

## FIRM NEWS

### DANGEROUS PRODUCT CASES

A dangerous product case is any litigation where a product—be it a household product, automotive product, medical product, pharmaceutical product, etc.—causes injury to a consumer. This damage can occur as a result of many things: Manufacturing error, Design error, or Instruction/manual/warning label error. The **Ricci Law Firm** is now accepting a broad range of dangerous product litigation suits. **If any of the following hazardous products hurt you, contact us immediately.**

- Xarelto or Pradaxa bleeding cases
- Inferior vena cava filter (IVC filter)
- Monsanto Roundup – Lymphoma cases
- Hernia Mesh Complications
- Takada airbags
- Asbestos/Mesothelioma
- Invokana - ketoacidosis cases
- Taxotere – Permanent hair loss
- Johnson & Johnson’s Shower-to-Shower – Ovarian Cancer

If you or a loved one sustained injuries from a faulty medical product or bad drug and believe you might have a claim, then please contact the **Ricci Law Firm** for a **free consultation** by calling **800-387-6406**. One of our intake staff members will connect you with one of our knowledgeable attorneys or staff members after a few preliminary questions. If your case qualifies as part of a class action or Tort, then we can help you join the suit, while protecting your individual interests.

Wrongful Death Settlement  
Settlement for daughter for the death of her mother of \$100,000 which was all of the available coverage.

### Ricci Law Firm, P.A. Food and Toy Drive

In November, we participated in the NC Advocates for Justice (NCAJ) Harvest for Hunger Food Drive. The firm collected 273lbs of canned goods this year for the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina. In December, we collected toys for the 4th Annual Great Toy Take Away, an idea started when a girl wanted to share the joy of giving with others. Each year, donation sites are set up and thousands of new and gently used toys are collected to be given out to hundreds of families in need at Christmas time. Donations of gently used or new toys, outdoor toys, bicycles, stuffed animals, baby gear, wrapping supplies needed! All for free. All to help others.



## RECENT SETTLEMENTS

Workplace accident  
Settlement \$2,400,000.00  
Injured worker suffered bilateral ankle fractures after forklift bucket collapsed causing worker to fall to ground.

Personal Injury  
Jury Verdict  
Motorcyclist awarded \$300,000 plus costs and interest from Carteret County Jury. Offer at mediation was \$20,000. Defendant Driver pulled out in front of the motorcyclist forcing motorcyclist to lay down bike. He suffered left fibula fracture and ruptured Achilles tendon. Surgery was done to repair the Achilles tendon. He has a permanent impairment rating to his left lower extremity of 15%.

Wrongful Death Settlement  
Settlement for mother of 16 year old for the policy limits of \$250,000 which was all the coverage available.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: *Lynn*

**Lynn is a Receptionist/Legal Assistant.**

**How long have you been with the firm and what is your favorite part of working here?**

Since September 2012; I love the atmosphere (most times) and the people I work with, answering the phone and being able to help clients. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction to help someone who was at their wits end and get them calmed down and assist them in any small way possible.

**What are your top three life highlights?**

My grandkids, my boys and my family. We are a tight knit bunch. I love making memories with them that hopefully they will remember and share for future generations.

**What is a hidden talent that you have?**

I have no hidden talent. What you see is pretty much what you get. I like to organize and help others.

**If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?**

Inauguration of John F. Kennedy. I think he was a fantastic president and if he had lived, could have had more of a major impact in our country. He was in the process of bringing people together. Although he is often remembered for fiascoes in his presidency, he lived an unfinished life and died way too soon. And it is fascinating to me to see pictures of Camelot although turmoil of the 60's is often mostly remembered.

**What is one thing about you that would surprise people?**

I was a cheerleading coach for 18 years. We won many accolades and trophies in our school district and state of NC, even traveled to Florida for cheer competitions and won several years in a row at the Kings Dominion Cheerleading Competition for NC area high schools.

**What Disney character do you relate the most to, and why?**

Well, it cannot be Cinderella because I already have my Prince Charming so I guess it would be Olaf, of course. Cause I always want to build a snowman!

