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# pressure sores a telltale sign of nursing home neglect

Pressure sores (a.k.a. bedsores or pressure ulcers) are wounds caused by a lack of blood flow to skin that is under constant pressure, typically in contact with a bed or wheelchair. Underlying tissue dies, breaks apart, and results in an open wound. In advanced stages, pressure sores may expose muscle, tendons, and bone. Skin over bony-protrusion areas such as elbows, heels, the pelvis, or shoulder blades is most vulnerable.



Untreated or improperly treated pressure sores open the floodgates to bacteria, which can result in infection, sepsis, and sometimes death. If a person can walk and easily shift position, pressure sores rarely occur. However, those who are bedridden or immobile may need assistance to avoid them. This describes quite a few nursing home residents.

The good news is that pressure sores, with few exceptions, are preventable. Repositioning bedridden or immobile residents every two hours, inspecting high-risk areas on a regular basis, incorporating a good hygiene and skin-care regimen, and ensuring a healthy diet and proper hydration should do the trick.

If nursing home residents were free of pressure sores upon admittance to a facility, pressure sores should not occur while they are there. If they do, it's a strong indicator of nursing home neglect.

Many nursing homes are guilty of understaffing, overworking their employees, and failing to properly train their staff — all in a bid to cut costs. Residents frequently pay the price.

Families have every right to expect that a family member will receive good care at a nursing home. If your loved one develops pressure sores, contact a nursing home attorney for guidance on the matter. Corradino & Papa, LLC are here to help fight for your rights. ■

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# covid-19's impact on personal injury cases

Despite the COVID-19 craziness, personal injury attorneys stand ready to assist those who have been injured due to negligence. Attorneys can handle cases remotely via phone calls, emails, and videoconferencing, reducing your risk of COVID-19 exposure. Don't wait until the COVID-19 crisis simmers down to file a personal injury claim. Delays will lower your case value.



Insurance companies may contact you before you hire an attorney. Agreeing to an immediate settlement (and assuredly a lowball offer) may be tempting due to virus-inspired economic distress, but it won't benefit you in the long run.

Courthouse schedule alterations and procedure modifications due to COVID-19 could slow your case's progress. For cases that reach settlement, clients generally will not have to step foot in a courtroom. For those that go to trial, clients will only need to make a limited number of court appearances. By the time recently filed cases reach trial stage, the COVID-19 threat may have dissipated (hopefully!).

The COVID-19 economic turmoil has inflicted damage on insurance companies' bottom lines. Insurance companies have ramped-up motivation to limit the value of claims and take cases to trial.

More drivers may forgo paying their auto insurance premiums due to financial difficulty wrought by COVID-19. If you are injured in a crash involving an insurance-less, at-fault driver, recovering anything might be a pipedream. A proper amount of uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage is a critical safeguard.

Despite the COVID-19 threat, you must receive physician-recommended medical treatments and evaluations to maintain your case's value. Otherwise, it will be impossible to prove the extent of your injuries. Practice the recommended COVID-19 precautions.

Injury incidents caused by negligence will persist, even when a pandemic turns society upside down. Contact <u>Corradino & Papa</u>, <u>LLC</u> to protect your rights. ■

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# factors affecting

### MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CASE SETTLEMENTS

Accurately predicting the value of a motorcycle accident claim is difficult, but there are some important considerations that can shape a settlement offer.

Motorcyclists are sometimes behind the eight ball from the outset. Studies have shown that many people have an unfavorable view of motorcyclists, including jurors. Jury awards are generally lower

for motorcyclists than passenger-car claimants, a fact that hasn't escaped the attention of insurance adjusters, who may be inclined to reduce settlement offers.

Obviously, the extent of damages and injuries influences the amount of a case settlement. Another key component is determining how likely it is that the defendant will be found liable. If liability is questionable, the defendant may roll the dice in court. If they win, the plaintiff gets nothing. Therefore, a settlement offer will be lower.

