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In It Together

We Offer an Ear to Listen and a Hand to Help

The other day, I was standing in the checkout line, engaging in friendly conversation with the checkout clerk, and I remarked at how expensive an item was. After all, I could've sworn that the last time I purchased that same item, same brand, and same size, it was half the price!

Her response shocked me a bit. "It's inflation," she stated. "We are seeing so many prices go up. In fact, working here, after paying for food, rent, and gas, I have nothing left over. I can barely afford it."

That was chilling to hear. Inflation is on the rise with no indication of slowing down — as well as the news constantly bubbling over with unfortunate situations — and everyone is truly feeling the pain. My trip to the supermarket on this day was a huge reminder for me that we are in this together. The best thing we can do is support each other, lend an ear or a helping hand, and be kind to one another.

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As an advocate for the well-being of our community, at Whisler Law Firm, these difficult times make me that much more motivated to help those struggling and feeling the effects of the current state of the nation on top of any other complications they may be facing. As an attorney who helps those that have been injured or wronged, I work hard to help my clients through some of the most difficult times in their lives. But for all people, clients of the firm or not, I am here to listen and offer advice without judgment.

More than ever recently, I've noticed that people need an advocate, and my focus is for the entire team at Whisler Law Firm to offer



support, not just through legal and technical cases, but for support in all areas of life. While we aren't therapists, we make a living listening and working to make things better. It's what we do best, and it'd be a shame to only focus it on one area! We embrace a culture within the firm where everyone is empathetic, understanding, and shares the same goal: to deliver the very best for our clients. We are family.

I believe this level of compassion and care is lacking in many firms, businesses, and even society as a whole, so it's that much more important for us to build relationships, offer an ear to listen, and if need be, a shoulder to cry on. Smiles and genuine acts of kindness and courtesy go a long way and clients are not just a number — they are a top priority.

Compassionate client service is a top value at Whisler Law Firm, and we are never finished carrying that out. In fact, we are just getting started! Let's all work together to help our neighbors, friends, and community through these difficult times!

-Josh Whisler

Tee Off This Summer

4 GREAT BENEFITS OF GOLF

Golf is an enjoyable sport anyone can participate in regardless of experience, ability, and age. There's nothing quite like teeing off on the first hole after a difficult week of work. Though it can certainly be frustrating at times, golf is a fun sport with many amazing perks. Reading the following benefits will make you want to head to your local course, even if you're not a regular golfer.

It's great exercise.

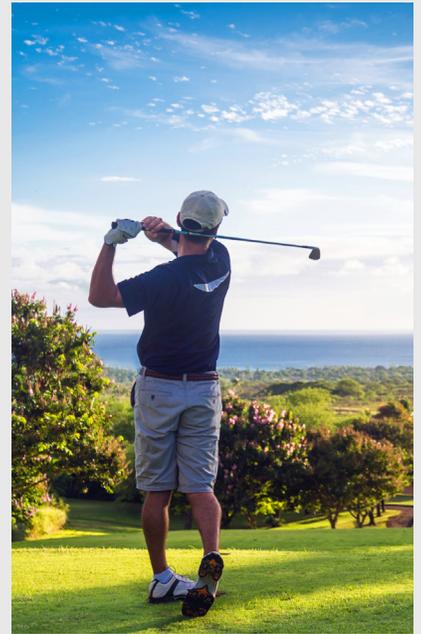
Playing a full 18 holes of golf can be exhausting and for good reason. Swinging a golf club works your forearms, core, shoulders, and back muscles. If you choose to walk the course, you'll be getting in a great workout as the average course length is about 4 miles. You can also carry your golf bag for an even better workout.

It builds character.

It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned golfer or on the course for the first time, you are not going to have a perfect round. You may miss a putt or end up in the sand trap, but you decide how you react to the situation. You can get mad and potentially play worse or understand that everything is not always going to work out in golf. That lesson can even be applied to your everyday life.

It'll draw you outside.

Most of us can use some additional time outdoors, and golf provides the perfect opportunity. Between rolling hills, picturesque ponds, and lush trees, the golf course is a beautiful setting. Even if you're playing poorly, you can still enjoy being outside for a few hours out of your day.



It's fun for the entire family.

Golf isn't just for businessmen. Anyone can find enjoyment in the game. It can be a great weekend activity for the entire family or the perfect bonding experience between relatives. There are par 3 courses across the country that offer an easier experience for new golfers, and you can always play nine holes instead of 18 to cut down on time and conserve energy.



