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OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

We're sending our new newsletter to you because we care about your family's security and well-being.

In each issue, we'll give you information to help keep you and your family safe and healthy. Our newsletter will suggest protective steps to reduce the chances of harm or injury in your car, at home, at work, at school, or at play. We'll also update you about legal issues and cases you'll find helpful and which can improve everyday living.

Should you or a loved one suffer personal injury—and find you need us—you'll learn a lot here about what your legal options and remedies may be.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We have prepared it with the same personal and professional touches that you feel when you visit our practice. We also thank those who ask us to represent their legal needs and those who recommend us to others. We hope you'll share this information with friends and neighbors.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!



May your home be filled with joy, warmth, and good will during this festive holiday season. And may you enjoy peace, happiness, and health throughout the coming year.

All of us at **Abrams Landau, Ltd.**, would like to express our deepest appreciation to all of our loyal clients for calling on us to meet their legal counsel needs over the years. We sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

PERSONAL INJURY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

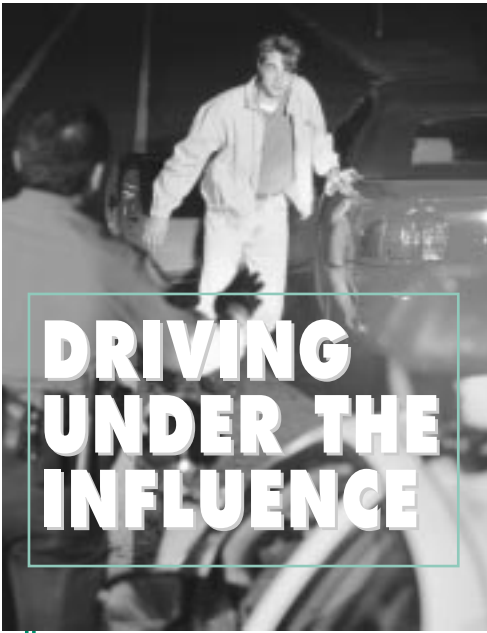
SOCIAL SECURITY

DISABILITY

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

- Trial attorney
- Free consultation
- No recovery. No fee.
We do not get paid unless you do.

Our agenda is clear...justice for all.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Driving under the influence (DUI) is wrong, and no one should ever do it. But drivers who have been arrested for DUI have the right to a comprehensive defense against the charge. Those convicted of DUI may go to jail, face severe financial difficulties, and have difficulty obtaining rehabilitative treatment or purchasing auto insurance.

What can drivers do to minimize the potential of DUI arrest?

- Don't drive at all when consuming alcohol.
- Designate someone who will avoid all alcohol consumption and drive others to and from parties and places of entertainment.
- Select no- or low-alcohol beverages for consumption.

What should drivers do if stopped or questioned by law enforcement authorities for potential DUI?

- Remember that almost all states impose penalties for refusing to take blood, breath, urine, or other tests.
- Never try to run or escape from police.
- Obtain the counsel of an attorney as soon as you can after being stopped or detained for alleged DUI.

DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY:

We will hold files for seven years from the date of final judgment, settlement, verdict, or case closure. If you need documents from your file, please request them in writing before that time.

SENIOR SCAMS

While unscrupulous thieves are indiscriminate in their targets, they know that many seniors have good sums of money saved up and look for ways to fleece them.

Anyone with elderly relatives and friends should caution them about the following dishonest con games designed to take advantage of their good will and friendliness.

Living trusts

Most seniors need a will and some relatively simple estate planning. Law enforcement authorities, however, are hearing about seniors being greatly overcharged for complicated legal documents and services that they really don't need.

Education scholarships

Grandparents—and their grandchildren—are targeted by phone and mail scholarship scammers. With tuition increases challenging family budgets, everyone should be wary of scholarship offers that require a fee or down payment, or that identify students as finalists in scholarship programs never applied for.

Bank examiners

Sounding very official, a swindler may call a senior and say that computer records show that someone is trying to make withdrawals from their bank accounts. If the senior provides a “confirming” account number, a real withdrawal is made.



