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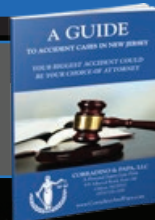
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YOU'VE BEEN DEPOSED! now what?

When a fair settlement cannot be reached in your personal injury claim, you (your attorney) may file a personal injury lawsuit to pursue compensation for your injuries.

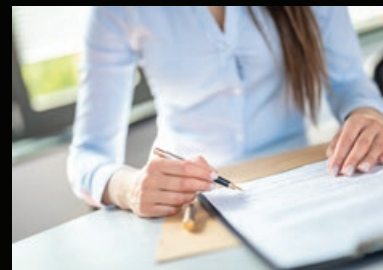
After filing a lawsuit, "discovery" takes center stage. Each side seeks to gain information and evidence to assist them in preparing for trial. (Most cases eventually settle prior to trial, but good personal injury attorneys prepare to go the distance.)

Depositions are a critical element in discovery. They are question-and-answer sessions in which the defendant's attorney (and possibly your own) will ask you about details and circumstances of your case. Depositions also enable attorneys to assess a case's strengths and weaknesses, and give them an idea how testimony will go at trial.

The defendant's attorney will issue a notice of deposition, a legal request stating the date, time, and location of a deposition. Witnesses may be subpoenaed to give depositions as well (separately). Notable deposition features include:

- Participation is mandatory.
- Generally, those in attendance include you, your attorney, other parties' attorneys, and a court reporter (and possibly a videographer and/or interpreter).
- Your testimony will be under oath.
- Everything will be recorded by the court reporter or videotaped. Transcripts/video may be used as evidence at trial.
- Depositions are typically taken at a court reporter's or attorney's office.
- Your attorney, in limited circumstances, can object to defense attorney questions deemed out of line. Objections are noted on the record, but the questions must still be answered.

The prospect of a deposition may be nerve-wracking, but look at it as an opportunity to tell your side of the story. At **Corradino & Papa**, our preparation methods, guidance, and support will ease your anxiety and bolster your case. ■



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hayrides

AND THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON

Hayrides are opportunities to soak in autumn splendor; get the heart pounding with Halloween hauntings; or catch a lift to a pumpkin patch or corn maze.

However, hayrides can be fraught with danger, too. In October 2020, in Illinois, a hayride tractor and trailer overturned when the driver lost control on an incline. One person was killed; 20 more were injured. The tractor was deemed too small for the trailer it was hauling; several driver citations were issued as well.

There is no formal driver training for hayrides. In addition, trailers/wagons are generally meant for cargo and agricultural usage, not lugging one to two dozen humans atop hay bales.

In most states, trailers/wagons used for hayrides are exempt from regulation when they are under 3,000 pounds. “Common carriers” that transport people must meet rigorous standards; however, since hayride operators typically don’t leave their own property, they can sidestep that important detail. And because hayrides frequently aren’t classified as amusement attractions, they are not subject to inspections by state or local authorities.

When you throw in limited nighttime visibility; bumpy or random paths; inclines and drop-offs; low-hanging tree branches; overloaded wagons; rambunctious kids lacking supervision; and/or alcohol, things can get dicey.

Remember, a commercial hayride enterprise should have proper liability insurance. Ask to see a certificate of liability insurance for peace of mind. Riders can help their own cause by staying seated, paying attention, holding on, keeping arms and legs within the wagon, and following instructions from hayride personnel.

Many hayride businesses prioritize safety. Unfortunately, some do not. If you are injured on a hayride, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to explore your options. ■



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GENESIS OF THE Salem witch trials



In January 1692, in Salem Village, Massachusetts (population approximately 500), a local minister’s daughter and niece began exhibiting strange behavior: screaming, uttering weird sounds, contorting themselves, throwing things, and complaining of pinching sensations. Back then, when a physical explanation wasn’t apparent, the supernatural was a go-to.

A “bewitched” person was thought to be tormented by someone in league with the devil — a witch. Witch hunts had been in vogue in Europe over the previous 300+ years. The daughter and niece were questioned and pinned the rap on three women, including a Barbados slave (Tituba) who lived with the family.

Tituba quickly realized that confessing — and accusing others of being witches — was her ticket to survival. Confessors lived; deniers were sentenced to death. The Puritan belief was that confessors would be punished by God instead.

