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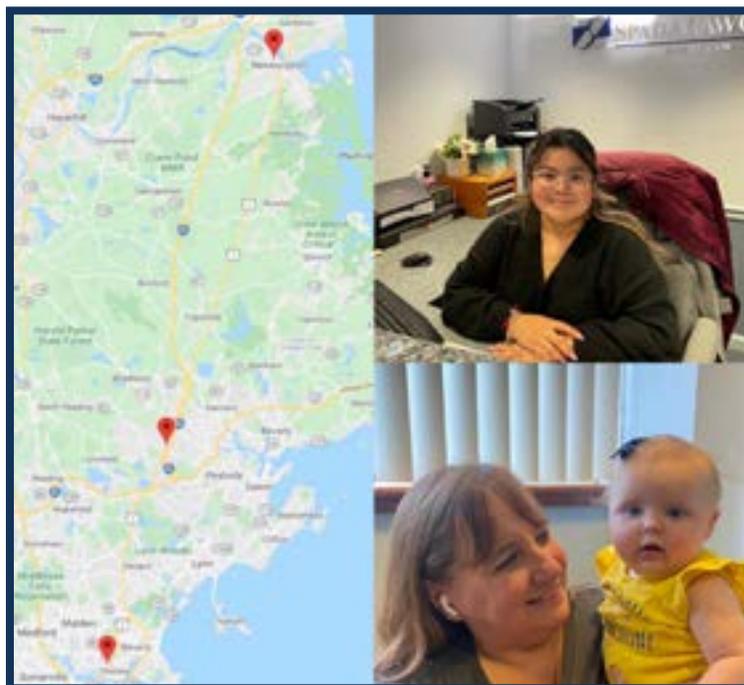
What's New for '22

**NEW OFFICES, TEAM MEMBERS,
AND BABIES, BABIES, BABIES!**

We have some exciting news to share with our current and former clients and friends. Everything around us is expanding, including our locations, our team, and our team's families! Spada Law Group has opened another office in Peabody. We will now have staffed offices in Chelsea (which has been our main location since 1998) and Peabody. We will also have two additional "by appointment only" offices in Worcester (which we've had for many years) and Newburyport. We expect Newburyport will be up and running by mid-May 2022.

If you look at a map, you'll see that our office locations will now provide real convenience for our current and future clients living on Boston's North Shore. Also, all of our lawyers and staff were born and raised on the North Shore, and they now reside there, too, which makes for a happy team. Many of you know that I grew up in East Boston and lived for more than 25 years in Peabody and then Middleton. So, it's no surprise that many of our clients are North Shore folks like me, and making life more convenient for them is important to us.

As for the Newburyport office, it just made good sense to have an office there since I am now a resident of Newburyport, involved with the Greater Newburyport Bar Association, and have many clients from the Merrimack Valley area. It's a long drive for clients to come to Chelsea



or Peabody to meet with us as we prepare their cases, so now they won't have to.

We have also recently added a wonderful new team member to Spada Law Group. Her name is Karen Sanchez, and she is our intake coordinator. Her job is to make sure anyone calling our offices is directed to the person who can best solve their legal problem. She is a Chelsea resident, bilingual, and one of the most pleasant and empathetic young women you will ever speak to. We are lucky to have found her!

Lastly, and most importantly, Joan, one of our case managers for the last 15 years, is now a grandmother to a beautiful baby girl, Hailee Joan! Hailee will turn 1 next month and Joan has been on cloud nine since the day

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I Was Injured as a Passenger in a Family Member's Car

Can I File an Injury Claim?

Many people wonder if they can, and if they should, seek compensation for an injury they sustained during an accident while riding as a passenger in a family member's car. If you were hurt as a passenger in any type of car accident, you have the right to file an injury claim against the driver of the car or the driver of the other vehicle. This does not change if the driver is a family member.

You may be thinking, "I feel bad about suing a family member. Won't their insurance rates go up?" Well, if the family member driving the car is at fault for the accident, their rates are going to go up regardless. Whether you file an insurance claim against them or not, they will see an increase in their monthly premium. Because of this, we recommend you file an insurance claim.

We understand that lawsuits can be uncomfortable, but that doesn't mean it's personal. You aren't really suing your family member. You're suing their car insurance company. The car insurance company will be responsible for providing any damages or compensation you're legally owed.

If you choose not to sue, the only entity that benefits is the car insurance company. They won't have to pay for your medical care, lost time from work, or pain and suffering. Keep in mind that people have car insurance so they're protected in case they get into a car accident or injure someone in an accident. By filing an injury claim, you're utilizing the system put into place for this exact situation. Filing an injury claim is essentially your way of claiming what you're already entitled to.

Our Massachusetts car accident attorneys offer free consultations to walk you through the process if you were injured in a car accident as a passenger when a family member was driving. We'll take time to learn about your case, answer all of your questions, and explain your rights and options. Give our office a call and we'll be happy to address any concerns or questions you may have.