Navigating a real estate transaction from both the buying and selling side can be tricky, as the process involves many moving parts including paperwork, legal documentation, several different parties, a home or property, and a large sum of money. It's natural for buyers and sellers to be invested in this process, but emotions can run too hot and things can get misconstrued, and when

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS CAN BE HAIRY

OUR SEASONED REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY IS READY TO HELP!

that happens, disputes can take place. So, for large transactions such as the transfer of property, it's beneficial to have a trusted and experienced real estate attorney representing you to guide you through the process.

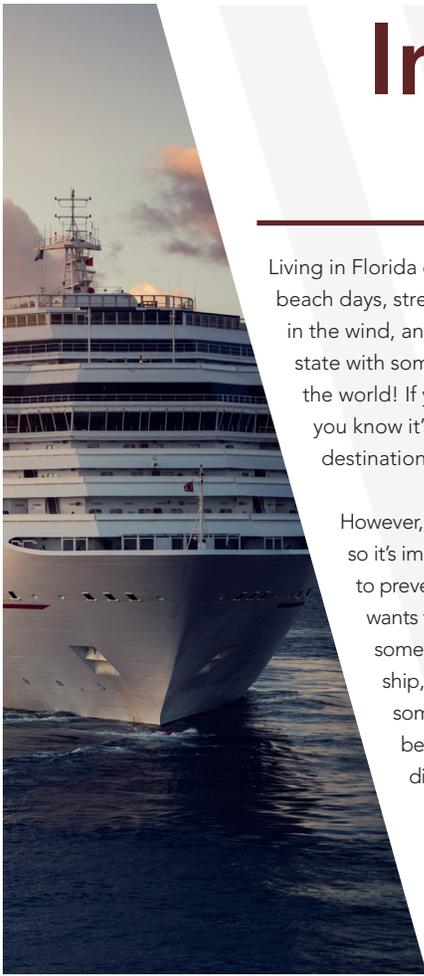
Some of the most common types of real estate disputes include breaches of contract, failure to disclose a defect, breach of duty or negligence, and boundary disputes. In an effort to avoid any kind of real estate dispute from taking place and placing a damper or hold on the transaction, preparedness is key. It's beneficial and recommended to have a real estate attorney review all contracts involved in the sale and/or purchase of your home before you sign them. This way, an attorney can identify any red flags or areas of concern and advise you on how to resolve the issue before it potentially escalates.

Proactivity is always better than reactivity and nipping potential problems or complications in the bud before a real estate contract is signed and executed is always better than sorting out the crisis after the fact. That's why we recommend having a real estate attorney review all documents before they are signed to ensure that problems don't ever arise later on in the transaction.

The Whisler Law Firm has partnered with the Law Office of Joseph Pustizzi, a trusted and seasoned real estate attorney serving the state of Florida, and he's ready to help you with all of your real estate needs! Whether you're ready to make an offer on a new home, in the midst of a real estate dispute, or thinking about selling your house, he has your best interest at heart! Give us a call today at **833-529-5677** for a free consultation.

Injured on a Cruise Line?

Here's What You Should Do!



Living in Florida certainly has its perks: unlimited beach days, streets lined with palm trees dancing in the wind, and the opportunity to live in a state with some of the busiest cruise ports in the world! If you've ever been on a cruise, you know it's a great way to reach multiple destinations while having fun along the way!

However, accidents and injuries can happen, so it's important to be cautious and safe to prevent getting hurt. While nobody wants to think about the possibility of something happening while on a cruise ship, you need to know what to do if something does happen, especially because laws and regulations are different on the water.

Cruise ships follow the rules of the International Maritime Organization, which means that each individual cruise ship must have a series of

safety management systems. Any time a passenger is injured, proper reporting and investigating must take place — under no circumstance can they turn a blind eye to an accident.

Some of the most common injuries aboard cruise ships include:

- Slips and falls
- Falling overboard
- Contracting a virus
- Elevator, escalator, and staircase accidents
- Malfunctioning or broken equipment
- Ship fires

If an injury takes place while aboard a cruise, visit the medical office aboard the ship and make sure that it is documented, no matter how minor the accident is. If the injury

is too severe to treat on board, they have the resources to contact a helicopter for evacuation to the nearest treatment center. Make sure you fill out a report of the incident. This will trigger an investigation, which is important if you plan on filing a lawsuit. Also be sure to take photos of your injury and any malfunctioning equipment that played a role in the accident and gather any witness statements.