RED LIGHT RUNNING

Pedestrians beware

The Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and its “Stop Red Light Running” program reported that 1.8 million intersection crashes occur annually, with costs to the public exceeding \$7 billion. According to 1998 federal government statistics, irresponsible drivers who ran through red lights were responsible for auto crashes that resulted in more than 80,000 injuries and nearly 1,000 deaths.

The situation is serious when more than half of all drivers admit to running red lights, and nine out of ten pedestrians are afraid of being struck by automobiles when they are properly crossing streets at intersections. To be safer, pedestrians should do the following:

- Look left, right, and left again before entering crosswalks.
- Listen for cars, too.
- Follow traffic controls and “Walk/Don't Walk” signals.
- Use crosswalks and safety islands. Never cross from between cars.

A jury decides

A young woman properly crossing an intersection was struck by a driver, resulting in severe head injuries and knee damage requiring surgery. A former full-time teacher, the woman could work only part-time. When she sued, a jury awarded a monetary verdict to compensate for her loss of income, noting that the driver was responsible because she failed to stop at a red light.

SAFE toy shopping



What could be unsafe about children's toys? Plenty. Ask the parents of the thousands of children treated every year for toy-related injuries.

Buying safe children's toys at the holidays or other occasions entails making sure that the plaything matches the child's age and maturity. If it shoots, slings, spins, or twirls, chances are it could be dangerous in small hands.

Ask yourself these questions before buying toys for youngsters:

- Does it fire projectiles fast or hard enough to damage an eye?
- Could sharp or pointed edges or parts cause injury?
- Can fast-moving parts cut or scratch soft tissue?

- Does it contain powders, liquids, paints, or any other substances that might irritate an eye or even be poisonous?

- Could small or loose parts become trapped in a child's throat?

In the end, the best asset when shopping for a child isn't a credit card—it's common sense.

Choking guide

If a toy or a part that can break off will fit into a toilet paper roll—a 1 3/4-inch diameter—it can choke a child. (See size guide at left.)

Second medical opinions

No one should ever feel uncomfortable or awkward about obtaining a second opinion for diagnosis or treatment of a medical problem. As consumers, we usually comparison shop for the best deal on a home appliance or for an office photocopier, so becoming involved in obtaining the highest-quality medical health care should go without saying.

Patients should always understand their medical situations. Some studies show that many suggested surgeries may be unnecessary. Insurance carriers encourage patients to obtain second opinions in many situations. Physicians often welcome second opinions on their assessments from medical colleagues.

To obtain a second medical opinion on a diagnosis, treatment, prescription, biopsy, x-ray, medical test, diagnostic assessment, or other medical counsel, start with a personal physician. But patients can also seek potential referrals from other doctors, medical societies, relatives, friends, and neighbors. No matter what the approach, feeling comfortable and confident about resolving health issues is the key.

REFERRALS

We want you to think of us as your law firm. If you have legal matters that need attention, please let us know. If we cannot handle the matter, we will refer you to a competent firm that can. Please feel free to refer us to your family, friends, and neighbors for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.



Designated driver

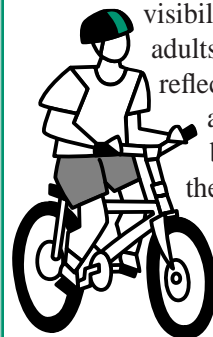
Enjoy your holiday parties, but always assign a designated driver to get everyone to the celebration and back home safely.



New York City Triathlon
8/12/2001-New York, NY

Bicycling

Dawn and dusk are danger times for cyclists on the road. To increase visibility, children and adults should have safety reflectors on the fronts and backs of their bikes, as well as on the pedals and wheels. Clothing, too, should have bright, reflective designs or tape.



