

HOLLYWOOD
1909 TYLER ST., SUITE 501
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020
833-529-5677

BOCA RATON
7777 GLADES RD., SUITE 100
BOCA RATON, FL 33434
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

NAPLES
3606 ENTERPRISE AVE.,
SUITE 356
NAPLES, FL 34104
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT



AUGUST 2021

WHISLERLAWFIRM.COM

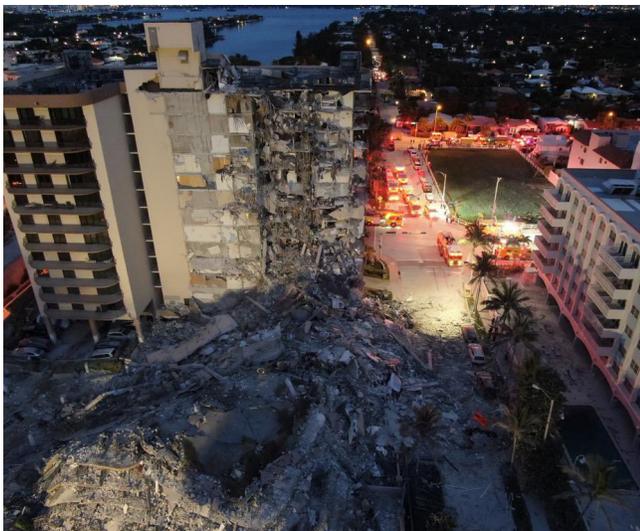
LESSONS FROM THE SURFSIDE TRAGEDY

3 Ways to Protect Your Home and Family

It has been more than a month now since the Champlain Towers South condo building collapsed in Surfside, but I can still hardly believe it happened. Watching the footage on TV and visiting the site felt like peering into another country. Even though part of my job is helping people with property and casualty insurance claims after natural disasters, the way the building fell and how quickly it happened felt surreal.

As soon as we heard about the disaster, my wife and I sprung into action. She volunteered at the response site and spent hours in the community center where families were gathered waiting for news of the rescue effort. While she was there, she cooked meals for first responders and consoled folks who had lost family members, including an older couple whose missing daughter was a young attorney like me. Meanwhile, I gathered funds from the Whisler Law Firm Foundation and donated them to help the families and survivors.

My wife and I actually knew someone who was in the building: Dr. Brad Cohen, a local orthopedic surgeon with a lovely wife and two children. Brad and his family were our neighbors when we lived in Miami. He was a sweet, kind, selfless person always looking to help others. I never expected that I'd have to go to his funeral.



No one wants to see another tragedy like what happened in Surfside. To ensure you and your family are never caught in a similar situation, take these steps to understand the building where you live and hold your condo association accountable.

1. If you live in a condo, request the most recent inspection reports. As a resident, you have the right to demand access to your building's documents, including its 40-year certification, results from recent inspections, and assessments. By requesting those, you'll get a better understanding of the situation you're in, and you can take action if you find out that your building's certifications are out of date or the inspection turned up problems that haven't been addressed (which is exactly what happened in Surfside).

2. If you're planning to move into a condo, work with the current owner to access those reports. You don't have residents' rights in this situation, but you can work with the current owner to request the same documents I mentioned above. Just ask them to reach out to the association for you. This is important information for you to know before you move in.

3. If you see something — like cracked concrete — say something. One of the main causes of the Surfside condo collapse was a lack of drainage. With that in mind, it's important to be on the lookout for signs of water damage and cracks in the concrete of your building. (Hairline fractures are normal, but cracks an inch wide or more are red flags.) If you see things like this, be sure to report them to your condo association *in writing*, not just verbally. That way you'll leave a paper trail that will become part of the building's official file. If you own a home instead of a condo, you should still be on the lookout for water damage and cracks in your foundation. One way to prevent both is to invest in gutter extensions that direct water away from your house when it rains.

