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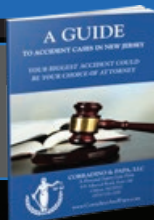
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WHO IS Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, then returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 1461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. ■



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BASICS OF THE personal injury case process

If you suffer an injury due to someone else's negligence, your avenue to fair compensation is to file a personal injury claim.

But first, **seek medical attention**, even for seemingly minor injuries. Some injuries don't fully reveal themselves for days, weeks, or even longer. A prompt checkup will aid your health *and* your personal injury case.

Then **consult an experienced personal injury attorney**, who can give you expert guidance and gather critical information.

If you decide to move forward, a **thorough investigation** will ensue. Your attorney will want to know everything you can tell them about the accident. (Trade secret: Attorneys don't like to be surprised.) They will also delve into all medical, financial, and accident-scene details, and talk to witnesses and experts.

A **demand letter** may be sent to the defendant's attorney or insurance company. It outlines your case, demonstrates the injury's impact on your life, and lists the compensation you're seeking. The defendant may accept the demand, reject it, or offer a counterproposal.

If your attorney's demand letter is rejected, a **personal injury lawsuit** will be filed.

The **discovery phase** involves a formal exchange of evidence between both parties, including interrogatories, document requests, and depositions (sworn statements) of all relevant parties and witnesses.

Following discovery, settlement talks often heat up again — sometimes assisted by a mediator, frequently a former judge. *If a fair settlement can be reached*, it's preferable to the more difficult trial scenario, which is always a bit of a gamble.

If the **case goes to trial**, testimony and evidence will be presented before a judge or jury. If the defendant is found liable, the judge/jury will determine the amount of compensation.

Most personal injury cases are settled prior to trial, but our law firm will always be prepared to fight in court to protect our clients' rights. ■

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owner liability for injuries CAUSED BY DOGS



Approximately 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year (per the CDC), over 800,000 of whom require medical attention. Dogs may be the source of other injuries as well—for instance, a dog may jump up on someone and knock them down or cause a bike rider to fall off their bike.

Owners may be liable under one of the following categories:

The “one-bite” law. A dog owner is liable for injuries their dog causes if they had reason to know their dog might cause that type of injury. A misinformed understanding of the law is that every dog gets a “free” bite, which isn't necessarily true. While the first bite puts the owner on notice that the dog may be a danger, so does growling threateningly, snapping, or jumping on someone, among other behaviors. Owners may escape liability if the injured party provoked the dog or knowingly risked being injured by the dog.

Strict liability statute. Under this statute, the owner is liable if their dog bites/harms someone who was legally allowed to be where they were when the bite/harm occurred, and they did not provoke the dog—even if the owner had no reason to believe their dog would behave as it did.

Unreasonable carelessness. If negligence was shown in controlling a dog, the owner shall be held liable. For instance, an aggressive dog was in their pen, but the gate was left unlatched and the dog escaped and caused injury to someone.

If injured by a dog, contact **[Corradino & Papa, LLC](#)** to safeguard your rights. ■

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spotlight of the month

Here is a picture of Finley. Finley is a member of Franks family. He loves playing in the park and snuggling. Finley especially loves eating all the food his little sister drops on the floor. He is super friendly and love saying hello to every person he meets on his walks. ■

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spring rouses pedestrians

FROM HIBERNATION

With spring's longer days and warmer temperatures, it's only natural that more people will be on the move outdoors. That also means more interaction between traffic and pedestrians, which sometimes gets dicey.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2018 over 6,200 pedestrians lost their lives in motor vehicle related accidents in the United States; many more were injured. Interestingly, approximately 70 percent of fatalities were males, a percentage that has been remarkably consistent over the past 40+ years.

Drivers and pedestrians owe a "duty of reasonable care" to each other. Drivers typically should cede the right of way to pedestrians and always be on high alert in high-traffic pedestrian areas. Drivers need to follow speed limits and other traffic regulations, and should never get behind the wheel when impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Pedestrians can aid everyone's cause:

- Always walk on the sidewalk when one is available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the far-left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.
- Cross busy streets only at intersections or marked crosswalks.
- Follow all traffic signals (e.g., "Walk/Don't Walk").
- Look both ways when crossing the street (an oldie but goodie).
- Detach yourself from headphones, earbuds, and cell phones while walking near traffic.
- Don't walk while impaired. Call a rideshare service, taxi, or family member instead.

In 2018, 50 percent of all pedestrian fatalities occurred between 6:00 p.m. and midnight. Wear reflective gear at night (a flashlight doesn't hurt, either), and don bright colors by day if you'll be walking in high-traffic or no-sidewalk areas.

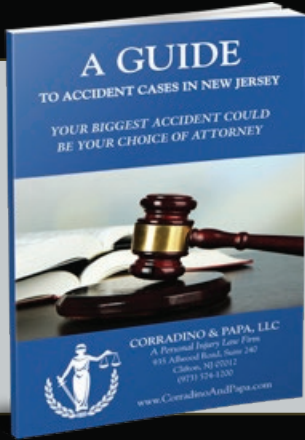
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March 2021 – Mark Your Calendars

March 6 — Dentist's Day	March 7 — Cereal Day	March 10 — Middle Name Pride Day
March 14 — Daylight Saving Time begins	March 17 — St. Patrick's Day	March 26 — Live Long and Prosper Day
March 19 — Poultry Day	March 23 — Chip and Dip Day	

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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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oven-baked super green falafels

These oven-baked falafels make a great on-the-go snack and can add more substance to salads!

Ingredients (makes 16)

- 1 can chickpeas (14 oz.), drained and rinsed
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup (4¼ oz.) frozen peas, slightly thawed
- 2 tablespoons white chia seeds
- 1 cup (3 oz.) finely chopped broccoli
- 2 cups (2½ oz.) firmly packed shredded kale leaves
- 1 cup (¾ oz.) flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup (1/4 oz.) mint leaves
- 1½ teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Sea salt and cracked black pepper
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing
- Flatbreads, to serve (your choice of flatbreads!)
- Arugula, to serve
- Sliced radishes, to serve
- Labneh, to serve

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 °F. Line a large baking tray with nonstick baking paper.
2. Place the chickpeas, onion, peas, chia seeds, broccoli, kale, parsley, mint, cumin, baking powder, salt, and pepper in a food processor, and process until very finely chopped.
3. Press 2-tablespoon portions of the mixture into patties and place on the tray. Brush the patties generously with oil and bake for 15 minutes. Brush the patties with more oil and bake for a further 15 minutes or until golden and crisp.
4. Divide flatbreads between serving plates and top with arugula, radish, labneh, and the falafels to serve.

(Leftovers can be stored in the fridge — in an airtight container — for up to 2 days.)

Recipe courtesy of Donna Hay, an Australian food stylist, author, and magazine editor. <https://www.donnahay.com.au/recipes/fresh-light> ■