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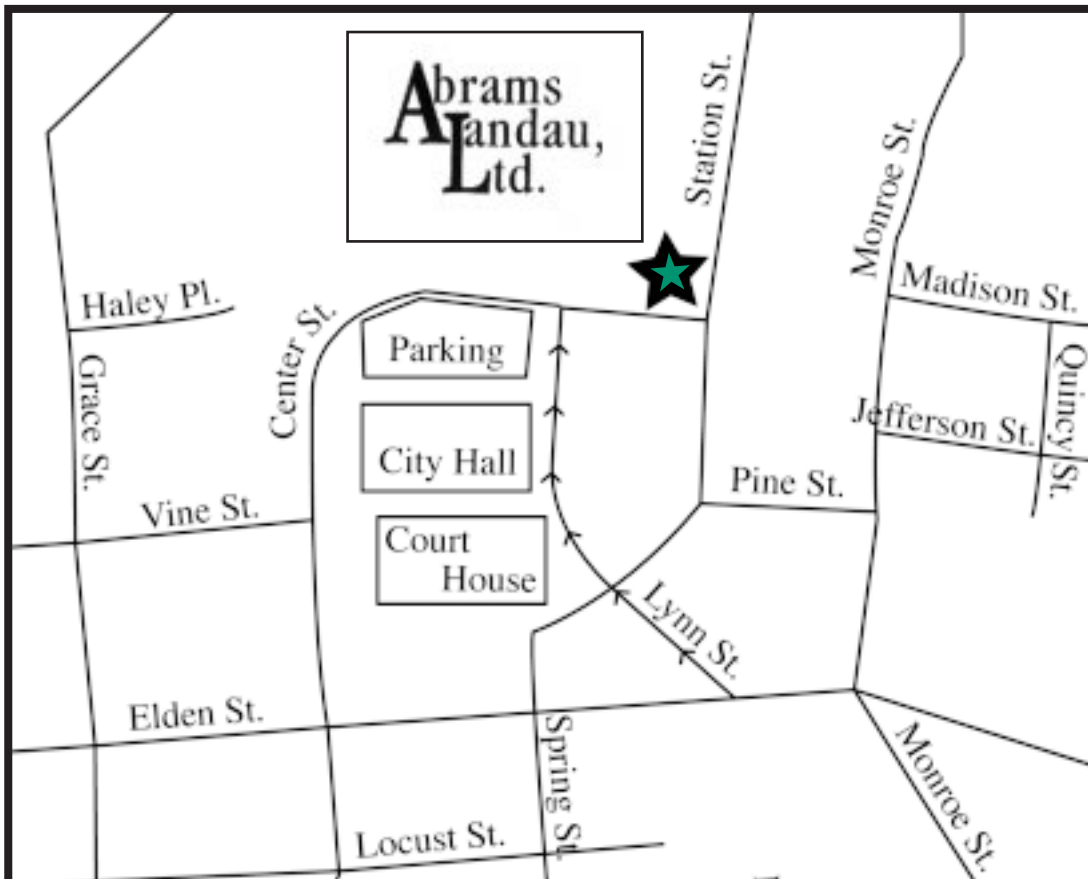
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We've moved!

Abrams Landau, Ltd., has moved to a 100-year-old house in the Herndon Historic District. We hope this “new” home for our firm will be easily accessible to our clients who visit from all over the country. Please “pardon our dust” while computers and other equipment are hooked up. There will be some additional work done in the next several months, but we are all glad to finally be out of our temporary quarters in Reston, and in our permanent office. As some of you may have read in the local newspaper or seen on television this was a lengthy and difficult process.



Location

We are located at the corner of Center Street and Station Street, two blocks from the Herndon City Hall. There is RIBS Bus Service and the W & OD trail nearby. The office is also convenient to Dulles, Manassas, and Leesburg Airports, and we are 25 miles West of Washington, D. C. There is free parking in the Herndon municipal lots and limited street parking.

Background

Originally located in the Courthouse Plaza in Old Town Alexandria, Abrams Landau merged briefly with a Fairfax law firm before coming west to Herndon. Able to assist individuals and families with injury, occupational disease, premises, workers' compensation, and disability claims, we employ unique strategies in preparing our cases and clients for court.