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YOUR OPTIONS AFTER

Though spring is right around the corner, we still have plenty of days left to hit the slopes in March or early April. Certain risks are inherent with recreational winter activities, and you may be injured at some point due to the negligence of another skier. If this happens, you may have a personal injury claim against that individual.

If you are sued for injuring someone on the slopes and the claim is successful, your homeowner's insurance company will step in and pay for a lawyer to defend you. On the opposite end, if the careless skier injured you, their homeowner's insurance company will provide the money they owe you from a settlement or verdict. This means

Review of the Month



"Looking for or needing an Attorney can be very stressful to say the least. I am so glad that the Spada Law Group put my mind at ease. Professional, informative and compassionate are the reasons I used and recommended family members use the Spada Law Group."

- Jeffrey M.

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R A SKI OR SNOWBOARD ACCIDENT

compensation will not come from the individual who injured you but from their homeowner's insurance company. If you're injured by a minor (someone under the age of 18 typically) on the slopes, you can expect a similar situation. Homeowner's insurance also typically covers any minor children living in the household of the homeowner.

If another skier or snowboarder on the slopes injures you, do the best you can to get their name and contact information. Getting this information will allow you to file an injury claim against them.

If you were injured in a collision with another skier or snowboarder, or due to someone else's carelessness on the mountain while you were skiing or snowboarding, give us a call. Our injury attorneys will listen to your story and advise you of and fight for your rights.



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she was born. It is so nice to see how much joy Hailee has brought to Joan's life. One look at a picture of Hailee or watching a video of her laughing as only babies do, and the tense atmosphere that is so common in our line of work melts away. If Joan is working on your case, ask her about Hailee; she is a proud Nana and would love to give you an update!

So, that's where we stand on what's new here at Spada Law. What remains unchanged, however, is our commitment to being the best possible choice if you've been in an accident, are injured, and feel confused and anxious about what to do. If you or someone you know needs us, we would be honored to guide you through the process without hassles and with peace of mind.

-Len Spada



Garlic Butter Prosciutto-Wrapped Asparagus

Asparagus is one of the best vegetables for your health and also tastes quite delicious. If you're trying to enhance your vegetable game or prepare the perfect party snack, give this garlic butter prosciutto-wrapped asparagus a try.

INGREDIENTS

- 16 asparagus spears
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 tsp garlic, minced
- 1/2 lb prosciutto

DIRECTIONS

1. Snap off woody ends of the asparagus and discard.
2. In a small dish, melt butter and add minced garlic.
3. Brush the butter mixture over each asparagus spear evenly.
4. Slice each piece of prosciutto in half lengthwise and wrap each spear starting at a diagonal angle from the top. Place evenly on a baking sheet.
5. In the oven on high heat, bake the asparagus for 4-5 minutes or until the asparagus is bright green.
6. Serve immediately and enjoy.

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Meet 'Dr. Peyo' – France's Only 4-Legged Doc



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Meet France's 4-Legged Doctor 'Dr. Peyo' the Therapy Horse Will See You Now!

Imagine you're sitting in a French hospital, minding your own business and waiting for a doctor to see you. Suddenly, the elevator doors slide open and a full-sized horse clip-clops out into the waiting room!

That might sound like something out of a children's book, but it's actually a regular occurrence at Calais Hospital. There, a therapy horse named Peyo visits sick and dying patients to help ease their anxiety, bring them comfort, and distract them from their pain.

Peyo — affectionately known as "Dr. Peyo" by the staff at Calais — wasn't always a therapy horse. In his early life, he competed in dressage, but it didn't take long for his trainer to realize Peyo was more interested in the crowd than the competition. In a moving article

about Peyo, The Guardian reported, "After shows, he would pick out people in the crowd, approach them, and choose to stay next to them."

This was the first sign of Peyo's secret talent: Like a bomb-sniffing dog, it appears Peyo can detect cancerous tumors. In the hospital, he uses a raised hoof to point his trainer toward rooms he'd like to visit. Inside, he comforts the dying patients and their families.

"What really pushed scientists to take an interest in him and open the health establishment doors to us was this [seeming] ability to greatly reduce [the patients' dosage of] all hard drugs and thus allow a more peaceful departure," Peyo's trainer, Hassen Bouchakour, told The Guardian.

Peyo has been working as a therapy horse since 2016 and stood vigil by the bedsides of more than 1,000 people, bringing them comfort and letting their children ride him through the hospital halls. It's an amazing achievement for a 15-year-old horse!

Of course, Peyo is far from the only animal visiting hospitals to bring people comfort. Here in the U.S., Johns Hopkins partners with more than 15 volunteer therapy dog teams that make patients smile, lower their blood pressure, improve their mood, and reduce their pain. At least 45 hospitals in the country have similar programs.

Want to know if your local hospital employs therapy animals? Visit their website to find out. You might be surprised by what you learn!