**Give us a recipe that you enjoy:**

Taco Soup served with Cheese Quesadillas

Ingredients: 1 pound ground beef browned, 1 chopped onion, 1 can of chili beans, 1 can kidney beans, 1 can whole kernel corn, 2 cans tomatoes.

Cooking directions: Dump it all in a crock pot and let it cook all day. Top it with cheese and dollop of Daisy. Cheese quesadilla on the side.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: *Raheema*

**Raheema Workers' Compensation Legal Assistant.**

**How long have you been with the firm and what is your favorite part of working here?**

4 years. Favorite part of working here is seeing how much it has grown.

**What are your top three life highlights?**

Receiving my degrees, learning how to read music, no kids.

**What is a hidden talent that you have?**

Singing.



**If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?**

I would witness Dr. MLK Jr.'s I Have A Dream speech. Watching the video doesn't do it justice

**What is one thing about you that would surprise people?**

I'm terrified of roller coasters.

**What Disney character do you relate the most to, and why?**

Mulan. I must protect my family's honor.

# Dangers of Social Media after Injury at Work

You get hurt at work and everyone is worried about you. You have an urge to pop online to Facebook just to let everyone know you're okay.

You can't help feeling rather frustrated at the insurance company that is handling the workers' comp. They are taking forever and they don't seem to want to help you - only hinder you.

They are giving you the run-around and it is getting harder to ignore the urge to rant about the short-comings of this insurance company.

The problem with ranting on social media is that it could ruin your chances of getting workers' comp payments until you can return to work. You don't realize this at first as you publish what you believe to be an innocent post.

Because of that one post, your workers' comp claim is denied. You are forced to return to work before your doctor says you are ready to do so.

Let's take a look into what went wrong with your social media post. Let's also look into how you can have safe practices on social media during this trying time.

## **"Ruining your Claim"**

It is very tempting to post something on Twitter or Facebook about how bad your injuries are at the moment of the post. It is difficult for many people to NOT post a picture of themselves in their hospital room while getting treatment.

You need to think about the repercussions of the post you are about to publish, though. The last thing you'd want the insurance adjuster to think is that you are lying about your injuries.

The adjusters are looking for any proof they can find that your injuries aren't as bad as you are claiming. Posting photos of past trips during your time off work due to the injury might look suspicious.

The adjuster will find these photos when they are looking through your social media profiles.

Social media is one of the first places insurance adjusters go upon receiving a claim.

They want to make sure that the claim is resolved as quickly as possible. Posting photos of you looking happy would ruin your credibility in the eyes of your employer and the workers' comp insurance agents.

## **"Safe Social Media Practices"**

The best thing you can do for your workers' comp case is to not post on social media at all. If you feel the need to post something on social media, keep it brief and factual.

Making sure each post is factual will make sure that your workers' comp claim is not denied due to social media activity. Keep conversations about your health and well-being to text messages and phone calls.

Think about what you post on social media before you post it. If you feel it is revealing too much information, do not publish the post. Social media can wait until after you are out of the hospital or any physical therapy you need for your recovery.

## **Greenville, NC Workers' Compensation Lawyer**

I'm Brian Ricci, a workers' compensation lawyer in Greenville, NC. If you or a loved one has sustained an injury at work, please call me at (252) 752-7785 or 800-387-6406 for free, friendly advice.

I am a longtime member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

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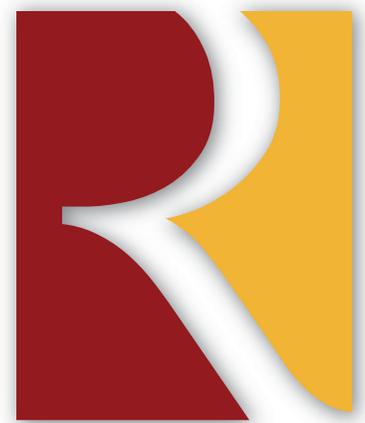
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