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## Summer Time at the Shore

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As the sun shines brightly over the sandy beaches and the waves crash against the shore, the coastal towns that we call home come alive with excitement and energy. The month of May ends with the annual Memorial Day Weekend which signals the unofficial start to summer at the Jersey Shore.

However, with the influx of visitors and tourists, it's not uncommon for law enforcement and legal professionals like us to be kept on their toes. From dealing with noise complaints at beach parties to ensuring safety during crowded events, the summer season brings its own set of challenges. Some of our small shore towns swell with the summer residents and visitors. There are usually more motor vehicle accidents because of the influx of summer traffic. Despite the hustle and bustle, there's a sense of camaraderie among locals and visitors alike as they come together to enjoy all that the Jersey Shore has to offer.

The arrival of May indicates that the warmer weather finally arrives to stay. I am relieved that wearing multiple layers is no longer necessary while coaching my children's baseball and softball teams. It is a busy yet enjoyable time of year.

Over this month I am traveling to Atlantic City to the New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting to share ideas and updates in the legal field with my colleagues. I am also looking forward to being sworn in as President-Elect of the Monmouth Bar Association on May 23rd. Which means come May 2025 I will be installed as the President of the Monmouth Bar Association. It's this time that we start to plan for a year out to serve the local legal community.

As I prepare for the exciting events, I carry with me the spirit of summer - vibrant, lively, and full of promise. As I navigate through the challenges and celebrations that await, I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this dynamic and vibrant community that calls the Jersey Shore home.

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The Officers and Trustees (including J.J. Uliano) of the Monmouth Bar Association were proud to honor our late Assignment Judge at the dedication of the Lisa P. Thornton Memorial Hall at the Monmouth County Courthouse in Freehold.

Andrew Walsh and Elizabeth Uliano Giblin celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the Little Silver Fire Department at their annual fundraiser. Our Firm was a proud sponsor of this wonderful event.



# WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CU&W?



## What we are watching...

THE GOOD DOCTOR THE BEAR SHARK TANK



## What we are listening to...

TRUE CRIMES & COCKTAILS THEY DON'T TEACH THIS IN LAW SCHOOL



## What we are reading...

REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES BY SHELBY VAN PELT (OFFICE BOOK CLUB)  
 FEEL GOOD PRODUCTIVITY BY ALI ABDAAL (ELIZABETH) FALSE WITNESS BY KARIN SLAUGHTER (GRACE)

## May CU&W Birthdays

May 5th - Nicole Deem

May 26th - J.J. Uliano

# The Dangers of Social Media

In today's digital age, social media has become an integral part of our daily lives. From sharing updates about our personal and professional lives to connecting with friends and family, social media platforms offer convenience and connectivity like never before.

However, as plaintiff's attorneys in a personal injury lawsuit, we often caution our clients about the dangers of posting on social media before and while their case is in litigation. Social media may seem like a harmless platform for sharing information, but when it comes to a personal injury lawsuit, what you post can have serious consequences.

First and foremost, it's important to understand that social media content is public and can be accessed by anyone. This includes opposing parties and their attorneys during litigation, even if you utilize privacy settings.



The content shared on social media can be used as evidence in court and may significantly impact the outcome of a personal injury lawsuit. Even seemingly innocent posts or photos can be misinterpreted or taken out of context to weaken the plaintiff's case. For example, a picture of the plaintiff engaging in physical activities, despite claiming to have suffered debilitating injuries, could be detrimental to their credibility. Furthermore, social media posts can also inadvertently provide insights into the plaintiff's mental state or activities that may contradict their claimed injuries.

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## Criminal Law FAQ with Charles J. Uliano, Esq.

### *Q. What Can Happen to My 15-Year-Old that is Facing Criminal Charges?*

**The outcome for a minor (someone under 18 years old) facing legal issues generally depends on the gravity of the offense. While most fifteen-year-olds may not end up in prison, exceptionally severe cases could lead to juvenile detention.**

**In some instances, a minor may face adult prosecution for a serious crime. Each case is unique, and there is no definitive answer regarding the fate of a fifteen-year-old in legal trouble.**

**Dealing with minors in such situations adds complexity, underscoring the need to seek guidance from a seasoned criminal lawyer.**

## *The Dangers of Social Media (Continued from page 3)*

As plaintiff's attorneys, we advise our clients to refrain from posting on social media or to be cautious about what they share during the entirety of their personal injury lawsuit. It's important to understand that even seemingly innocent updates or photos can be misinterpreted or used against them by the defense.

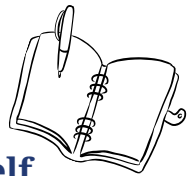
While social media serves as a valuable tool for communication and connection, it's vital for plaintiffs to recognize the potential impact of their social media presence on their personal injury case and to exercise discretion in their online activities throughout the litigation process. By being mindful of what they post and taking steps to protect their privacy, plaintiffs can avoid potentially damaging their case and maximize their chances of a successful outcome in the lawsuit.



## *Your Personal Injury Journal Checklist*

When a new personal injury client visits our office, we strongly advise them to start maintaining a personal injury journal. This journal should include the following details:

- Record any doctor's appointments, medical tests, physical therapy sessions, chiropractic care, acupuncture, or visits to other medical providers. Include the date, provider, and purpose of each visit. This will help you recall each visit in your own words and organize your testing and treatments chronologically.
- Document how you feel physically and emotionally each day.
- Identify any activities you are unable to do due to your injury.
- List tasks your spouse or caregiver now handles that you used to do yourself.



Remember to be truthful in your journal and avoid exaggerating issues related to your injury.