If the plaintiff's case is solid, a defendant might not risk going to trial, where, if the defendant loses, the plaintiff's award will be greater. This leverage will likely result in a higher settlement offer.

A plaintiff who was physically active prior to an accident and whose "quality of life" has been curtailed by his/her serious or permanent injuries will generally have a higher case valuation than someone who was not as active. In addition, if a person's serious or permanent disability does not affect their livelihood; their lost earnings award will be diminished.

If a defendant has few assets, the plaintiff will likely only receive the limits of the defendant's auto insurance policy in a settlement or verdict. In some cases that coverage will fall short of the total damages.

If you have been injured in a motorcycle accident, contact Corradino & Papa, LLC to protect your rights.

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# spotlight of the month



Muneca is a Shih Tzu. She was the only girl out of a litter of 6 puppies. Muneca is 7 years old and her birthday is January 29, 2013. Her colors are white, black and gray. She is very playful and she loves doing tricks for treats. She sits on 2 legs, gives you her paw, and kisses you for a treat. She can jump very high too. She loves to cuddle in bed and follows Damarie everywhere she goes. Muneca is the kid she never had. Damarie says, "I can't imagine living without my Princess. ■

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# June 1 – National Barefoot Da Repeat Day June 7 – June 13 – National Weed Your June 23 – National Pir

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FLAG DAY AND

# Betsy Ross mythology

Flag Day (June 14) commemorates the date in 1777 when the Continental Congress affirmed the design of the United States flag. Many credit Betsy Ross as the seamstress who transformed concept into reality, but lack of evidence dissuades most historians from buying in. Nonetheless, interesting tidbits abound.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Griscom, a skilled upholsterer and top-notch seamstress, married her first husband, upholsterer John Ross, in 1773. (Betsy was a three-time widow.) They started an upholstery business and joined Christ Church in Philadelphia.

John Ross's uncle was George Ross Jr., a Pennsylvania representative in the Continental Congress, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and an acquaintance of George Washington. Washington would worship at Christ Church when in town.

The first mention of Betsy Ross sewing the Stars and Stripes — after allegedly being visited and commissioned for flag duty by George Washington, George Ross Jr., and Robert Morris — was in a paper written by her grandson, William Canby, based on family recollections. The paper was presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in March 1870, nearly a century after the supposed event.

There are no records or documentation to verify Canby's claims. However, Betsy Ross did sew flags. She kept a receipt for flags sewed for the Pennsylvania Navy in 1777.

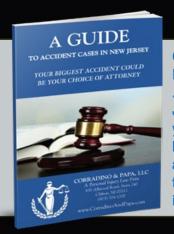
In 2015, a curator for Washington's Mount Vernon estate uncovered a sizable receipt from "John Ross of Philadelphia" — the only one in town at the time — for linens, canopies, sheets, and covers. Betsy Ross supporters were buoyed by the finding. Another instance in which Washington and Betsy could have met.

Many share the sentiments of President Woodrow Wilson, who when asked his thoughts on the story on the first official Flag Day in 1916, replied, "Would that it were true." ■

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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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## banana split pops

### **Ingredients**

- 4 Bananas
- 8 Popsicle Sticks
- 1 1/4 c. Chocolate Chips
- 1 tbsp. Coconut Oil
- 1/2 c. Rainbow nonpareil sprinkles
- 8 Maraschino cherries
- Whipped cream, for serving

### **Preparation**

- 1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- 2. Cut the ends off of each banana to level the sides, then cut in half. Insert a popsicle stick into each banana piece and place on prepared baking sheet. Freeze for 2 hours.
- 3. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine chocolate chips and coconut oil and microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring in between, until completely melted. Pour sprinkles into another small bowl.
- 4. Dip the top of each frozen banana in chocolate, then roll the melted chocolate tip around in sprinkles. Return to baking sheet and freeze until the chocolate is firm, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Top each pop with whipped cream and garnish with a maraschino cherry.











