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Clayton County Bar Association CLE Highlights Willingness To Give Back

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No matter what you do for a living, it always seems like there is never enough time in the day. As members of the Clayton County Bar Association, Joe and I are lucky to work alongside so many attorneys who not only

dedicate their practices to truly helping those in need of legal assistance, but also who are willing to support their fellow lawyers. The Clayton County Bar recently held a two-day Continuing Legal Education (CLE) event and we were so impressed by the attorneys who took valuable time out of their schedules to teach other attorneys and assist them in obtaining their state-required yearly training hours.

The topics were interesting, the speakers were fantastic, and it was great to connect with some of the best lawyers in Georgia. I'd like to extend a

huge thank you to all of the people who made the event happen:

Teri Fields, Esq.
Ryan Locke, Esq.
Jacqueline Payne, Esq.
Terriea Williams, Esq.
Loren Locke, Esq.
Brenda J. Smeeton, Esq.
Noemi Puntier, Esq.
Daniel Nagel, Esq.
Lori Anderson, Esq.
Danielle Obiorah, Esq.
Monroe Ferguson Esq.
Charles Brooks, Esq.
Cari Hipp, Esq.
All of the attendees

You all make us proud to serve Clayton County. Forest Park, Jonesboro, Morrow, and Riverdale are lucky to have you!



Attorneys Noemi Puntier and Richard Panachida



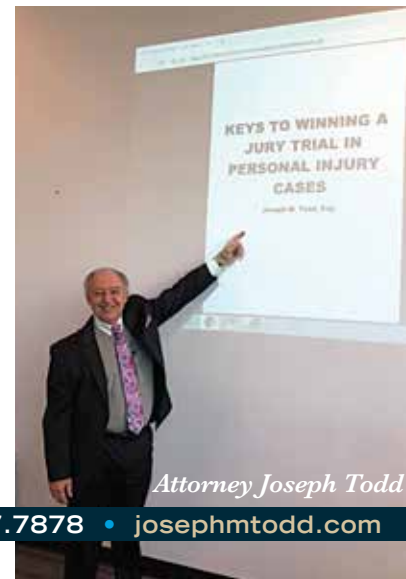
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Another Reason To Love Jonesboro: Food Truck Wednesdays!



We love to support locally-owned businesses (and we love to eat!) which is why we are so excited that the City of Jonesboro started Food Truck Wednesdays! Located right in front of the historic Clayton County Courthouse on S. McDonough, Food Truck Wednesdays will go on from now until mid-September from 11am to 2pm. The rotation of food trucks may change, but we loved seeing Smooth 'n' Groove,

Habanero Grill Food Truck, Diva Q Bar-B-Que, Mr. Habachi, and Say It With a Cupcake.

If you ever want to join us at any of the Food Truck Wednesdays, leave a comment on our Facebook page. We would love to meet our clients and colleagues once a month and support Downtown Jonesboro!

*Ashley Thornton of
Say it With a Cupcake*



Smooth 'n' Groove Food Truck

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tomato & Smoked Gouda Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, halved and sliced
- 2 (28 oz.) cans plum tomatoes, undrained (preferably San Marzano tomatoes)
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup cream
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup (or a little more) Smoked Gouda, shredded, plus extra for topping

DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Saute onion until tender, about 8 minutes. Add tomatoes and broth, and break up tomatoes somewhat with a spoon. Simmer, uncovered for 30 minutes. Use an immersion (stick) blender or a regular blender to puree the onion and tomatoes. Add cream and seasonings. Add cheese, and stir until it's melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Ladle into bowls and top with more cheese, if desired. Serve with slices of Herbed Cheese-Beer Bread. Serves 6.



Employee Spotlight – Lisa McCalla



Lisa McCalla is the brains behind everything having to do with our domestic cases and we are thankful for all of the work she does to help clients navigate complicated and highly-emotional issues like divorce and child custody. Between dictation, discovery responses, and handling correspondence, Lisa is always busy and gladly takes on a variety of challenges at the office.

Thank you for your help and dedication, Lisa!

We Are Lucky To Have Such Great Clients!



Some of our clients received “We’re lucky to have you!” cards in honor of St. Patrick’s Day, so if you happened to receive one in the mail, post a selfie of you and your card to our Facebook page! We’d love to see you!



*Joyce hand-writing
St. Patrick’s Day cards*

STEP INTO SCARLET O’HARA’S SHOES WITH OUR GONE WITH THE WIND CONTEST



We all know the significance of our local ties to the famous book and movie, *Gone with the Wind*, as author Margaret Mitchell chose to set Scarlett O’Hara’s family home in Clayton County.

Here at Joseph M. Todd, P.C., we are especially lucky that our office is situated right down the street from the historic Road to Tara Museum, located at 104 N. Main St. in Jonesboro, which highlights relics from the Civil War and all things *Gone with the Wind*.

select one contestant to receive two tickets for the *Gone with the Wind* Historic Bus Tour and a \$25 gift card to Fig Tree Café, also located right on Main St. in Downtown Jonesboro.



As part of our effort to celebrate all of the great things happening in and around Clayton County, we invite our readers to participate in our “*Gone with the Wind*” contest. Simply visit our Facebook page and tell us about your favorite scene from the movie and we will randomly



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CASE OF INTEREST

A woman reached out to us for help after becoming violently ill from consuming cheddar pasta salad from the Wal-Mart located on Jonesboro Road in Morrow. Within hours of eating the food purchased from the Wal-Mart, she suffered severe stomach cramps and began vomiting. Our client was hospitalized at Atlanta Medical Center where she was diagnosed as suffering from enterocolitis (inflammation of the digestive tract) related to specific food intake.

The cheddar salad pasta was spoiled, and we made out a case against Wal-Mart for selling food not fit for human consumption and causing our client's injuries that resulted from consuming the spoiled pasta. The argument was that Wal-Mart failed to have and maintain proper health standards in the preparation and serving of food; we believed that the pasta sold to our client was unsafe, unwholesome, and an adulterated food product not fit for human consumption. Todd Law filed a lawsuit against Wal-Mart, but we were able to get the company to settle before going to trial.

LAW TIP:

Don't talk to an insurance adjuster without first speaking with an attorney.

Raving Review of the Month

"Mr. Todd was really understanding during my case and went out of his way to help me. I am very grateful for him!" – *Frank V.*

