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March of Dimes: Team Will

In 1937, the law firm of Martinson & Beason, P.C. opened its doors. Since then, the firm has been committed to providing outstanding legal service and maintaining a high level of involvement in the community. We believe it is important to give back to the community that has supported us for over 75 years, as a firm and as individuals. We are involved in a variety of local causes, both in a professional and personal capacity, that are very dear to us.

One such cause is M&B attorney Morris Lilienthal's efforts to help support the March of Dimes and their mission to promote healthy pregnancies, improve prenatal care, and prevent health issues threatening babies. The organization carries out this mission by providing local programs and funding life-saving research.

Morris and his wife Shannon started Team Will in 2013 in honor of their late son Will who passed away as a result of several birth defects. The supporters of Team Will raised approximately \$4,000 last year and are hopeful to make another large contribution this year. When asked about his passion for the March of Dimes, Morris said, "No parent should have to endure the pain of losing their child – ever. There is no footprint too small to leave an imprint on this world. Together we can

make a difference one (baby) step at a time."

We encourage you to lend your support to this important cause. You can walk with us on Saturday, April 12 at 9 a.m. at the Bridge Street Town Center in Huntsville, Alabama. There

will be many individuals and family teams walking together!

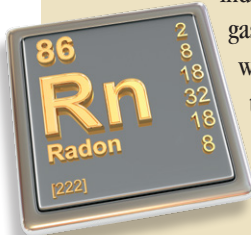
If you can't walk with us, there are several other ways you can support the March of Dimes. You can help us reach our fundraising goal by donating to our team through a link on the Team Will Facebook page: www.facebook.com/marchofdimesteamwill Or you can volunteer your time: learn how by visiting the March of Dimes website. www.marchofdimes.com

We appreciate everyone's support and as we march to give all babies a healthy start.



RADON

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified many parts of north and central Alabama as having greater likelihoods for higher indoor concentrations of Radon gas. In fact, Madison County was identified as the area with the most Radon exposure problems in Alabama. Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that is formed naturally in rocks and soil.



Unfortunately, many people in Alabama are unfamiliar with the risks that Radon poses. For instance, Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, and the EPA estimates that 1 in 15 homes in America have elevated Radon levels. Radon-related deaths in the United States exceed 20,000 annually, which is more than those caused by drunk-driving. Homes with slab on grade foundations are at a higher risk of elevated Radon than those homes with crawl spaces, but this is only a general rule. Radon can enter your home in a variety of ways: dirt floors, hollow block walls, openings around floor drains, sump pumps, cracks in the foundation, and many others.

The only way to know if your home has elevated Radon is to test. There are generally two types of Radon tests, a short-term test and long-term test. The tests are easy to understand, only take a few minutes to set up and are relatively inexpensive. You can purchase your test kit online by visiting www.aces.edu/radon.

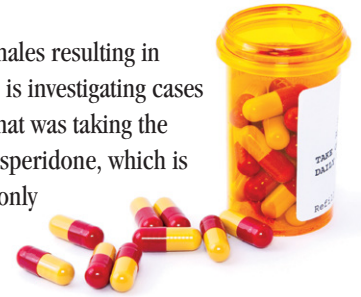
There are things you can do to be mindful of Radon, and precautions you can take to limit your exposure. First, stop smoking. Scientific research indicates that you may have a greater risk of exposure to Radon if you smoke. Second, limit the amount of time you spend in your home's basement. Radon concentrations are typically higher in the lower portions of your home. Also, keep your home well-ventilated and crawl spaces open. A consistent airflow throughout your house, prevents high levels of Radon from building up in any one area of your home.

IN THE NEWS **M&B Investigates Prominent Drug Related and Defective Product Issues**

Risperdal

Risperdal drug cases for teenage males/early 20's males resulting in gynecomastia (male breasts). Martinson & Beason is investigating cases involving any male between the ages of 12 and 30 that was taking the drug Risperdal who has developed male breasts. Risperidone, which is the generic of Risperdal and Risperdal were commonly administered to adolescents at doses commonly used for the treatment of psychotic symptoms.

Unfortunately the levels at which these were proscribed can strongly increase prolactin levels, with clinical consequences such as gynecomastia (the development of male breasts). If you are uncertain about how this affects you or your loved one here is a brief explanation. Young boys who have developed breasts as result of Risperdal use can suffer from severe psychological trauma. As a result, many doctors have reportedly recommended that adolescent males who suffer from gynecomastia undergo surgery. Mild cases can be resolved with liposuction, while more severe cases will require a mastectomy. If you or a loved one has used Risperdal and suffered from gynecomastia, you may have legal recourse to collect compensation for surgical expenses, hospital bills, mental anguish and other damages. For more information, please contact Martinson & Beason for a free consultation. There is no cost or obligation to have your claim reviewed.



Transvaginal/Pelvic Mesh Implant Case

Martinson & Beason is concerned for any woman that has had a pelvic mesh or bladder sling implanted after having a hysterectomy and/or to treat common pelvic disorders such as stress urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapsed.