Because cruise ships operate under maritime law, it's paramount that if you decide to pursue a lawsuit, you hire a trusted personal injury lawyer who understands maritime law. Here at the Whisler Law Firm, we have decades of experience with personal injury scenarios including those that took place on cruise lines! *Give us a call for a free consultation!*

IN AN ACCIDENT?

Check out our personal injury blog and informative articles at WhislerLawFirm.com.

"Don't follow the crowd. Let the crowd follow you."

—Margaret Thatcher

Restaurant-Style Chicken Marsala

Inspired by FoodNetwork.com

Are you craving chicken Marsala? Now's your chance to cook it at home!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup flour, for dredging
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded to 1/4-inch thick
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 oz prosciutto, thinly sliced
- 8 oz mushrooms
- 1/2 cup Marsala wine
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 2 tbsp butter

DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, mix flour, salt, and pepper until evenly distributed.
2. Add chicken to flour mixture and coat all sides. Shake off any excess.
3. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add olive oil. Once hot, add chicken to the skillet. Work in batches if pieces don't all fit in the pan. Cook each side for 5 minutes until golden brown.
4. Remove chicken to a platter.
5. Lower heat to medium. Add prosciutto to pan and sauté for 1 minute. Add mushrooms and sauté until browned, about 5 minutes.
6. Add Marsala to skillet. Let it come to a boil, then add the chicken stock and simmer for 1 minute.
7. Stir in the butter and add chicken back into the skillet. Let simmer gently for an additional minute, then serve.

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.

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Something's Phishy

4 COMMON FINANCIAL SCAMS TO AVOID

From dating swindles to Bitcoin and cryptocurrency hoaxes, it's hard to tell the difference between honest offers and scams. Even worse, scams are becoming more creative every day. Here's a list of some of the most common financial scams to be aware of.

Cryptocurrency Scams

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have taken the world by storm. Because many people don't understand how cryptocurrency works, it's easy for cybercriminals to pull a fast one — or attempt to, anyway. To trick unsuspecting victims, scammers set up fake websites that mimic legitimate cryptocurrency platforms. These sites then either urge you to make investments or they will steal your information outright.

Fraudulent Retailers

On social media websites, you may have noticed suspicious online stores featuring deals that are too good to be true. At checkout, instead of being directed to a trusted third-party payment process,

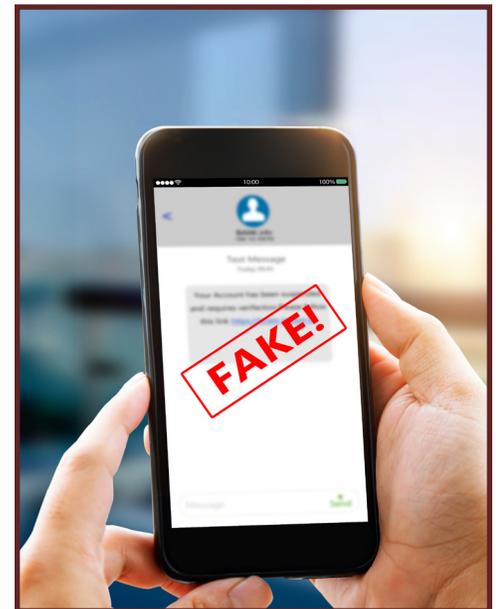
these merchants may ask for wire transfers or gift cards. Some of these online stores might not even provide contact information!

Fake Debt Collectors

Criminals will claim to be government representatives and urge you to settle a debt putting you at risk of being arrested, losing your home, or forfeiting your Social Security benefits. These scammers will ask you to pay the fake balance upfront to avoid any serious repercussions. Remember, government entities do not cold call, so you know to hang up or hit "delete."

Work-From-Home Scams

As working from home has recently become the norm for many, this hoax has become even easier for criminals to pull off. Cybercriminals will contact you, stating you can make hundreds of dollars a week doing nothing more than shopping online as a mystery shopper or another enticing task. They will then tell you that to get started, you'll need to pay upfront



for training materials — but once you do, you'll never hear from them again.

As a general rule of thumb, stay clear of any offers that seem too good to be true. Likewise, avoid transactions that don't use a trusted third-party merchant, and always do your research! If something seems off, trust your instincts! In today's world, you never know what hoaxes exist!