



IDIOT ON BOARD

A friend of mine, Truett Killian, recently sent me a photo of a man riding a motorcycle in Fort Worth with his pet dog on his lap (see photo D). I couldn't believe it. Driving in a car with your pet roaming around loose is dangerous enough – but on a bike? He must be crazy. Anyway, the image inspired me to see if I could find any other examples of dumb motorists embarrassing themselves attempting brainless feats. Needless to say there were quite a few, and I've published the best (or rather the worst) here. Some are incredibly concerning due to how dangerous they are, but in every case they are just plain stupid, stupid, stupid... I hope they'll give you a chuckle, but also that they'll serve as a reminder to pay attention to other drivers on the roads, because you never know what kind of fools are driving around. ■



Lazy walker



Dog on bike

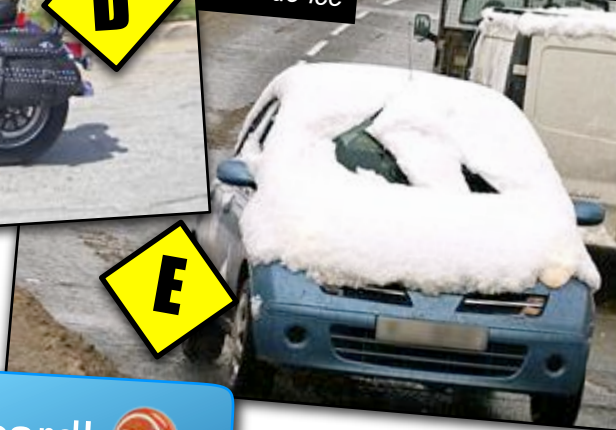
Ladder load



Wet cement



Didn't de-ice



WIN OUR CONTEST

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What Our Clients Say...

"I would like to thank Mr. Anderson and his team for their attention and care given in my case. I am pleased with the outcome and would gladly refer anyone to him... again thank you all so much!"

- Jean

Jean suffered serious back and neck injuries (necessitating surgery) in a car wreck caused by a hit and run driver.

The Anderson Law Firm successfully resolved her case in March 2011.

We Get Questions...

Is Texting And Driving Legal In Texas?



Texas State Capital Building in Austin.

As of April 2011, texting and driving is legal in Texas unless you are under the age of 18 or going through a school zone. Also, all school bus drivers are prohibited from using cell phones if any children are on their bus.

Cell phone laws aren't as strict in Texas as they are in other states. Nine states and the District of Columbia now ban hand-held cell phone use completely while driving, and a further 30 states have banned texting while behind the wheel. Texas is one of the largest, most populated states without a ban on hand-held cell phone use, but proposed legislation against texting and driving is gaining steam in Austin.

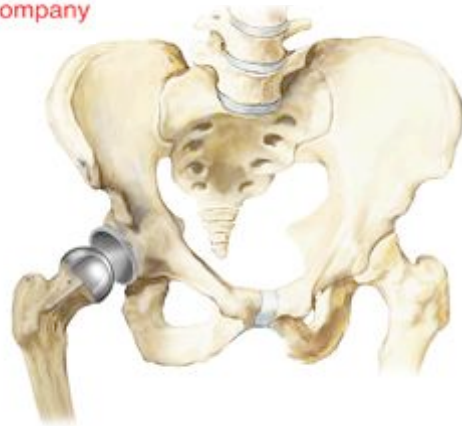
The Anderson Law Firm whole-heartedly supports House Bill 243 introduced in March that would ban texting for all drivers of motor vehicles in Texas.

Our law firm has history of taking a stand against distracted driving both by the cases we take and our Teens Against Distracted Driving (TADD) program. If you have a teen driver, tell them to take the pledge on our Web site to not text and drive.

