful death
- Car accidents
- Trucking accidents
- Nursing home abuse
- Medical errors
- DUI
- Criminal Defense

Please also remember that if you need a referral to a lawyer in a different area of the law, please call us. We can help. ■

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MAYBE LAUGHTER REALLY IS THE best medicine

NEW STUDY: JOYOUS LAUGHTER AKIN TO MODERATE PHYSICAL EXERCISE



We've all heard the phrase “laughter is the best medicine” at one time or another. Now, researchers at Loma Linda University's Schools of Allied Health and Medicine are proving that there's a whole lot of truth to that adage.

Though the notion that laughter can have health benefits is not a new one — Norman Cousins first suggested it during

the 1970s — recent studies are indicating more and more positive effects of laughter. According to the latest research, repetitious joyous laughter actually causes the body to respond as much as it would to moderate physical exercise.

Laughter has now been shown to enhance a person's mood, decrease the amount of stress hormones, enhance the body's immune activity, lower bad cholesterol and systolic blood pressure, and raise the level of HDL cholesterol (the good cholesterol). Researchers point out that laughter may even be able to play a role in the treatment of elderly patients suffering from a lack of appetite.

So, next time you find yourself scuffling a little bit or feeling down, try some laughter... your body will thank you for it. ■



CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM SPURS auto safety advances

With the world's biggest automaker, Toyota, still struggling with sudden acceleration problems in some of its vehicles, an important new report has been released that shows the key role the civil justice system has played in encouraging auto safety during the last 50 years.

The report, entitled "Driven to Safety: How Litigation has Spurred Auto Safety Innovations," was released by the American Association for Justice this past April and illustrates how design defect litigation has helped to reveal defects in cars and trucks, expose weaknesses in regulations, enforce safety standards, and deter auto manufacturers from skimping on safety in an effort to boost profits.

One of the examples cited in the report was how litigation led to the improvements in the safety of power window controls on cars. American auto manufacturers had been well aware of some of the potential problems with their "rocker" style switches, which if leaned onto could inadvertently lead to a window closing and trapping a child. Tragically, in 2004, during a span of just three months, seven children died from accidents involving power window controls.

And even though auto manufacturers started to offer safer "pull-up" style switches on vehicles sold in foreign markets, it wasn't until they were faced with litigation that they began to install the safer switches on domestic vehicles, since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration did not have any rules in place regarding power window safety.

Other safety improvements mentioned in the report that arose from design defect litigation include:

- Important life-saving modifications and repairs to vehicle gas tanks
- Seat belts
- Side-impact design
- Roof strength
- Tires
- Electronic stability control
- Door latches
- Air bags
- Power windows and seats

The full report on auto safety improvements spurred by litigation can be viewed at [www. Justice.org/autosafety](http://www.Justice.org/autosafety). ■

June Important Dates

June 21 - First Day of Summer

June 20 - Father's Day

June 14 - Flag Day

FAQ



Do most medical malpractice cases result in a verdict in favor of the patient?

No. Medical malpractice cases are difficult to prove because it has to be shown that the doctor or provider was negligent and that their actions violated the standard of care and caused damages. ■

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welcome home Tim

SERVING OUR
CLIENTS AGAIN AFTER A YEAR IN IRAQ

Captain Tim George has returned from a one year deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is happy once again to defend freedom and pursue justice for our clients at Purchase & George. Tim was deployed with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) for the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade. The 28th CAB was stationed at Contingency Operating Base Adder near Nasiriyah, Iraq. The base is located about 190 miles southeast of Baghdad, in the desert between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

The 28th CAB's mission was to provide helicopter support to the multi-national security forces protecting southern Iraq. A deployed JAG wears many hats from administering military justice to advising Commanders of the Law of War during operations. Tim's primary duties were as trial counsel in charge of all military justice cases within the Brigade, which included subordinate elements from nine other states. Tim trained Soldiers and Pilots on the Law of War and the Rules of Engagement. Tim also provided legal assistance to

U.S. Soldiers and their families at home.

Tim credits his wife, Kathy, for her tremendous strength and leadership at home while he was away. He says, "Her strength and winning attitude made all the difference for our three small children and me. She is a modern day 'Rosie the Riveter' who rose to the challenge just like so many others wives who work and raise children when their citizen soldier husbands deploy."

Since 1992, Tim has protected and fought for the rights of citizens who are harmed by the carelessness of others or accused of wrongdoing. At Purchase & George, we pride ourselves on not only being active in the courtroom but also in the community that we represent. ■



SSG Lee Card shows Tim (the one with the bad haircut) how to throw a splitfinger fastball.

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