In September 2011, the FDA issued a Class 2 Recall of transvaginal mesh devices. Boston Scientific Corporation's Pinnacle Pelvic Floor Repair Kit--Anterior/Apical STERILE and Pinnacle Pelvic Floor Repair Kit--Posterior STERILE were recalled because they may exhibit low tensile strength between the needle and suture and lead to needle detachment during mesh leg placement. As each situation and case is unique, it is crucial that if you or a loved one has experienced problems such as low back pain, urinary problems, scarring, infections, bleeding, abdominal pain other mesh related problems in relation to surgery involving the transvaginal mesh, you should consult with the trained and compassionate team at Martinson & Beason regarding your legal options.

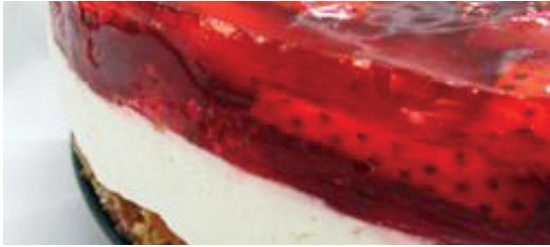
The consultation is completely free.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

STRAWBERRY PRETZEL SALAD

by Angela L. Riley, Legal Assistant



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 4 1/2 tablespoons sugar, plus 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese
- 1 (8 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (6 oz.) package strawberry flavored Jell-O®
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 (16 oz.) package frozen strawberries

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Mix together the pretzels, 4 1/2 tablespoons sugar and melted butter. Press into the bottom of a 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake for 10 minutes, or until lightly toasted. Set aside to cool completely.
2. In a medium bowl, beat the sugar and cream cheese until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Spread evenly over the cooled crust. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.
3. In a medium bowl, stir together the gelatin mix and boiling water. Mix in frozen strawberries, and stir until thawed. Pour over cream cheese mixture in pan. Refrigerate until completely chilled, at least 1 hour.

** To serve, cut slices and serve with a dollop of whipped topping.

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Employee Spotlight on Mac Martinson

Mac Martinson was born in Huntsville, Alabama in 1965, and has lived here for most his life.

He graduated from Huntsville High School in 1983, and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1987 with a B.S. in Psychology (English-minor) and studied Pre-Law/Business, where he was on the Dean's List;

and active in Phi Gamma Delta. In 1991, Mac graduated from Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, with a Juris Doctor, and his honors included the Dean's List and Justice on the Honor Court.

He is active at First Presbyterian Church, where he is a current Trustee, past Elder, past Chairman of the Finance Committee, past Deacon and past member of the Administration Committee. Also, he served six years on the Business Affairs Team for the North Alabama Presbytery.

He is a past board member of The Land Trust of North Alabama, Inc. having served a total of 12 years, and on the Lands Committee. He is the current President of the Huntsville-Madison County Law Foundation. Mac has an Alabama real estate salesperson license.

Mac was a part-time City Prosecutor for the City of New Hope from 1992 through 1994, and was appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General by the Governor and Attorney General to represent ALDOT in eminent domain condemnation cases. He has been a lecturer for the Alabama Chapter of International Right of Way Association in 1994; State of Alabama Department of Transportation in 1996.

Mac's practice areas include Real Estate Closings & Litigation, Corporate Law, Business Litigation, Contracts, Condemnation, Rights of Way issues, and easements.

He is married to Sarabeth Coleman Martinson, who works part time at First Presbyterian Preschool. They have three children: Mary Kathryn (sophomore at Savannah College Art & Design in Savannah, GA); Sarah Abbott (junior at Randolph High School); and Coleman (freshman at Randolph High School).

Mac has enjoyed playing & coaching ice hockey, hiking, snow skiing, fishing, camping, attending his kids' many activities, and traveling.



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The New Rules for Child Car Seats You Need to Know!

If you have young children, you need to know the new car seat rules that the government has issued.

The first change, according to a recent Yahoo! article, involves installing car seats.

The installation of car seats is directly related to the safety they provide. If your child's car seat is installed incorrectly, it could be failing to provide the maximum protection in an accident. Unfortunately, up to 75 percent of kids ride in a car seat that isn't installed properly.

Since 2002, the government has required automakers to have anchors in the rear seats of all cars for the LATCH system. Using the LATCH system—which involves connecting the anchors to tethers on the bottom of car seats—is believed by safety advocates to offer a better fit.

Now, however, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that the LATCH system only be used when the combined weight of the child and the car seat is 65 pounds or less. Above 65 pounds, the car seat should be fitted into the car using the seat belt.

"NHTSA is clarifying this weight standard because new data suggest lower anchors alone may not effectively restrain a car seat above the 65-pound

threshold," reported Yahoo!

This change comes because car seats have been getting heavier and parents have been keeping kids in car seats longer.

The second change is the institution of a new side-impact crash test for child's car seats.

These new crash tests are designed to add another minimum safety standard to car seats. That standard is still three or four years out, however, as the NHTSA must gather data and conduct the tests. After that, manufacturers will have up to three years to comply with the new standard.

The NHTSA expects that the new tests won't result in any drastic changes to current car seats—just additional padding or side wings, perhaps.

Parents should know that, unless a car seat has been recalled, their car seats are perfectly fine. You don't need to buy a new car seat today: just make sure that it is installed correctly for your child's weight.



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