At the Anderson Law Firm, we support any law that will make our roads safer by putting a stop to texting and driving. Because one text isn't worth your life. ■

Hip Replacement Recall

The Anderson Law Firm is currently accepting clients for a potential claim against DePuy Orthopedics, a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson Services, Inc. Between 2005 and 2010, approximately 93,000 patients received defective hip replacements which were later recalled by DePuy following close to 49% of people who received the implants reported chronic pain and other symptoms, which often led to their doctors recommending further surgical revision - and in some cases a second hip replacement operation.



The affected prostheses are DePuy Orthopaedics ASR XL Acetabular Hip Replacement System or ASR Hip Resurfacing System. The DePuy ASR devices have a unique metal-on-metal design which is the result of the problem. When the joint moves, metallic debris can be chiselled off, creating loose metal within the patient's body. There are also reports of chromium and cobalt being released into the patient's bloodstream, which can cause metallosis, a likely cause of chromosomal damage and potentially cancer.

If you are unsure whether you received either of these artificial hips, you should contact the hospital where you received your surgery to find out. If so, you are able to undergo testing to determine whether you may also experience problems with the devices. Please also contact the Anderson Law Firm as soon as possible for a free, no obligation consultation on your case. We will review your individual situation and explain your legal rights. You may be entitled to compensation. ■

Bluebonnets Abloom

It's the most beautiful time of year to live in Texas. The weather is great and our state flower is popping up everywhere, making driving along Texas highways a little more pleasant.

We are in the peak of bluebonnet season, from the end of March to the end of April. Although Texas botanists say this year's crop may not be a showstopper, there will still be plenty of bluebonnet photo opportunities.

There are lots of legends out there about our state flower, but one myth has certainly stood the test of time:

Is it really illegal to pick bluebonnets?

The answer to that question is NO. It is definitely not illegal to pick bluebonnets, although we encourage leaving the beautiful flower intact. Picking or stomping on the flower will prevent it from spreading seeds for next year's crop. But the only thing that could get you in real trouble for taking bluebonnet pictures is if you're on private property, or if you've stopped illegally along the highway.

So grab the family and a camera and go enjoy some Texas bluebonnets! ■



Lucy's Texas Sheet Cake Recipe



Lucy has been working as Mark's paralegal for 13 years, so whenever you hire the Anderson Law Firm, chances are that Lucy will play a key role in making sure the case is a success.

Lucy is a self-confessed chocoholic, and her homemade Texas Sheet Cake is an office favorite. Trust us - it's good!

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup butter
- 5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup water
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10x15 inch pan.
2. Combine the flour, sugar, baking soda and salt. Beat in the sour cream and eggs. Set aside. Melt the butter on low in a saucepan, add the water and 5 tablespoons cocoa. Bring mixture to a boil then remove from heat. Allow to cool slightly, then stir in cocoa mixture into the dry ingredients, mixing until blended.
3. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
4. For the icing: In a large saucepan, combine the milk, 5 tablespoons cocoa and 1/2 cup butter. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat. Stir in the confectioners' sugar and vanilla, then fold in the nuts, mixing until blended. Spread frosting over cake. ■





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Mark Gives His Expert Opinion on TV



Mark was recently asked to appear on TV for KDAF The 33 News to give his professional opinion about the tragic death of a woman run over by a monster truck in a Dallas strip club's parking lot.

In case you missed the story: Eric Crutchfield was driving his lifted Ford F-250 and attempting to exit the parking lot of the Spearmint Rhino Gentlemen's Club in Dallas when he struck Kasey McKenzie of Granbury, TX, who died at the scene.

Crutchfield told Dallas police that he couldn't see McKenzie because his truck was lifted so high. Witnesses reported that McKenzie had just stepped in front of the truck when she was hit by the vehicle's three foot tires. The driver told police he didn't even realize what had happened until after it was too late. He has since been charged with intoxication manslaughter.

From the pictures of the vehicle that hit McKenzie, it looks like the driver must have been riding at least 10 feet above the ground. I think the driver of this monster truck is absolutely irresponsible. For one, who drives an enormous monster truck on a residential street? A car like that takes a ladder to even get inside! In my opinion, the fact that he even attempted to drive after drinking just shows how little regard he has for the safety of others. ■



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