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## Young Roustabout Injured on Rig Receives Over Half a Million

Our client, a 32-year-old roustabout rig worker, was injured when a 32-foot loose piece of casing fell down the V door and struck his knee and shoulder knocking him down. He was evacuated from the rig and flown to the hospital where he received X-rays and MRIs of his injuries. He had to have surgery on his shoulder, knee, and ankle and attend months of physical therapy.

Unable to return to work, he turned to us for guidance. We filed a claim on his behalf in which we argued that the company was negligent in the following ways:

- Breach of a legally imposed duty of reasonable care owed by the Defendant to the plaintiff;
- Failure to provide a reasonably safe place to work;
- Failure to properly train and supervise plaintiff;
- Failure to take any means or precautions for the safety of defendant's employees, including plaintiff;
- Creation and maintenance of an unseaworthy vessel;
- Failure to provide minimum safety requirements;
- Failure to provide adequate equipment for the job in question;
- Failure to provide adequate personnel for the job in question;
- Other acts of negligence and unseaworthiness.

The company, of course, fought us every these days.



JICK CASE FACTS:

Settlement Amount: \$750,000 Claim Type: Jones Act Claim Injury Type: Shoulder, Knee, Ankle

Age: 32

Job Position: Roustabout Accident Location: Offshore Vessel Type: Drilling Rig Company: Confidential

step of the way. The day of the accident they took a recorded statement of our client. We always advise our clients to avoid this since the pain from their injuries compromises their ability to recall details accurately. Throughout the case process, the company's lawyers used several delay tactics to make our job as difficult as possible.

Fortunately for our client, we were able to reach a settlement with his company and avoid going to trial. Part of the settlement he received included a monthly payment providing for him for years into the future. Additionally, his injuries were not permeant and he made an excellent recovery. We're happy to say that he is doing much better these days.

### **HURRICANE SEASON**



### **GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

The Young Firm together with the Association of Legal Administrators New Orleans Chapter, were honored to participate in the Volunteers of America's Mentoring Children of Promise Program this year. This program helps children ages 4 to 18—primarily those who have an incarcerated parent—with caring, long-term mentors trained to help them through tough times. Parents' tight budgets make it difficult to afford everything their kids need for back to school: backpacks, uniforms, lunch to fill their bellies. We were able to supply nearly 150 children in the program with backpacks ensuring that the 2018-19 school year got off to a great start! Some of the participants pictured include our firm's administrator, Shanon Chehardy, who is a member of the Association of Legal Administrators New Orleans Chapter, Chair of its Community Connections Committee, and a member of Volunteers of America's Reach for the Stars Giving Society; TYF Paralegal/Case Manager, Rebecca Short; and her daughter Madeline.



### THE YOUNG FIRM VALUES

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



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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### **SAFETY TIPS**

### **September: National Preparedness Month**

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

**STEP 1:** Put together a plan by discussing these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

- 1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- 2. What is my shelter plan?
- 3. What is my evacuation route?
- 4. What is my family/household communication plan?

**STEP 2:** Consider specific needs in your household. As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities

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Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. **YOU CAN.** 

and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like the operation of durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance. Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including

prescriptions and equipment

- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

**STEP 3:** Fill out a Family Emergency Plan Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use them as a guide to create your own.

**STEP 4:** Practice your plan with your family/household.

# **CLIENT SPOTLIGHT**



"My health and well-being were their main concern. They have given me a fresh start with my life that I did not think would have been possible after my injury. If I were to ever need another maritime attorney, I would pick the Young Firm again! 33

— Corey W., former The Young Firm client

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### **SUCCESSFUL SETTLEMENTS**

July and August were exciting months for The Young Firm!
All together, our attorneys successfully settled three cases.
Congratulations to our clients
Jonas M., Jarvis B. and Tyler V.
- continue to keep focusing on your future and moving forward.
We look forward to seeing all the great steps you'll be taking, and know great things are coming your way.

### DIY OF THE MONTH

# **Game Day Buffalo Wings**

These buffalo wings only require a few ingredients and are a perfect option for game time parties or any other gathering. With football season officially starting... could we ask for a better recipe?!



### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Clean and cut the chicken wings; season with salt, pepper, and paprika.
- 2. Coat with the flour and shake off the excess.
- 3. Fry the chicken wings in a pan with hot oil until completely cooked and perfectly golden brown.
- 4. While the chicken wings are cooking, prepare the buffalo sauce by melting the butter over medium heat, adding the molasses, and then remove from the heat. Finally, when it cools down a little bit, add the buffalo hot sauce.
- 5. Once the chicken is fully cooked, coat them in the buffalo sauce and enjoy with the ranch dressing.

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 4 pounds of chicken wings
- 1 cup of all purpose flour, seasoned with salt pepper, garlic powder and cumin to taste
- 1/2 cup of molasses
- 1 stick of unsalted butter
- 1 bottle of store bought buffalo sauce or other hot sauce of your choice
- Canola oil for frying the wings Ranch Dressing for dipping

### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

### THE HEARING AID

A man was telling a friend, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's perfect."

"Really, what kind is it?" the friend asked.

"Twelve thirty."

### **SPANISH MAGICIAN**

A Spanish magician tells the audience he will disappear on the count of 3.

He says: "Uno, dos...."\*POOF!!\*

He disappeared without a tres.



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### **HOROSCOPE • SEPTEMBER 2018**



**ARIES:** Beware of overcommitment this month. Stars say your time is in demand, but don't stretch yourself too thin.



**TAURUS:** Adventure -- or at least something you haven't tried lately -- is on the horizon for September. Taureans benefit when they take it by the horns.



**GEMINI:** By the 25th, a disappointment fades and your mood rises with the bright full moon. Take time to realize that all is well.



**CANCER:** The future is calling. A decision you make this month influences the next 12. A sacrifice yields big benefits by 2019.



**LEO:** Fear isn't Leo's top problem but a good Lion knows when to back off the chase.



**VIRGO:** Virgos can be picky! This month you'll need take back some independence to make sure things are up to your standards.



**LIBRA:** Act boldly to cement your sense of confidence as the moon moves into its first quarter on the 15th.



**SCORPIO:** Resist taking slogans to heart this month as you open your eyes to new ways of thinking.



**SAGITTARIUS:** Just when you think you are at tilt, someone adds a new pinch of stress. Draw the line somewhere.



capricorn: A resolution to a set of problems may be near. Take some small steps to address the issues. A modest win lifts your spirits.



**AQUARIUS:** You get energy from a trip to the woods. Leave your phone at home and kick some fallen leaves.



PISCES: Something remembered lifts your spirits. It might be an old tune, a joke, or a family story. Seize the feeling and go with it.