What happened in Surfside was scary and tragic. The loss of people like Brad will have a huge impact on our community for years to come. However, one thing that comforted me was watching the community come together. It was heartwarming to see local families and generous people from around the nation working together to help survivors. My wife and I were proud to be part of that effort.

-Josh Whisler

5 Tips for Your Next Affordable Getaway

Are you excited to explore the world again? Or maybe you've just gotten back from your latest vacation! In either case, the economic challenges of the pandemic might require travelers to plan their trips a little smarter. Here are five tricks to do just that.

1. Consider your budget while choosing your destination.

Any destination heavily impacted by tourists is going to be more expensive to visit. So, consider taking a tour through various French countryside towns instead of Paris! Not only could it be more culturally immersing, but it may even be more relaxing and less stressful than visiting a dense area.

2. Sign up for Scott's Cheap Flights.

One of the most important parts of booking an affordable vacation is booking it at the right time. Scott's Cheap Flights will track all the cheapest flights at an airport of your choice — you'll get over 50%–75% savings on highly rated airlines. This will get you stress-free travel for a much lower price!

3. Travel in a group.

If you travel with friends, your expenses become a lot more manageable. Let's say you and a partner travel with two other couples — renting a



swanky cabin at \$200 a night will only cost around \$33 per person. Plus, you will create some amazing memories together!

4. Plan your meal budget ahead of time.

Looking forward to eating certain dishes? Find local menus and prices to ensure you don't spend more than you planned. If you want an authentic and homestyle culinary experience, consider signing up for a peer-to-peer dining experience through Traveling Spoon or Bon Appetour, which is tax-free as well!

5. Consider volunteering for vacation.

Want to go on a self-discovery trip? Why not cut your expenses in half by volunteering? For example, Habitat for Humanity offers a nine-day Mexico trip for \$1,200 with lodging, food, and activities included. You'll get to build structures and create something permanent for the local community.

Traveling on a dime is no sweat with the right tools. Best of luck, traveler!

TESTIMONIALS

"Professional, courteous, and helpful. Got the insurance to settle at a decent amount; of course, the insurance companies never want to pay out what the policy says. Great team, diligent, and especially Daniel H. is always there for prompt response and resolve for my case."

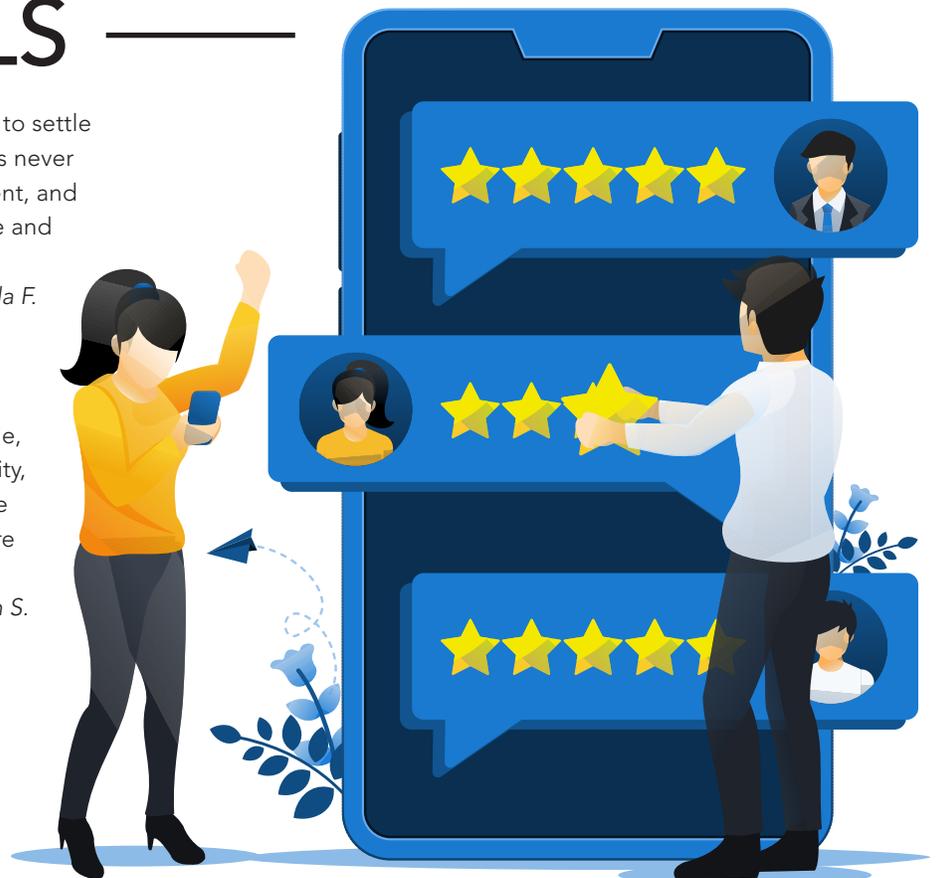
—Gavriella F.

