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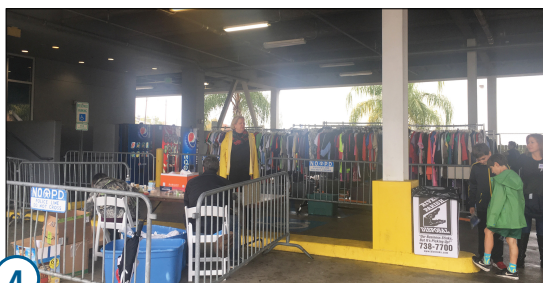
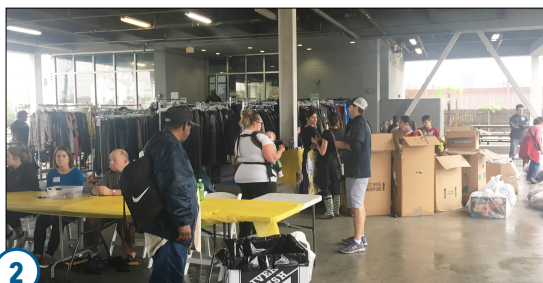
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## A Great Ending to 2017

*As 2017 came to a close, everyone at The Young Firm enjoyed the holidays together at our Holiday lunch, and doing various gift exchange games at the office. We also enjoyed being able to give back to the community, volunteering with Bridge House in New Orleans, and surprising eight families with a Christmas Morning filled with gifts from Santa through our first The Young Firm Christmas Wish campaign. We hope everyone had a safe and joyous Holiday season, and wish you all the best start to 2018!*



**1-4:** The Young Firm volunteers at Bridge House, a shelter for the homeless in our area, during their annual Holiday lunch. **5:** The Young Firm Christmas lunch at world famous Antoine's Restaurant in the French Quarter. **6-7:** The Christmas sock and ugly sweater day is always a great time around the office!



## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

*How well would you do one thing if that was all you focused on? What if you spent ALL your time doing just ONE thing?*

Well, that's what we do here at The Young Firm. Our attorneys handle ONLY maritime injury claims on behalf of injured rig, vessel, tug, barge and other maritime workers. From helping overseas workers to local tug boat workers, our nationwide law practice is the only firm in Louisiana that limits its practice to helping injured seaman. Pretty simple and we like it that way. Why? Well, how good would you be if you only did one thing? Yep... makes sense, doesn't it? Call us to answer any of your maritime and Jones Act law related questions.

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## WANT TO HAVE YOUR CLASS PAID FOR?

Visit [www.MarineAward.com](http://www.MarineAward.com) to find out more info on our scholarship program and to apply today - we award six times throughout the year!

## PROTECT YOURSELF

# Will you owe taxes on your Jones Act settlement?

Is a settlement under the Jones Act or maritime law taxable? Generally no.

Under IRS Code § 104 there's language that says any money you receive on account of a personal injury is not considered income to you during that year. What this means is that you receive a Jones Act settlement or a maritime settlement the money is most likely not going to be taxable to you.

However, you want to insist in your settlement documents that the company actually spells out and says that the settlement money they are paying you is under Section 104 of the Internal Revenue Code. We always protect our clients by making sure that this language is in their settlement documents.

This ensures that there's no confusion when our clients file their taxes; they simply show the release to the accountant and say this money was under Section 104(c) on account of personal injury and it should not be taxable.

If you're doing a Jones Act settlement, take care to make sure you talk to your attorney about this. He should know this type of information if he's protecting your

interests. Call us if you have any questions about whether or not money you may get through the Jones Act is going to be taxable to you.

## DECEMBER MAPS WINNERS

# We're paying for their education!

Why spend your own money on merchant marine training, when you could get most or all of it **PAID FOR?**

That's exactly what we do for many deserving mariners with our MAPS program! The Marine Award Program for Seamen (MAPS) is a need and merit-based award program that gives seamen the opportunity to have the cost of their training covered at four facilities either in full or partially, depending on the desired training course.

This past month we had over 40 applications submitted (which is a record!) and had a hard time, but ultimately narrowed it down to **THREE** new MAPS scholarship winners:

### LARRY B.

a Mate from Metairie, LA

### CHRIS C.

a Captain from Wynne, AR

### PATRICK S.

a Captain from Eight Mile, AL

**MAPS** MARINE AWARD PROGRAM FOR SEAMEN  
PROVIDED BY THE YOUNG FIRM



We had many qualified candidates apply this month, and love see so many in the industry aim to better their future through education. There were some great applicants we had to turn down, so please remember to reapply next time. Congratulations again to our December 2017 winners!



# CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

*“The Young Firm has always done an excellent job litigating and trying cases against the big oil companies. They care about their clients and do their best to ensure their clients receive just compensation for their injuries.”*

— Wesley L., referral attorney

## 2017 IN REVIEW

We helped dozens of injured maritime workers rebuild their lives in 2017. Our team fought for successful settlements for over 30 of our hard working clients, many of which were six and seven figures. Our year came to a close with two final settlements, and four new clients who trusted us with their maritime claims when they hired us last month. 2017 also saw countless surgeries approved for our clients as well.

2018 is already starting quick and promising, and everyone here can't wait to see all the progress and happy resolutions that will come for many of our clients. Stay tuned for more of our clients' success stories!

## YOU'RE PART OF OUR FAMILY

Remember - the world moves with introductions! We take great pride in our reputation and we are never too busy for your referrals. Please be sure to pass on our name to anyone who may be struggling with a maritime injury. We'd love to help them, too!

## FREE RESOURCES

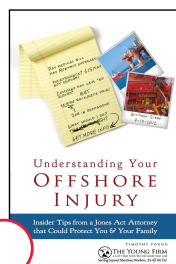
# Want Free Stuff? Our Best Clients are Referrals from You! Because you KNOW and TRUST us.

If you need our help, or know someone who does, please consider using our books. Just check the box of the books you need and sent this card back to us!

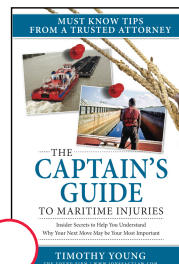
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Keep in mind, you can ALWAYS call us with your referral at any time! 504-680-4100

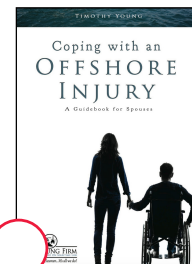
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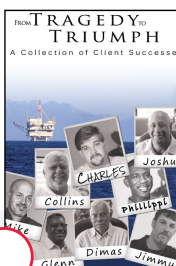
Understanding Your Offshore Injury



The Captain's Guide to Maritime Injuries



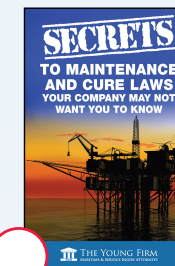
Coping with an Offshore Injury



From Tragedy to Triumph



Secrets About Medical Issues Surrounding Your Offshore Injuries



Secrets to Maintenance & Cure Laws

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**ARIES:** You might come into the New Year with an feeling that your fate is unavoidable. Resist that thought! You have the power to change your life in 2018 for the good or bad. Take the challenge.



**TAURUS:** In the mood for a change? 2018 is the year to do it. Stars predict luck if you make moves that are good for your family.



**GEMINI:** If a certain person is repeatedly rude to you, try detaching from the situation. Stars say returning the behavior in kind only hurts you in the eyes of others.



**CANCER:** Stars reveal a test of commitment is coming your way. This could involve family, work or friends. It could involve a special project. Respond with effort as you analyze the truth of the matter.



**LEO:** Don't skip short-term plans in January as a miscalculation could severely bog you down. That could mean you miss an opportunity by the first quarter moon on the 24th.



**VIRGO:** Time to consider honor and honorable, if difficult, action. Walk in kindness and consideration this month and the honorable action becomes easier.



**LIBRA:** Your budget squeaks as you consider a major purchase. It could be right for you if you have been responsible in all financial areas, including investing in the future.



**SCORPIO:** Two full moons in January. The first brings a feeling of trial. The second brings relief. Hold on as you move on.



**SAGITTARIUS:** Consider putting aside your reluctance to support a plan. It isn't perfect, but it might be right. More information comes at the full moon on the 31st.



**CAPRICORN:** Let your creativity loose this month if you plan a surprise for a loved one. You may get a lot of satisfaction from their delight.



**AQUARIUS:** Patience takes the stage as events draw to a conclusion this month, but an even pace and attitude smoothes the way for success.



**PISCES:** Swallow your pride and get back in touch with a friend you dropped for reasons that may seem silly right now.