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RICH COMPANIES ARE USING A QUIET TACTIC TO BLOCK LAWSUITS: BANKRUPTCY

NPR recently ran a story regarding large corporations and their "work around" litigation. "Johnson & Johnson, which is headquartered in New Jersey, is valued at more than \$400 billion. But in October 2021, the company used a controversial legal maneuver in bankruptcy court to freeze thousands of cases against them.

The company had faced some 38,000 lawsuits claiming that trace amounts of asbestos contamination in Johnson's baby powder caused ovarian cancer and mesothelioma.

In these lawsuits, company executives are accused of knowing about the risk for decades and keeping the information from customers."

To circumvent payment of law suits, some companies have formed "shell" companies and placed corporate liabilities in these shell companies. Shell companies are not true companies. They are created for the sole purpose of holding certain assets or debts of the main company. Then those shell companies file bankruptcy. Most debt is dischargeable in bankruptcy except: child support, student loans (mostly), alimony, DUI costs and fees, most unpaid taxes, and select others (for specifics on what can be discharged, be sure to speak with a bankruptcy attorney).

To read the article and hear the words of a young lady who filed suit against Johnson & Johnson, be sure to follow the link: <https://www.npr.org/2022/04/02/1082871843/rich-companies-are-using-a-quiet-tactic-to-block-lawsuits-bankruptcy>

Off The Press

TRAVEL

Party Pooper Wins Jury Award Of 450k

A Kentucky man with an impending birthday, asked his human resources manager to not make any plans concerning his birthday. The company regularly celebrated all employee birthdays.

On the day of his birthday, the party was thrown and the man had a panic attack. He went out and sat in his car to calm himself down. When he was ready, he went back inside to continue the work day. The next day he was called into his supervisor's office. He was criticized for his behavior. This caused another panic attack and a few days later he was fired. The reason he was given for being fired was because his behavior was "aggressive" and "potentially violent."

The jury heard testimony from the man and members of the company and returned a verdict in his favor in the amount of \$450,000 (\$150,000 in lost wages and \$300,000 for emotional distress).

<https://people.com/human-interest/kentucky-man-wins-450k-for-being-fired-after-birthday-party-he-did-not-want/>



Steinway Towers is set to open in New York City. The building sits between Central Park and Manhattan. Prices range from \$7.75 million for a two-bedroom apartment to \$66 million for the penthouse. Sixty apartments make up the 84 story building.

It is the world's skinniest skyscraper. At 1,428 feet, it is also one of the tallest buildings in the Western hemisphere, falling short of two others in New York City: One World Trade Center at 1,776 feet and Central Park Tower at 1,550 feet.

Top June U.S. Destinations



Travelandleisure.com listed the best places to travel in June 2022. Nashville, TN: CMA Fest is the 9th-12th with stages throughout the city.

Philadelphia, PA: The nation's largest horticulture fare is scheduled for 11th-18th

Mackinac Island, MI: Lilac Fair is the 3rd-12th

Lexington, KY: SoulFeast Restaurant Week, June 20-26

C-SECTION DELAYED AND AN HIE INJURY

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A C-Section delayed and an HIE injury is an issue that many families might overlook when doing their research into the cause of their baby's HIE diagnosis. How we normally hear this issue is when families assume that something else must have been the cause of their baby's HIE diagnosis because the doctors "did a C-Section" and this is how things turned out.

When Can A C-Section Be Performed?

For first time mothers, moving to a C-Section might not be known fully until the time of labor and delivery. There can be numerous reasons for why a C-Section is needed and below I will list a few of the major ones:

- **The Baby Is In Fetal Distress:** This occurs when there are concerns about the health of your baby. Readings on the electronic fetal heart monitor might reveal that the baby is no longer handling a vaginal delivery.
- **Labor Is Not Progressing:** What this means is exactly what it says, mother's labor is not progressing and is stalled. A cervix that is not dilating, despite strong contraction activity is one way labor will not progress.
- **Multiple Babies:** Carrying twins, or more, can be the basis of having a C-Section.

C-Section Delayed And An HIE Injury

A C-Section delayed and an HIE injury is investigated by reviewing the medical records and interviewing mom (and other family members if they were present with relevant information). As mentioned above, if a baby is in fetal distress, then an emergency C-Section may be the way to go, especially if the distress is ongoing and for a considerable amount of time. Add to this, if conservative interventions are not clearing up the cause of the fetal distress, then an emergency C-Section may be warranted.



From a medical legal perspective, if a C-Section was performed one of the issues to be investigated was whether there was a delay in moving to the C-Section. In other words, did the doctor move too slow for the C-Section? One way to review this is to see if there was a delay is to see if there were patterns of fetal distress and how long had these patterns continued? A thorough birth injury investigation can help clear up these issues.

This is a quick peek into how birth injury attorneys can review your labor and delivery to help determine if the C-section was timely or delayed.



Mother's Day Brunch Peach Iced Tea

Ingredients

3 ripe peaches, thinly sliced
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
 7 + $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water, divided
 2 tea bags (black or green tea)

Directions

1. In a medium saucepan, combine peaches, sugar and 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of water and bring to a boil over high heat. Lower heat to medium-low and simmer for 30 minutes. Every 5 minutes, stir and crush peaches into the mixture.
2. Pour the peach mixture into a blender and puree until smooth. Pour the peach puree through a sieve or fine mesh strainer to strain out the peaches. Pour into pitcher and set aside.
3. Bring remaining 6 cups of water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Remove from heat, add the tea and brew according to package directions (approximately 4-5 minutes). Once brewed, strain out the tea leaves or remove the tea bags and transfer to the pitcher. Stir to combine and refrigerate until cool.
4. Once cool, give the mixture a quick stir, add ice cubes and peach slices and serve!



BLG Fan Beverly tried our "Better Than Takeout Fried Rice" recipe and the verdict is in. . . Delicious!

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