"I had a great experience with The Whisler Law Firm. I found Josh Whisler to be very thorough and honest. While I have no doubt that he has many cases on his table, his firm made me feel as though mine was always a priority, updating me on a regular basis with every detail as to the status of my case. I highly recommend the firm. They were a true pleasure to work with."

—Ben S.

"Josh fought for us and got a great settlement from our insurance company. He and his staff are thorough, knowledgeable, and easy to work with. I hope you never need to file an insurance claim, but if you do, I highly recommend The Whisler Law Firm."

—Rochel B.



5 Steps to Take After a Boating Accident

Boost Your Chances of a Successful Personal Injury Claim!

Did you know that there are more than 1 million boats registered in Florida? We Floridians love zipping across the water. Unfortunately, this enjoyment of fun in the sun can sometimes lead to floating collisions. For the last decade, Florida has averaged 722 boating accidents and 65 boating accident-related deaths each year.

Step 1: Call 911 and request the Florida Coast Guard.

A range of accidents can happen on the water, including collisions with other boats, floating debris, or stationary objects like docks. An ambulance on wheels may not be able to get to you, but the Coast Guard can. If possible, call 911 and request the Coast Guard immediately after your accident.

Step 2: Seek medical help regardless of your injuries.

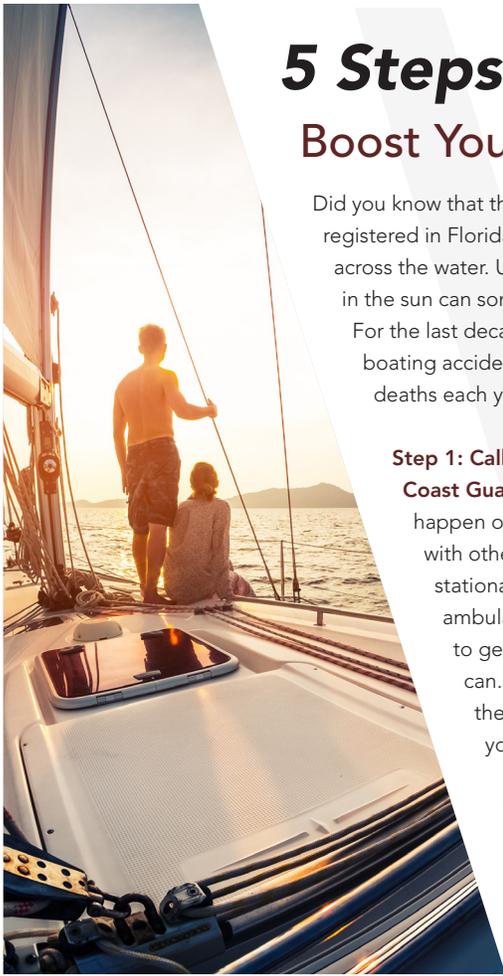
Whether your injuries from the crash are major, minor, or seemingly nonexistent, it's vital that you see a doctor. Seeking

treatment creates a paper trail you can use in court. You may feel fine after the accident, but aches and pains could pop up later, so see a doctor either way, just in case.

