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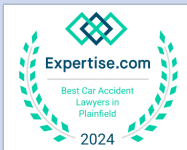
September 2024 Newsletter



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And it's just like that that the summer is gone and we are back to school drop-offs, homework and soccer practices and tournaments. In a way, it feels good to be back to a more consistent schedule and routine - but I will miss longer summer days and longer weekends. I hope that your summer was a good one and that as we enter the busy fall season, you will still take time for yourself, for your family and friends and get to enjoy some fun fall activities that are so plentiful in our area - if you're looking for some ideas, look below for a list of upcoming pumpkin farm openings. See you there!





Professional Corner

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Traveling by motor vehicle is an essential and often cherished part of modern American life. However, many people use alternative methods to get from place to place, including walking and riding bicycles. Unfortunately, pedestrians and bicyclists are at increased risk of serious injury when sharing the roads with cars and trucks. Whether a person is using sidewalks or bike lanes, crossing the street, or walking or riding in parking lots or other public areas, they can suffer severe harm or **wrongful death** if they are hit by a motor vehicle.

Many times, when a pedestrian or bicyclist is hit by a car or truck, the driver of the vehicle is primarily or entirely at fault. There are a variety of forms of driver negligence that commonly cause collisions with pedestrians and cyclists, including:

- Distracted driving
- Drunk driving
- Traffic violations
- Dooring

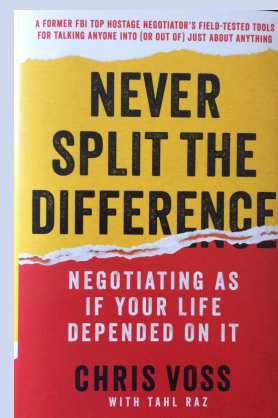
Since pedestrians and bicyclists have little in the way of protection, they are more likely to be seriously injured when they are struck by a motor vehicle. Cyclists often suffer serious fractures, severe lacerations, scarring, disfigurement, concussions, **traumatic brain injuries**, and spinal cord injuries that can result in partial or total paralysis and/or death. An injured person has the right to pursue just compensation for the medical treatment needed to address these injuries, to replace their lost income while recovering from a short-term or permanent disability, and pain

and suffering, to name a few categories of recoverable damages.

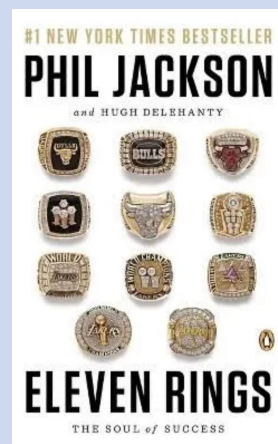
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Recommended Reads

Never Split The Difference: Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It was written by Chris Voss, who is the FBI's former top hostage negotiator. It's a fascinating book addressing human behavior in high stress situations and how to control it. Tactics described by Voss can be applied in any aspect of our lives - at home, at work or in the courtroom or while trying to negotiate a personal injury settlement for clients. I highly recommend this book.



I think that anyone growing up in the 1990s in Chicagoland knows who Phil Jackson is. And that it true whether or not you were a Chicago Bulls fan. You don't have to be a basketball fan to find value in his *Eleven Rings: The Soul of Success* book, because the book is not as much about basketball as it is about leadership skills that Phil Jackson gained and exhibited as one of the most successful basketball coaches ever.



Fall Events and Fun Family Friendly Activities

Konow's Farm in Homer Glen will host its opening weekend on September 14th and 15th! While at the Farm, kids and adults can enjoy a number of super fun rides (such as the Cow Train Express), visit with farm animals, jump on 2 huge jumping pillows, climb and run around in the straw playground and enjoy pony rides and multiple food options.

Children's Business Fair in Lockport will take place on September 28th from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by Acton Academy, the Acton School of Business and it provides kids with an opportunity to not only create their own

businesses, but also to develop their own brand and come up with a marketing strategy for their new startup!

Bengtson's Farm in Homer Glen is already open for the fall season! Fun at Bengtson's Farm includes a sizeable pumpkin farm, lots of rides, multiple food options, a petting zoo, live music, pig races and lots of other super fun activities for the whole family!

Morton Grove Arboretum, Lisle, will celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th through October 15th by hosting special events and programs, such as the *Celebracion de los Arboles* on September 28th and 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to celebrations related to the Hispanic Heritage Month, Morton Arboretum's current exhibition "*Of the Earth*" features five large-scale sculptures, which were created exclusively for this exhibition.

The Forge in Lemont: This year's Oktoberfest At The Forge will be on Saturday, September 21st starting at noon until 10:00 p.m. Oktoberfest will feature live music, lots of Pollyanna beer and cocktails and food from Weber Grill Restaurant. In case of bad weather, the backup date will be Saturday, September 28th.

Siegel's Cottonwood Farm in Lockport, will be open from September 21st to October 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. While at the farm, you can enjoy 49 activities and attractions, 13 food and beverage venues and visit with 200 friendly farm animals. Kids of all ages can enjoy train rides, rope swings, hay rack rides and cornfield mazes!

Friendly Reminders

Please remember that in addition to our Joliet office located at **3260 Executive Drive in Joliet, IL**, we also have offices in Naperville located at **210 W. Ogden Ave, Naperville, IL**. You can always reach me at my email address at mlichner@rcklawfirm.com or call me at the office at **815-730-1977** or directly at **815-258-7877**

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