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Happy Holidays!

Before you start on your holiday festivities, you first need to get where you're going to see all the friends and family that make this season so special. That's why it's so important to get yourself (and everyone else on the road!) to their destinations intact. Here are some tips for navigating the busy and weather-ridden roads the holidays bring.



1: Do a safety check of your vehicle.

This might seem obvious, but something that is not extraordinarily dangerous in the summer (like bald tires) can become deadly in the winter. If it's a long trip, be sure that you have all the supplies you need to make your time on the road safe and comfortable.

2: Clean Your Car! On a long journey, taking unnecessary weight out of the vehicle can help your fuel efficiency. It can also help minimize distractions for the driver when on the road.

3: Slow Down. Speaking of saving gas, studies have shown that going even 5 MPH slower can reduce the amount of fuel you need to complete your trip.

4: Stop Often. Especially if the trip to holiday fun is lengthy, it's important to take regular breaks. It'll help to prevent driver fatigue, as well as keep young children from getting antsy and distracting the driver.

5: Stay Alert (And Off the Phone.)

Obviously, preventing distracted driving is something of a passion for us here at Premier Law Group. Many accidents every year could be prevented if drivers would lend 100% of their attention to the road. While you may be tempted to send a text or check traffic on your phone, it's not worth the risk to you, your passengers, and everyone else on the road.



Visit www.teensagainstdistracteddriving.com for more info on how to keep our roads safe.



O, Tannenbaum!

One thing you may not think of if you are “decking the halls” for Christmas is tree safety. In the wrong situation, all those twinkling lights and shining tinsel can be a recipe for disaster. The number one way to prevent a tree fire is by keeping that noble fir well watered. First select a fresh tree—the longer it has been since the tree was cut, the drier and more flammable it will be. You can determine the freshness of a tree in several ways: the needles should be difficult to pull off and as green as possible, and the trunk should be sticky to the touch. Once you get it home, keep the tree away from heat sources and always have the stand filled with water. The lights you put on your tree should be thoroughly checked for frays in the wires, cracked sockets or extensive wear. Unless explicitly allowed by the manufacturer, do not link more than three strands together at a time. Also check the wires occasionally; they should never be warm to the touch. Finally (and most importantly,) enjoy the beautiful display and time with your family!



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Meet the new members of our team!



Madeline "Maddy" Miller is our new legal assistant. She graduated from Seton Hall University with her BA in English and History. Born and raised in Bellevue, in her free time Maddy likes to cook, self-caffeinate, read and watch her favorite show: The First 48.

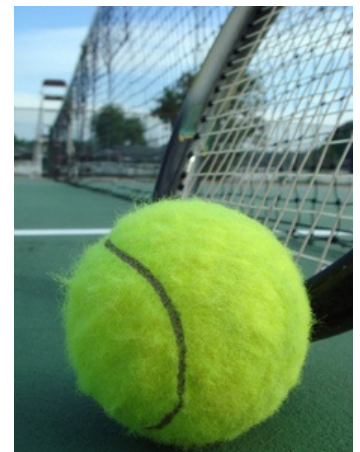


Ally Anthony is the Client Services Director here at PLG. Born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Ally recieved her BS in Communications from Lewis-Clark State College. In her free time, she enjoys fitness and watching Bravo, and she misses her dog Maxim Poseidon Anthony.

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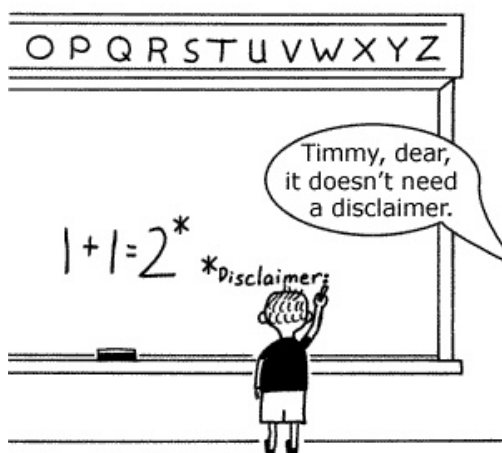
Joseph Cho is our new file clerk. Born in California, Joseph is working on getting his Paralegal degree while working at PLG. In his free time he enjoys playing tennis.





Stu's Views

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Even lawyers like jokes...

Do you think that you can make PLG attorney Jason Epstein laugh with a great lawyer joke? Submit your jokes to julia@plg-pllc.com by January 1st for a chance to win a Starbucks giftcard!



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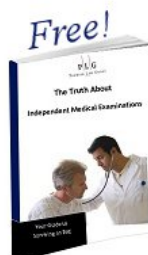
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