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Interesting Info To Share

Recently, we had an opportunity to visit the Anne Frank Museum. For those of you who may not know, Anne Frank was a young woman who died during World War II after keeping a diary chronicling her life in hiding.

Anne Frank was born June 12, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany to Jewish parents. In 1934 after Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party took control of Germany, her family moved to Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

From July 1942-August 1944, the Frank family (along with a few others) remained in hiding in concealed rooms of the back portion of the building where Anne's father worked. Only a few of her father's trusted employees knew that the family were living in the back house. These employees brought news and food to the family regularly.

The occupants of the back house were all arrested in August 1945. They were immediately sent to transit centers before being sent off to concentration camps.

Anne died in either February or March of 1945 of illness, presumably typhus. No records were kept of her or her sister's deaths at the concentration camp where they were housed.

Her writings had been saved by one of the family's helpers and returned to her father upon his release. Her father, Otto Frank, was the only surviving Frank. Otto Frank published his daughter's writings in 1947. He died in 1980. Anne Frank's writings give a detailed first hand account of what life was like during World War II for people in countries with active fighting.



Off The Press

Why The Importance Of A 24 Hour Brain Scan

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Today we will be discussing the importance of the early (24hr) head ultrasound when a baby has an HIE brain injury. For many families when their baby has suffered an HIE injury there are a lot of questions and certain tests are being performed they sometimes do not fully understand why those tests are being done.

The early head ultrasound can be extremely important when looking to give families answers as to the cause of their baby's HIE injury. From a medical/legal standpoint, the early results will go a long way in putting the pieces together from a causation perspective as to the possible medical malpractice.

Why Is This Concept Of Causation So Important?

Whether there is a departure from the standard of care is the first step in the analysis of whether a valid medical malpractice claim will lie. With that said, causation can also be hotly disputed in these cases. One of the easiest ways to understand causation is simply, did the actions, or non-action of the person you are suing cause the injury? If the answer to that question is yes, then you can move forward. On the other hand, if the answer is no then your case will not succeed.

This is why when we perform a birth injury investigation for a family we do our best to have a good theory as to the cause of the HIE brain injury. What we do not want to happen is to get deep in a case and then realize that we do not have the causation element buttoned up, which will allow the defendant to move the fact finder to their side, and potentially win the case.

Importance Of Early (24hr) Head Ultrasound When Baby Has An HIE Brain Injury

One of the reasons why the early ultrasound is important is because it can help with causation. In a lot of cases when a baby has suffered an HIE injury, the defense will point to a possible stroke in utero as the cause of the injury. However, head ultrasound technology can help either confirm or refute that claim.

A head ultrasound can look at certain things in the brain. For example, the ultrasound can reveal whether there are brain bleeds/hemorrhaging. If within 24 hours there is bleeding in the brain or hemorrhaging present, an argument can be made that the injury to the brain is due to something that happened during pregnancy and the doctors, nurses, and hospital are not the cause of the injury.

This is why, during our initial investigation for families we want to know what do the scans and imaging reveal. These tests can be crucial to the success of a birth injury claim.

For more information on this issue and various other birth injury issues, visit: www.bostonlawllc.com

Off The Press

NEW MARYLAND LAWS

- On Oct. 1, Maryland's law that prohibits people from being prosecuted for perpetrating sexual crimes against their legal spouse — also known as the spousal defense — will be repealed.
- Up to 25% of the money a person receives under workers' compensation will be eligible to be garnished for late child support payments. This includes weekly benefits and money won in court settlements after accounting for attorney's fees.
- Incarcerated individuals will be added to the list of people prohibited from contacting or going to the homes or workplaces of their accusers pre- or post-trial if they are charged with sexual crimes against children, crimes of violence, stalking and victims eligible to file protective orders.
- Victims of hate crimes, or crimes committed against a person because of their race, ethnicity, religion, disability status, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation or housing status, will be able to sue the person or group who committed the offense against them. This law only applies to hate crimes committed after Oct. 1.
- Wait times to file for record expungement after a convicted person has served their sentence will be reduced. Waiting periods for misdemeanors will drop from 10 to five years. Some felonies and second-degree assault will be eligible for expungement after seven years. First- and second-degree burglary and felony theft will be eligible after a 10-year period.
- The Independent Investigations Division of the Attorney General's Office, which investigates circumstances where excessive force was potentially exerted by law enforcement, will have the authority starting Oct. 1 to prosecute officers if investigators deem they unjustly killed or seriously harmed civilians. Currently local state's attorneys determine whether police should be tried in court after the division turns over its report.

BOSTON NAMED TO THE DAILY RECORD'S 2023 PERSONAL INJURY & MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LAW POWER LIST

Many Marylanders' most serious exposure to the legal system comes after they suffer an accident or injury. While trying to recover — physically, emotionally and financially — they often seek legal counsel to help them secure restitution or just to pay for their expenses.

At the same time, businesses and health care institutions also need sound legal advice to ensure their interests are effectively represented in court.

The people you'll meet in this Power List are among the finest practitioners in this complex legal field in Maryland. This list was chosen by our editorial leadership team. We reached out to readers and others in the legal community for input and perspective.

In this list we explore how these attorneys view their career, what they would change if they could and what they might be doing if they hadn't chosen this profession. We're hoping to offer a glimpse into the kind of people they are and how they see their accomplishments.

This list is part of a series of Power Lists throughout 2023 that will showcase the most influential figures in law, higher education, health care, business, financial services and other fields. At the end of the year, we'll offer a special Power 100 List that puts a spotlight on the most powerful and influential people in Maryland across all of these fields.

[See the Personal Injury & Medical Malpractice Law Power List digital edition here.](#)

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Soup's On!

Zuppa Toscana

Ingredients

4 slices thick cut bacon, chopped
3/4 pound ground spicy Italian chicken
sausage
1 yellow onion, chopped
5 cloves garlic, minced or grated
2 ribs celery, chopped
4 small gold or russet potatoes peeled
and chopped
6 cups low sodium chicken broth
juice of 1 lemon
kosher salt and black pepper
1 bunch Tuscan or curly kale, roughly
chopped
3/4 cup heavy cream or whole milk
1/2 cup grated parmesan or asiago cheese



Directions

- Cook the bacon in a large soup pot set over medium heat until crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove the bacon.
- To the bacon grease, add the chicken sausage and onions, and brown all over, about 5 to 8 minutes.
- Then add the garlic, celery, and potatoes, and cook 2 minutes.
- Next add the broth, lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper. Simmer over medium heat for 15-20 minutes, until the potatoes are tender.
- Stir in the kale, cream, and parmesan. Cook until the kale is wilted, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat. Stir in the reserved bacon.
- Serve the soup topped with additional parmesan and fresh thyme, if desired.

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