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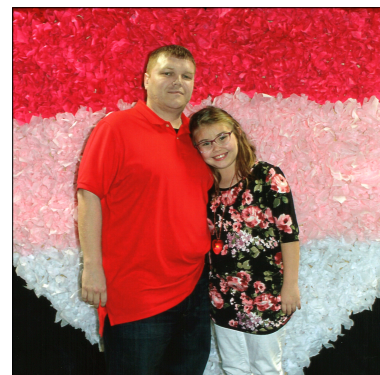
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## AROUND THE OFFICE



### FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Last month, Records Manager Andrea helped her daughter, Adriana, get ready for her very first dance - her school's Father Daughter dance. Adriana loves her dad, Brock, and is definitely a daddy's girl. She loved getting to spend the evening showing him off to all her schoolmates.

### RUNNING SEASON

Earlier this month, The Young Firm was represented at the Humana Rock n Roll Marathon weekend in New Orleans. Megan, Kim and Paige were all in attendance. On Saturday, Kim and Paige ran the 5k; and on Sunday, Megan and Paige ran the half marathon (that's 13.1 miles!). Megan hit a record run that day, running her half marathon in 1 hour and 58 minutes - woah! What an accomplishment. Congrats to them all!



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Serving Injured Seamen...It's all we do!

## Is Your Accident that Occurs OFF the Rig or Vessel Covered Under the Jones Act?

Many of our potential clients who are searching for a Louisiana Jones Act lawyer have accidents or injuries which occur while they are on land, working off of the oil rig or vessel to which they are assigned. These clients typically want to know whether or not their injuries are covered under the Jones Act and maritime law.

The answer is yes, injuries or accidents which occur on land can still be covered under the Jones Act provided you qualify as a Jones Act marine worker. In other words, once you are determined to be a Jones Act seaman, even if you are injured on land, your injury will still be covered under the Jones Act.

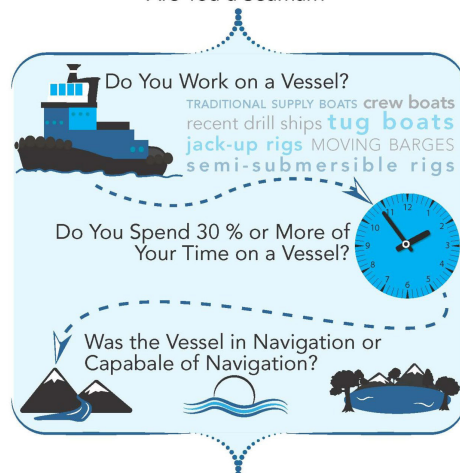
In order to qualify as a Jones Act seaman, you must be more or less permanently assigned to a vessel or fleet of vessels under common ownership or control. This generally means that you must spend 30 percent or more of your time assigned to a particular vessel or fleet of vessels. This includes oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico as well as overseas. Once you are determined to be a Jones Act seaman, it does not matter if your company transfers you to land for a brief temporary assignment. Also, it does not matter if you happen to be on land traveling to or from the rig when your accident or injury occurs. Under these situations, you can still file a claim under the Jones Act even though your injury did not occur on the vessel or oil rig.

Another important thing to remember is that if you are allowed to file a claim with a Louisiana Jones Act lawyer, all of the

protections under the Jones Act apply to your case. This means that even if your injury occurs on land, your employer must still provide you with "a safe place to work" as required by the Jones Act. There are numerous cases involving seamen who are injured while traveling to and from work in automobile accidents. Even though these individuals were on land and their injuries and accidents had nothing to do with the vessel or oil rig, they are still allowed to file claims under the Jones Act and seek all damages due to any negligence on the part of their company.

Don't think that simply because your injury and accident occurred on land it means that you cannot file a claim under the Jones Act! Remember, once you are determined to be a seaman, the Jones Act will apply to your case regardless of whether or not your injury occurs on land.

Are You a Seaman?



### THE YOUNG FIRM VALUES

*Our team is knowledgeable, honest and professional while guiding our clients through their difficult journey. Our goal is compassion.*



This is the official Values Statement of The Young Firm. Our Values Statement tells you what we do, for you, and how we do it. Each of us have a plaque on our desks as a reminder of the promise we have made to and for each and every one of our clients.

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## We've Got Your Back!

And any other maritime injuries, of course!

Sometimes you need a little ice to cool down a sore muscle, while other times a warm compress is what's needed to soothe your aching elbow. The Young Firm is proud to offer a FREE hot/cold gel pack to your household for all your normal day to day bumps and scraps. These gel packs are easy-to-use - just toss into the microwave or the freezer based on your needs.



**To order your **FREE\*** hot/cold gel pack, call or email us today!**

**Email: [Paige@TheYoungFirm.com](mailto:Paige@TheYoungFirm.com)**

**Call: (504) 680 - 4100**

*\*Limit of 1 per household, please*

### TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

## When to Give a Child a Smartphone

Parents in modern society are struggling with the answer to when or if they should let their children have a smartphone, but recent research from Influence Central shows that the average age in the U.S. is now only 10 years old. This age is down from age 12 just five years ago. A prevailing theory for this trend is the fact that parents are already letting children play with their smartphones and are getting tired of sharing, which suggests that the kids have access at an even earlier age.

