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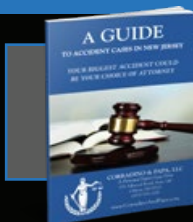
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THE ONLY THING  
WE ARE SPREADING THIS YEAR IS  
**CHEER!**



**Common Symptoms of COVID-19 are:**

Fever, Tiredness, Dry Cough, and Difficulty Breathing

### 10 STEPS TO AVOID COVID-19

1. Wash your hands often
2. Quit touching your face
3. Avoid contact with sick individuals
4. Clean frequently used surfaces
5. Don't bother with a mask
6. Avoid traveling to infected areas
7. Know the symptoms to look for
8. Stay away from others while ill
9. Cover your cough
10. If you believe you have COVID-19  
SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION ■

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# improving the odds FOR TEEN DRIVERS



Motor vehicle crashes are the number-one cause of death among American teenagers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics for 2017, over 2,300 teens were killed and over a quarter-million required visits to hospital emergency rooms. The fatality rate for young males involved in auto accidents was almost twice that of their female counterparts.

Factors involved in heightening teenagers' susceptibility to auto collisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Teens are more likely to speed than older drivers and not allow for the proper following distance.
- Young drivers tend to underestimate dangerous situations or fail to recognize them at all; more so than older drivers, which points to their inexperience and/or distracted driving—also more of a problem with young drivers (ages 16–19) than other age groups.
- Alcohol elevates the risk of accidents for all age groups, but in a disproportionate way for young drivers.
- The level of seat-belt usage is lower for teenage drivers. Many auto accident fatalities and injuries can be avoided. Parents can help by setting a good example; being dutiful driving teachers and exposing their kids to a wide variety of driving situations; restricting nighttime driving (for at least the first six months); hammering home the importance of seat belts; emphasizing the consequences of distracted driving and limiting the number of passengers to one (if any) until they're more experienced, and instituting a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving.

If you or a loved one has been injured in a car accident due to the fault of another, contact [Corradino & Papa, LLC](#) to safeguard your rights. ■

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## ELEMENTS OF A wrongful death claim

A wrongful death claim can be brought against a defendant whose negligence, recklessness, or intentional act caused or contributed to someone's death.

If the victim had a will, a personal representative may have been named who can pursue a wrongful death claim on behalf of the victim's estate. Otherwise, typically a close family member — a spouse, parent(s) who lost a minor child, or minor child who lost a parent(s) — can initiate an action. Laws concerning other relatives/scenarios vary from state to state.

The plaintiff must show that the defendant had a duty of care toward the victim (e.g., a motorist must drive responsibly and follow the rules of the road) ... and breached it; demonstrate how the defendant's negligence caused or contributed to the victim's death; and detail the economic damages resulting from the defendant's negligence, a sometimes complex process.

Since a wrongful death lawsuit is a civil action, the plaintiff must show that it's more likely than not that the defendant was liable for the wrongful death ("preponderance of evidence"), which is a lower threshold than a criminal trial's "beyond a reasonable doubt."

A plaintiff may seek compensation for medical expenses, funeral costs, loss of future earnings, financial support, and loss of care, comfort, and consortium. In addition to wrongful death damages, a plaintiff might be able to pursue a "survival action" — personal injury damages for the deceased's conscious pain and suffering (physical and emotional) for the time between their injury and their passing.

If you lose a close family member due to negligent conduct, contact [Corradino & Papa, LLC](#) to fight for you. ■



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# SCOOTERS, SCOOTERS everywhere!



Electric scooters are a new version of rideshare transportation that's spreading like wildfire in urban areas and on college campuses. They are eco-friendly, quicker than walking, and fun.

Just download an app, locate an e-scooter, "unlock" it, ride it, and essentially abandon it at your destination — for a small fee. App users can also track down e-scooters needing a recharge and get paid for juicing them up.

Generally, e-scooters can be used on public pathways, trails, and streets with designated bike lanes. Many states and municipalities ban e-scooter use on sidewalks. Others, however, don't specifically disallow it.

E-scooter downsides abound, however. They can reach a speed of 15 mph, enough to cause severe injuries in pedestrian collisions. Speeding or inattentive e-scooter operators also raise their risk of plowing into sidewalk obstacles.

When riding in bike lanes, riders are subject to the same traffic laws as other vehicle operators. They're also susceptible to dooring and wipeouts caused by potholes, road debris, and gravel.

An unusual feature of e-scooter usage is riders' instructions to basically ditch the scooter upon reaching their destination (the idea being that another app user will locate it for use). E-scooters have cluttered sidewalks; blocked crossing areas, entrances, and exits; and made life more difficult for the disabled and able-bodied alike. Many people have suffered injuries from tripping over, running into, or veering around them.

