

Drunk Driving Can Have Disastrous Results



Driving after drinking alcohol or taking drugs is a disaster waiting to happen. Worst of all, most vehicle accidents involving a drunk driver are **preventable**.

Yet some individuals continue to drive after consuming alcohol and cause accidents with tragic consequences. South Carolina has **more than twice** the rate of deaths due to drunk driving - 7.6 per 100,000 population - as the U.S. in total - 3.3 per 100,000 population (2012 figures from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC).

Drunk Driving Accidents Victims Can Suffer Severe and Debilitating Injuries

Even if victims of drunk driving accidents survive, they may be faced with severe injuries. Catastrophic spinal cord or brain injuries can result in paralysis and may require permanent lifestyle and home modifications.

Victims may experience financial and other hardships including:

- Current medical expenses
- Future medical costs
- Stays in rehabilitation facilities
- Property damage
- Lost wages
- Pain and suffering
- Emotional distress

Teach Your Young Driver the Dangers of Drinking and Driving

Parents: Be a role model for your teenagers. Never drive even after having one cocktail or beer.

Keep a dialogue going with your child about your expectations for safe driving as well as obeying DUI laws. Remind your teen of South Carolina's "zero tolerance" law where it is illegal for anyone under age 21 to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.02% or higher.

If you choose to drink alcohol, do not drive! Instead:

- Ride with a designated driver who drinks no alcohol at all.
- Take public transportation.
- Call a driving service like Uber or a taxi company.
- Plan on staying overnight with a friend.

You can find valuable handbooks from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) on The 411 on Teen Drinking and Talking with Kids and Teens about Alcohol. Also, encourage your teen take the MADD youth pledge never to ride with someone who has been drinking.

If you or a family member has been a victim of an accident involving someone driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, you may be eligible for financial compensation for these types of losses as a result of the drunk driver's negligence.

Applying for Social Security Disability Benefits



If you are unable to work because of a disability, you may be eligible for Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits.

Apply for SSD as soon as you stop working if your doctor feels that you will be unable to work for at least a year, based on your disability.

How To Apply

You will need a lot of information in order to complete the SSD application including:

- Marriage, divorce and military service dates
- Dependent information
- Proof of earnings like W-2 forms
- Doctor, clinic and hospital contact information
- Medical test results
- Medication list with prescribing doctors
- Workers' Compensation or insurance claim information
- Job descriptions for the last 15 years

You can apply for SSD directly at the Social Security Administration website or in person at your nearest SSA office or over the phone. However, applying for benefits can be frustrating and complex, and most initial applications are denied because of incomplete information.

We have extensive experience with SSD applications and, if denied, assisting our clients through the complicated appeals process.

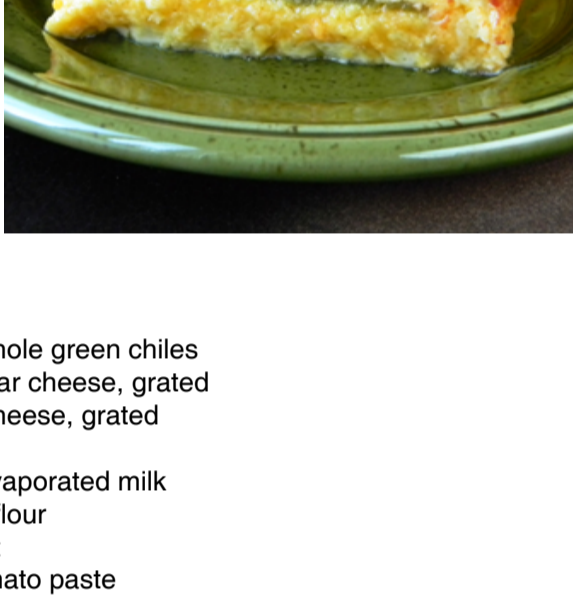
How Long Does It Take for SSD Claim Approval?

