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SO THANKFUL TO HAVE EXPERT TRIAL ATTORNEY BOB GREEN JOIN THE CULLEN & HEMPHILL TEAM

By Kim Cullen

Bob and I are very pleased, proud, and excited to announce that Robert Green and his long-time paralegal, Lisa Cannavino, have agreed to join the Cullen & Hemphill, PLC, family!!

Bob and I have known Bob and Lisa for a long time. Many of you know that Bob Hemphill and I both started our careers (although a few years apart) at the legendary Winter Park law firm of

Troutman, Williams, Irving, Green & Helms, P.A., where Bob Green was a partner for nearly 35 years. Bob and I each clerked there while we were in law school, and it was the first law job for each of us (Bob Hemphill eventually became a partner.)

Bob Green was already a well-established trial lawyer when Bob Hemphill and I first came on the scene. Bob Green's leadership, guidance, and mentorship were instrumental in both Bob's and my careers. Bob and I still use many of the strategies and "tricks of the trade" that Bob Green shared with us over the years.

Bob Green has agreed to serve as "Of Counsel" for Cullen & Hemphill, PLC. This status will allow him to pick-and-choose the cases that he really wants to work on and can make a difference with, but also allows Bob and me to take

advantage of Bob Green's knowledge, experience, and expertise on many of our cases.

Expertise is not a word we throw around lightly, but it certainly applies to Bob Green. He has been a Florida Bar Board-Certified Civil Trial Attorney for many years, and is also certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Very, very few trial lawyers ever earn these kinds of honors. As a result of his expertise and a lot of hard work, Bob Green has

recovered tens of millions of dollars for deserving injured people and their families.

While Bob Green is obviously an outstanding and powerful addition to the firm, we also benefit from the extra-added bonus of having Lisa Cannavino join us. (See Page 3 of this newsletter for more on Lisa.) Lisa brings nearly 40 years of paralegal experience and excellence to our team. Not only is Lisa

at the very top of her field professionally, but she is also one of the nicest and most caring people we know. Bob and I both look forward to working with Lisa and Bob for many years to come. **When we think about our exciting new additions, and the opportunity to work the many wonderful people reading this newsletter, Bob and I know that we have much to be thankful for - particularly at this time of year!!**



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Homeowner's Ins. Covers More Than You Think

By Kim Cullen

As a Florida personal injury law firm, we regularly meet with potential clients who have been injured by the negligence or carelessness of others. While many of our potential clients are injured in car accidents, it is frequently surprising the wide variety of other ways our clients are injured. Over the years we have found that many people are surprised that their non-car accident cases might actually be compensable under the negligent party's homeowner's or renter's insurance policies.

Most people realize that a homeowner or renter can be liable for injuries caused by a defect or negligence on the homeowners' property. For example, if the homeowner left a shovel lying hidden in the high grass and a visitor walked across the overgrown lawn, stepped on the shovel and was injured by it, the visitor's negligence claim (if he decided to make a claim) would be covered by the owner's homeowners' insurance.

However, many people do not realize that most homeowners' (and many renters') insurance policies contain off-premises

liability provisions that also cover the homeowners or renters and their relatives for many non-automobile negligence claims made against them for off-property incidents. The primary exclusion in homeowners' liability policies is that it will not cover any accident that is determined to be automobile-related. These claims must be covered by automobile insurance.

Nevertheless, over the years we have been able to secure homeowners insurance coverage — and recover damages for our clients — under a variety of circumstances. For example, in one instance we were able to recover

damages from the homeowners' insurance of a gun owner who accidentally shot a woman that he was carelessly trying to scare by waving the gun around.

In another case, we were able to recover money from the homeowners' insurance of a man who had set up a portable aluminum canopy tent at a youth football game without properly securing it to the ground. When a strong wind blew through the area, the unsecured tent was picked up into the air and blown into our client's head as he sat nearby, causing him serious injury.

Additionally, homeowners' insurance paid damages to our minor client after he was sexually abused by another boy who was a distant relative. Our claim was against the parent

of the older boy for negligent supervision, because she was supposed to be actively supervising both boys as they played together.

In another case, we were also able to recover damages for another client who was at a neighborhood party when one of his neighbors playfully pushed him off of the curb in front of the house where the party was being held, and caused him to twist his

knee. Our client was diagnosed with a knee injury that required surgery a short time later. The playful neighbor's homeowners' policy paid our client's damages.

As experienced Florida personal injury attorneys, we know that homeowners' insurance coverage is very versatile, and can sometimes represent the only avenue for the recovery of damages to pay for medical bills, lost wages, and intangible losses such as pain and suffering and loss of the ability to enjoy life. If you have any questions regarding any Florida negligence claim, please call our office today and schedule a free consultation so that we can talk about it.





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Cullen & Hemphill Support Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation

By Kim Sprouse

If you are receiving this newsletter, you probably already know that we enjoy giving back to the Central Florida community and contributing to charitable causes. One only has to look at Bob and Julie Hemphill's creation of the Central Florida Doggie Derby as evidence of their commitment.

Continuing this tradition, Cullen and Hemphill is proud to support the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation.

The Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation provides non-medical financial assistance to adults undergoing cancer treatment here in Florida. As our own Kim Cullen knows from his battle with colon cancer, the stress of being diagnosed with, and then treating, cancer can be overwhelming. The idea of the Foundation is to let patients focus on their health,



and not have to worry about their finances. The foundation gives people the ability to make sure their rent, mortgage, electric or water bill is paid during this extremely difficult time.

If you are looking for a worthy cause, or want to learn more about the mission of the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation, please visit their website at fcsf.org.

Clients Get Very Lucky - Lisa Cannavino Joins Our Firm

By Kim Cullen & Bob Hemphill

Lisa Cannavino recently joined our firm along with attorney Robert Green, our firm's new Of Counsel attorney. Lisa and her husband, Bill Cannavino, grew up in Sanford, where they both graduated from Seminole High School in 1979. Lisa and Bob have been married for thirty-four years and still reside in Sanford. They are Central Floridians through-and-through.

Lisa achieved an Associate Of Arts degree in Fine Arts from Seminole Community College. While there, she participated in numerous art shows and won several awards, including "Best in Show." Although Lisa now works in the legal field, she is still an active artist and even has an art studio in her home.

Lisa has been working in the legal field for the past forty years, thirty-six of which she has spent working with Mr. Green doing personal injury litigation work. Lisa enjoys working in personal injury law because she likes having the ability to help people through troubled times. She personally believes that people should share a small act of kindness or smile every day to make someone else's day a little brighter. Lisa believes that kindness and compassion towards people and animals is truly important.

When Lisa isn't helping people, she is fighting for animal rights. Lisa has worked in animal rescue for the last twenty years. She volunteered with Seminole County Animal Services and also Pet Rescue by Judy. Lisa is the team leader of the Sanford Chapter of Harley's Heroes. Harley's Heroes is a non-profit that educates the public about the puppy mill problem in America.



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Tired of Turkey Sandwiches After Thanksgiving?

By Kim Sprouse

Instead of having the same old turkey sandwiches made from your leftover Thanksgiving turkey this year, spice it up a bit. You'll be thankful you did!

I found an amazing Turkey Divan recipe, but didn't have enough room to include it here. However, you can find it at this address: <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a28607711/best-turkey-divan-recipe/>.

This simple casserole will spice up the leftover turkey and make cooking dinner after the big day super easy. If you don't have any of the ingredients listed in the recipe you can just substitute them with something else or leave them out.

Who knew leftovers could taste so good? Also, it occurs to me that we never have pie leftovers. I wonder why?