The fuse had been lit. A rumor or unsubstantiated accusation was enough to indict someone. Revenge, jealousy, and self-preservation became powerful motivations to point the finger.

The Salem hysteria silenced those who feared they might be next. By the time sensible heads prevailed in 1693, hundreds had been jailed; 14 women and six men had been executed; five more died while imprisoned. Those executed were hanged, not burned (one exception was a slow crushing).

As for the young girls’ abnormal behavior, one theory is that their condition could have been attributed to the fungus ergot, sometimes found in cereal grasses (e.g., rye, wheat, etc.). Eating food contaminated by ergot can induce muscle spasms, nausea, unusual skin sensations, delusions, and hallucinations (LSD is derived from ergot).

But a fungus didn’t trigger the Salem witch trials. Hysteria borne of fear and anxiety is as old as the hills. There are some lessons we humans refuse to learn. ■

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Speedy

spotlight of the month

Meet Speedy, the newest member of the Radwanski family.

Speedy is a Russian Dwarf hamster and loves running on his wheel and playing with Emma.

Emma is a great pet owner, and she takes full responsibility of cleaning Speedy's cage and feeding him.

We all look forward to having many more memories with our new furry friend. ■

hiking safely

AT STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS

Autumn hiking at state and national parks — fresh air, spectacular scenery, and wholesome exercise. No wonder it's enjoyed by millions of Americans each year.

However, thousands are injured annually in hiking incidents, some fatally. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that hiking ranks third in recreation-related injuries in the great outdoors, trailing only snowboarding/skiing and sledding. Many injuries can be attributed to inexperience, lack of knowledge, and poor judgment.



Keep your hikes safe:

- Never hike alone. No one thinks anything will happen to them ... until it does.
- Inform others of your hiking twosome's/group's plans.
- Stay on marked trails. Hidden dangers loom off the beaten path, and you might get lost. And don't take risks for a cheap thrill or to capture an awesome selfie. Tragedy awaits and wilderness rescues can be complicated.
- Obey all warning signs and advisories.
- Stay hydrated, carry rain gear, and pack a first-aid kit.

Some hiking injuries, however, may be due to another party's negligence. State and national parks have a duty of care to hikers that includes proper trail upkeep and maintenance, and inspecting the park for hazards and potential risks.

Tour companies also owe a duty of care to their clients. For instance, if a tour guide leads hikers to an unauthorized area and one of them takes a tumble down the side of a mountain, the tour company may be found negligent. And they can't hide behind a waiver the hiker may have signed prior to the outing.

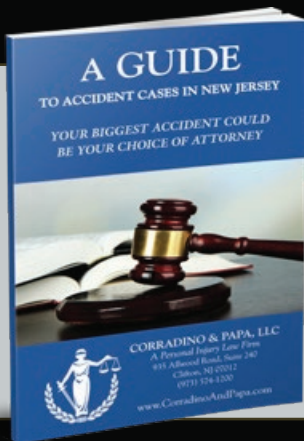
If you suffer a hiking injury due to someone else's negligence, contact **Corradino & Papa** to protect your rights. ■

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October 2021 – Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 1 — World Smile Day Oct. 6 — Garlic-Lovers Day Oct. 11 — Columbus Day Oct. 15 — Boss's Day Oct. 16 — Sweetest Day
Oct. 25 — National Art Day Oct. 31 — Halloween



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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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french bread pizza mummies

Yield: 4 servings; prep time: 5 mins.; cook time: 10 mins.; total time: 15 mins.

These easy-to-make French bread pizzas will elicit smiles from kids and grown-ups alike. And they taste good, too.

Ingredients

- 8-oz. whole-wheat French bread baguette
- 1 cup marinara sauce
- 8 black olive slices (from 2 olives)
- 4 slices (.75 oz. each) mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Cut the bread in half lengthwise, then cut each half crosswise in 2 pieces to give you 4 pieces total.
3. Place the bread cut-side-up on a baking sheet. Spread 1/4 cup of marinara sauce on each piece.
4. Place 2 slices of olives on each pizza to make eyes. Randomly lay out mummy cheese strips over the sauce. Bake on the center rack until the cheese is melted and bubbling, and the bread is crisp (about 8 minutes).

Recipe courtesy of www.skinnytaste.com. ■