The majority of first applications in South Carolina are decided in 3 or 4 months. However, because most initial SSD applications are denied, you should immediately contact an attorney to begin the appeal process called Reconsideration. If your application is again denied, the next step would be a hearing before a judge. Currently the average wait time for an SSD hearing in Columbia is approximately 23 months.

Expedited processing may be available for very serious disabilities such as certain types of cancer and ALS under the SSD Compassionate Allowances program.

If you or a family member has been injured in an accident caused by a drunk driver or any other type of personal injury, it is important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call the Jebaily Law Firm, P.A. at our Florence office at 1-855-971-0400 for your initial free consultation or contact us via the website. The Jebaily Law Firm, personal injury attorneys in Florence, South Carolina, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for any incident or personal injury case.

Recipe of the Month Chile Rellenos Casserole



Ingredients

- 3 7-oz. cans whole green chiles
- 1 pound cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 pound jack cheese, grated
- 4 eggs
- 1 13-oz. can evaporated milk
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 6-oz. can tomato paste

Directions

Wash the chiles, removing the seeds, and dry on paper towels. Grate the cheeses. Reserve 1/2 cup of each of the two cheeses, mixing them together in a small bowl. This will go on top of the casserole later, so you can place it in the refrigerator for now. In a medium-sized casserole dish, approximately 8 x 11 (9 x 13 is too big), layer 1/2 of the chiles, all of the cheddar cheese, the remaining chiles, then all of the jack cheese.

Separate the eggs. Beat the yolks and add the evaporated milk, flour and salt, beating until frothy. Beat the whites separately for about a minute. Combine the two egg mixtures and beat for a few seconds longer so that they are well-mixed. Pour the egg mixture over the chiles and cheese. Bake at 300 for 1 hour. Then spread the tomato paste over the top. Sprinkle with the reserved cheese you placed in the refrigerator. Bake 1/2 hour longer. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Recipe Adapted by Winner Dinners/Origin Unknown Serves 6

What's Happening in Florence

Feb 3 - 4

Monster Jam
Florence Civic Center
Florence, SC
http://eventful.com/florence_sc/events/monster-jam-/E0-001-096481654-8

Feb 10

Father Daughter Gala
Library & Community Center
Florence, SC
http://eventful.com/florence_sc/events/father-daughter-gala-/E0-001-098432039-5

Feb 13

Spellbound Love
Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center
Florence, SC
<http://www.florencesymphony.com/events>

Feb 18

Brantley Gilbert
Florence Civic Center
Florence, SC
http://eventful.com/florence_sc/events/brantley-gilbert-/E0-001-097835832-4

Mar 9

Toby Keith
Florence Civic Center
Florence, SC
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Mar 10 - 18

Barefoot in the Park
Florence Little Theatre
Florence, SC
<http://www.florencelittletheatre.org/shows>

