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Our attorneys and staff continue to work through COVID-19 and remain available 24/7, ready to fight for you. Our video conferencing and telecommunications systems allow us to stay in constant contact with our clients and pursue their claims without interruption - all without our clients leaving the comfort of their homes.

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## toilet paper ....



Perforated toilet paper on a roll, the brainchild of brothers Clarence and E. Irvin Scott, has only been around since 1890. For many centuries prior, anything free and readily available would have to suffice for bathroom tidy-ups — for instance, leaves, grass, hay, seashells, rocks, fruit skins, sand, sticks, rags, snow, and water. Occasionally, rough edges and splinters could threaten one's nether regions.

Ancient Romans used a sponge on a stick that was rinsed in saltwater or a vinegar solution and sometimes used ... communally! In precolonial America, when corn was consumed, let's just say the cobs didn't go to waste.

The ancient Chinese invented paper, and by the year 1400 A.D., they had something akin to modern toilet paper. It was produced in flat sheets, perfumed, and reserved for the emperor and his family.

In the 15th century, paper became more widely available (but was expensive); eventually, newspapers served a dual purpose. By the late 19th century, the Sears, Roebuck & Co. Catalogue and the *Old Farmer's Almanac* became stars in American outhouses. The almanac even came off the presses with a hole in the corner for hanging.

Though perforated toilet paper on a roll was a great leap forward, the public didn't immediately embrace it — it spotlighted an embarrassing subject and wasn't free. But with the advent of indoor plumbing and flush toilets, Americans gradually warmed up to it. Their pipes demanded it.

Now, we can't imagine living without it. In 1973, Tonight Show host Johnny Carson joked about a toilet paper shortage. Viewers took him seriously and reacted. A misperception, chain-reaction freak-outs, and barren store shelves — TP has come a long way.

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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 at Corradino & Papa, LLC 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 rampedup 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.

Corradino & Papa, llc explains corona virus prevention, nursing home resident safety regulations, and liability in nursing home wrongful death cases. Our wrongful death attorneys are here to help you and your family if a loved one in a nursing home has died or been incapacitated because of the COVID-19 virus. Please go to <u>Click Here</u> to learn more.

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

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## brake checking:



ANOTHER FORM OF ROAD RAGE

Tailgating is a form of aggressive driving, road rage, or occasionally ignorance. Impatience and intimidation are its primary motivating factors. Sometimes the lead driver responds with their own act of aggression: brake checking.

Brake checking is the illegal act of braking hard in front of a tailgater to get them to back off. Brake-checking drivers are willing to risk rear-end collisions, the thought being that tailgaters will always be found at fault — a mistaken notion.

Eyewitness accounts of a crash involving brake checking can lead to fault (or partial fault) being assigned to the brake-checking driver. Many vehicles on the roadways are equipped with dash cams, which can help provide clarity. Those with continuous recording capability can also capture the lead-up to an incident.

Rear-end collisions are perilous for occupants of both the brake-checking and tailgating vehicles. Even worse, if the tailgating driver swerves to avoid the brake-checking vehicle, he may collide with another vehicle (or multiple vehicles), potentially causing harm to innocent victims. The brake checker, meanwhile, might disavow his own harmful actions and leave the scene of the accident.

It's understandable that a driver would be frustrated or angered by a careless tailgater, but brake checking is an equally dangerous response. The best solution is to take a deep breath; avoid "gesturing"; maintain a constant speed; follow all traffic laws; and signal and pull over if possible, to allow the tailgater to pass. Note the make/model of the car and the license plate number and report this information to the authorities.

If you suffer injuries due to another driver's negligence, contact Corradino & Papa, LLC to protect your rights.

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## spotlight of the month

Opie "Bear" Capo may look intimidating at 130 lbs, but he's the sweetest and biggest mush according to his dad, attorney Joseph A. Capo.

They first met at Passaic County's Paws in the Park pet fundraising event in 2016. At the time, this Italian Mastiff who was up for adoption was just 3 months old and 35lbs. As he grew in size, he grew into a reliable friend and companion who makes all people smile. Opie's hobbies include: coming into the office with his dad, taking walks in the park, and going on car rides. While Opie is on a raw diet, he sure enjoys when grandma sneaks him bacon and cheese.

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### simple cake pops

#### Ingredients

- 1 (15.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix (such as Betty Crocker®)
- 1 cup water
- 3 eggs
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup vegetable oil
- 1 (16 ounce) package prepared chocolate frosting
- 18 lollipop sticks
- 1 (14 ounce) bag chocolate candy melts
- 1 (.75 ounce) tube decorating icing

### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- Beat cake mix, water, eggs, and oil in a bowl using an electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium and beat for 2 minutes more. Pour batter into the prepared baking dish.
- Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 28 to 33 minutes. Cool completely, at least 1 hour.
- Crumble cake into a large bowl. Stir frosting into cake crumbles until mixture is sticky but not too smooth. Chill in refrigerator, at least 30 minutes.
- Roll cake mixture into 1 1/2-inch balls and arrange on a baking sheet. Place 1 lollipop stick into each ball.
- Melt about 1/4 cup chocolate candy melts in a microwave-safe bowl in the microwave, about 20 seconds. Dip each cake pop in the melted chocolate. Repeat melting chocolate and dipping remaining cake pops. Decorate pops with decorating icing. ■

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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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### GROCERY SHOPPING SHOULD BE LIFE-SUSTAINING, not life-altering



As recent events have highlighted, grocery stores play a prominent role in day-to-day life in this country. But no matter the circumstances, store owners are responsible for maintaining safe premises for their customers. If they fail to carry out their responsibilities within reason, injured victims may file claims for compensation.

Slip-and-fall incidents account for a large share of grocery store injuries. Poorly placed floor mats at entrances and exits, moisture tracked in from outside, runaway fruit or veggies on produce-section floors, leaking refrigeration units, and spills that aren't dealt with in a timely fashion are frequent culprits.

Items stacked atop shelves sometimes tumble onto shoppers. Unstable displays and aisle obstructions such as pallets or boxes might cause harm. Poorly maintained shopping carts can be hazardous to young children riding in them. Inadequate outdoor lighting can lead to injury or heighten susceptibility to criminal activity.

If injured at a grocery store ...

- Alert the store manager so they can view the scene.
- Ask for a copy of the incident report.
- Look for eyewitnesses (ideally, independent ones).
- Take pictures with your cell phone.
- Seek prompt medical care and follow doctor's orders in full.
- Stay off social media. Posts/photos may be monitored by the store's insurance company and twisted out of context.

Whether injuries cause temporary dysfunction or are permanently life-altering (e.g., traumatic brain injuries, fractures, back and spinal cord injuries, etc.), it's critical to hire a premises liability attorney to achieve rightful compensation. An attorney can handle the insurance companies, obtain surveillance footage, keep tabs on medical expenses, and prep for trial if necessary, among other vital tasks, enabling you to focus on healing.

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