Step 3: Take photos. If you feel well enough, snap a few photos at the scene of the crash to record the weather and water conditions and document what happened. You can also return to the crash site later, and/or take photos of the damage to your boat and other boats involved. These snapshots will help support your personal injury claim.

Step 4: Gather evidence and witness testimony. It's important to document as much of the accident as possible. Some evidence (example: boat parts, maps) may sink below the surface or end up water damaged, but you should still salvage what you can. Professional divers can help you with this, and you can work with the Florida Coast Guard and local law enforcement to gather statements from anyone who may have seen the crash.

Step 5: Call an experienced boat accident attorney. The best way to ensure your claim succeeds is by enlisting the help of an attorney like the ones on our team! We can help you with steps 3 and 4, and fight for the compensation you deserve if the other parties involved in the crash were negligent. Call us today at 1-833-529-6577 to get help.



5-Ingredient Chickpea Spread

Inspired by TheKitchenGirl.com

Slather this vegan chickpea spread on your favorite bread, top it with sliced veggies and sprouts, and pair it with an icy glass of lemonade for the perfect summer lunch.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 15-oz can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 2 tbsp vegan mayonnaise (DIY or store-bought)
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/8 tsp salt
- Black pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, combine all five ingredients. With a potato masher, crush chickpeas and mix all ingredients together.
2. When the mixture is smooth, spread it onto your favorite bread to make a sandwich, add a dollop to salads, or scoop it with crackers for a delicious summer snack.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can visit
WhislerLawFirm.com and
access our highly informative
webinars any time!

Also, sign up for a
complimentary Will or
Trust consultation!

Questions?

Call 833-529-5677

“Light tomorrow with today.”

–Elizabeth Barrett Browning



1909 TYLER ST., SUITE 501
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020

WHISLERLAWFIRM.COM
1-833-529-5677

PRST STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
BOISE, ID
PERMIT 411

We're so grateful for all the feedback on our newsletter! If you have anything you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

1 Lessons From the Surfside Tragedy

2 Want to Save on Your Next Vacation?

2 Testimonials

3 5 Steps to Take After a Boating Accident

3 5-Ingredient Chickpea Spread

4 3 Oldest Rookies in Sports History



THE ROOKIE

3 Oldest Rookies in Sports History



Have you ever felt that fate meant for you to take a different path than the one you took? In some fields, making that change is possible, or even common — as any law student can tell you, where the “average” age of students is in their 30s. But other worlds, like the world of professional sports, are less welcoming to those over 25.

Which only makes for a better story when it *does* happen, of course.

That's what Jim Morris discovered when he signed with a Major League Baseball team in 1999 after his 35th birthday. Morris' life became the subject of the 2002 Dennis Quaid movie “The Rookie,” filmed just after Morris' major league career had ended. You might think that two years is a short time in the majors, but hey, you try throwing 98-mph fastballs for hours a week, 104 weeks in a row!

Besides, the careers of pro athletes aren't nearly as long as icons like Tom Brady or Peyton Manning would have you believe. The average MLB career may be a few years longer than Morris stuck it out, but in the NFL? Most players make it less than three years and quit, depending on the position. While you're meditating on the ethics of chewing up football players for three

years and spitting them out, all in the name of entertainment, consider the case of another similar story that was turned into a movie, that of Vince Papale — played by Mark Wahlberg in “Invincible.”

Of course, Papale — whose flag football prowess in his late 20s overrode his lack of college ball experience — signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1970s. Modern football has come a long way, critics will argue. But there's no denying the old-school toughness and tenacity Papale showed in making it to the NFL.

NBA player Pablo Prigioni's career was twice as long as either Morris' or Papale's was, with four years in the big leagues starting in 2012 at age 35. But basketball is arguably less demanding on the body than football and even baseball if we look at the potential damage major league pitchers can do to their throwing arm.

Their careers may not have been the stuff of dreams, but these three men showed something we all like to see: tough players hanging on long past their “prime.” And they lived the dream — if only for a while. We all love that!