Mar 23

The Price is Right - Live Stage Show
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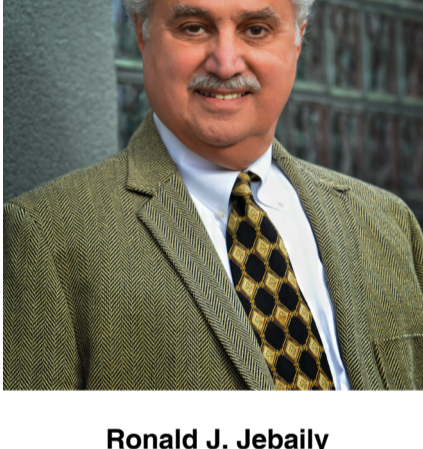
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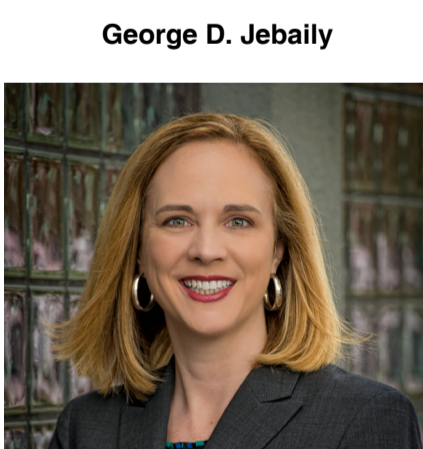
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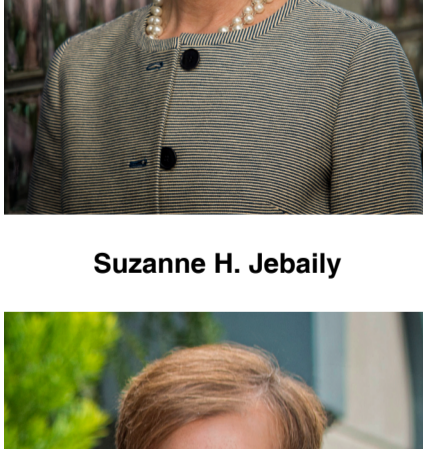
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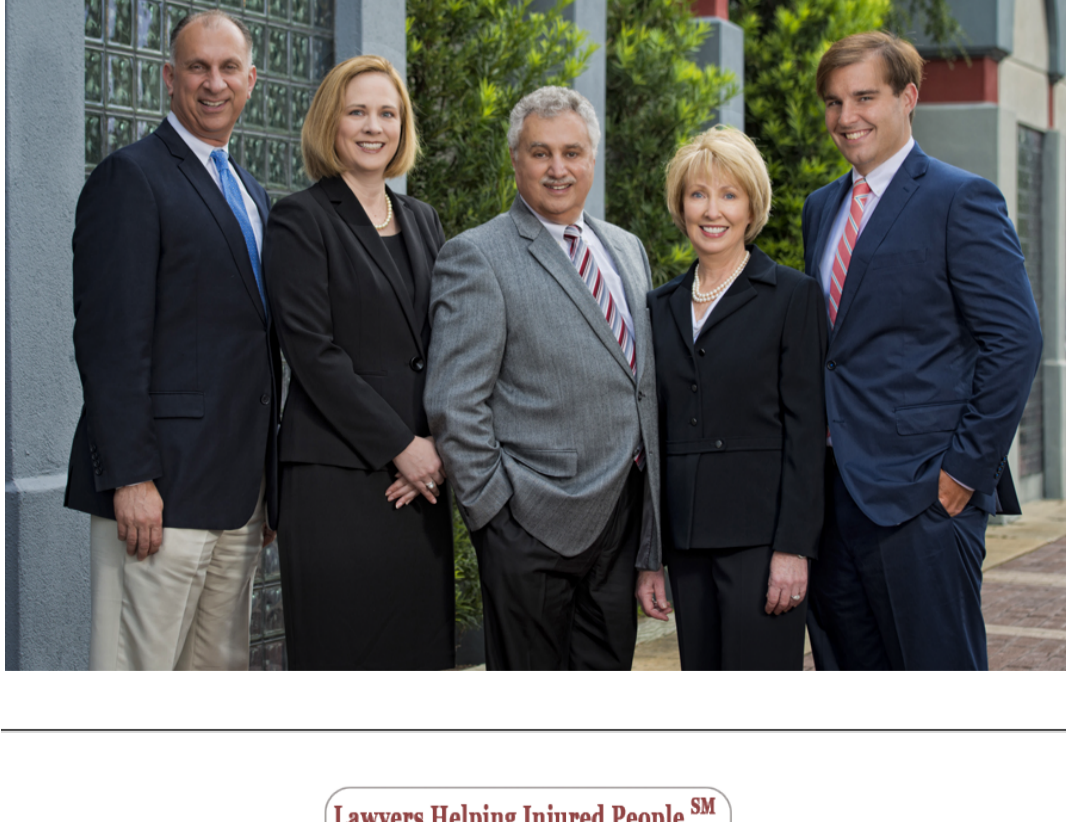
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