Despite this alarming trend, other research from Common Sense Media has shown that 50 percent of children with smartphones admitted they might be addicted to them, and more than half agreed with their parents that they used the devices for too long. In these cases, it is clear that having a smartphone is creating problems among children and The New York Times explains that they often lead to distractions from schoolwork, family time, and other face-to-face social interactions.

Problems stemming from smartphone use do not take long to rise to the surface, and many parents have decided that

it is better to wait as long as possible before handing the devices over so that kids can learn self-control and responsibility before opening the door to an always-on society. It should be noted that the pre-frontal cortex of the brain, the area that controls impulses, doesn't finish developing until the mid-20's and exposure to these devices could lead to issues with impulse control later on.

Still, the pull of smartphones is relentless, and their saturation in society means that those left without can suffer from a severe fear of missing out on what is going on with their friends. A recent report from the Pew Research Institute has shown that nearly three-quarters of teens have access to a smartphone as of the year 2015 and many parents likely have a difficult time keeping their children away from their social circles that have since moved into the online space.



Parents that want to delay giving children smartphones do have some options such as giving them 'dumb' phones that have only talk and text capabilities. This allows them to connect with their friends while avoiding the games, internet access, and other distractions that come with smartphones. If that's going too far, there are also smartwatches that allow kids to make calls to a few select people along with messaging.



## CLIENT SPOTLIGHT



*“ THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. I am truly blessed to have had yall as my support team through my hard times over the past couple of years. I don't know where my family and I would be without yall representing and caring for us. Also, I might be in Seahawks territory but everyone on my block knows this household is a part of the great WHO DAT NATION. GOD BLESS and have a great day! ”*

— James L., former  
The Young Firm client

### THE BIGGEST COMPLIMENT

Remember - the world moves with introductions! Assuming you think we've done a fantastic job helping to move things for you, 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!

## DIY OF THE MONTH

### How to Dye Easter Eggs (the Easy Way)

Decorate a batch of hard-boiled eggs with this fun twist on the traditional. Instead of using vinegar, foamy shaving cream makes a perfect medium for swirly food coloring.

Though we don't recommend eating eggs made in this way, it's a creative way to get crafty for Easter. (If you'd prefer eating the eggs after dying, you can swap out the shaving cream for whipped cream!) Kid-friendly and quick, here's how to dye Easter eggs with shaving cream.



#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Start with 6-12 hard-boiled eggs. Dry completely.
2. Spray shaving cream (the foam sort, not the gel) into a muffin tin.
3. Place several drops of food coloring into each cup. Swirl with a Q-Tip.
4. Gently set eggs in the cups, swirling several times, until completely coated.
5. Allow to sit for 10-15 minutes.
6. Remove eggs and rinse with cold water.
7. Enjoy your decorative crafts!

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### VERY PUNNY

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.



**DID YOU EVER REALIZE THAT WE'RE REALLY DRINKING COFFEE OUT OF ADULT SIPP CUPS?**



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## HOROSCOPE • MARCH 2018



**ARIES:** Your life may seem a little crazy right now. Offer a smile to someone who doesn't expect it. The full moon on the 31st returns the vibes you give.



**TAURUS:** The quarter moon March 24 slows your roll some. Forget controversies and focus on solutions in your own world.



**GEMINI:** Your loved one is on a mission. No point in trying to rethink it. Hang in there. You could have more influence by next month.



**CANCER:** Energy is on your mind -- yours and others. Focus on nutrition and get enough sleep. This will become essential as you move through March, a month that could be surprisingly demanding.



**LEO:** Consider planning a long weekend now, rather than a budget-blowing vacation this summer. The stars predict unexpected expenses. You'll want to be prepared.



**VIRGO:** Does every project have to be started and completed in one shot? Counter your perfectionist tendencies by working on ordinary tasks during short time spaces.



**LIBRA:** The equinox on March 20 is Libra's day. Take the day to consciously balance romance and friendship. Your spouse or partner can use a little extra of one or the other.



**SCORPIO:** To improve a relationship this month, give more than is expected; expect less in return. Someone who loves you needs your extra effort just now but won't ask for it.



**SAGITTARIUS:** Flexibility serves you well as the month comes to a close. Don't hesitate to try something new. A surprise is in store.



**CAPRICORN:** Spring. Ideas. Those two go together as the changing season sparks new plans. Consider your available time and resources then choose the most promising.



**AQUARIUS:** Stay alert for people who blame others for everything and avoid the blamers this month. What you hear may or may not be the truth so don't act on rumor. Get information.



**PISCES:** Hard work and focus take you far but don't forget your larger life. Save a little of your energy for your pet and dollop of charm for the people who love you.