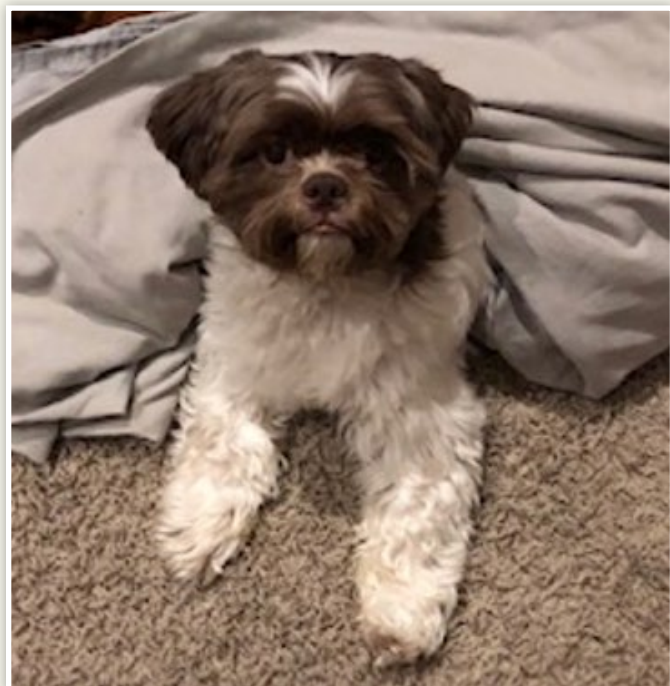
Mechanical defects such as brake failure or locked-up front wheels can cause rider injury. E-scooter companies' user agreements state that riders assume the risk of injury, making claims more challenging.

If you suffer an injury involving an e-scooter, contact [Corradino & Papa, LLC](#) to protect your rights. ■

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## April 2020 – Mark Your Calendars

April 2 – National Ferret Day    April 4 – National Walk Around Things Day  
April 8 – National Zoo Lovers Day    April 11 – National Barbershop Quartet Day  
April 16 – National High Five Day    April 19 – National Garlic Day  
April 25 – National Telephone Day    April 28 – National Zipper Day



## spotlight of the month

This is our section of our newsletter where we would like to introduce the other members of our family here at **Corradino & Papa, LLC**.

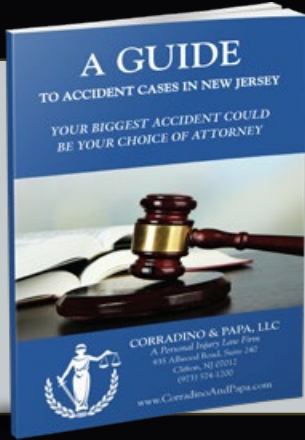
In addition to **Gina Corradino** being a member of C & P and she has with her **BUSTER**.

Buster is a brown and white short haired Shih Tzu who is 7 years old.

He was one of 7 puppies in a litter from a breeder in Trenton, NJ. He is very playful and is a delight to come home too. He likes to play ball and tug with a rope. Buster only weighs 18 lbs and loves to sit on Gina's lap. He is soft and fluffy and likes to cuddle.

Gina said "I cannot imagine my life without Buster." ■

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## FREE BOOK

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Construction Accidents  
Motor Vehicle Accidents  
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**Quote of the Month:** "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." —Mark Twain

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# SLOW COOKER Mediterranean stew

This meatless stew is not thin on flavor!

## Ingredients

- 2 14-ounce cans of fire-roasted diced tomatoes (no salt added)
- 3 c. low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 c. coarsely chopped onions
- ¾ c. chopped carrots
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- ¾ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. crushed red pepper
- ¼ tsp. ground pepper
- 1 15-ounce can of chickpeas (no salt added), rinsed and divided
- 1 bunch Lacinato kale, stemmed and chopped
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- Fresh basil leaves
- 6 lemon wedges (optional)

## Preparation

- Combine tomatoes, broth, onion, carrot, garlic, oregano, salt, crushed red pepper and pepper in a 4-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 hours.
- Measure ¼ cup of the liquid from the slow cooker into a small bowl. Add 2 Tbsp. chickpeas, and mash with a fork until smooth.
- Add the mashed chickpeas, kale, lemon, juice, and remaining chickpeas to the mixture in the slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover and cook on low setting for about 30 minutes or until kale is tender.
- Ladle evenly into bowls (should make 6) and drizzle with oil. Garnish with basil. Serve with lemon wedges, if desired. ■

