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## Going into Effect July 2021: Two New Virginia Laws That Favor Injured Parties!

These two new laws have been in the works for years and are groundbreaking for personal injury cases in the state of Virginia!

### Law #1

Car insurance coverage limits have changed! It will apply to policies issue or renewed on or after January 1, 2022. The new law raises auto insurance liability amounts from:

- \$25,000 to \$50,000 for collisions that cause bodily injury or death to 1 person
- \$50,000 to \$100,000 in cases of bodily injury or death to more than one person
- \$20,000 to \$40,000 for car accidents that cause property damage

*\*Note:* For years, organizations have been trying to get these policy limits increased — they haven't been increased in over 35 years! Minimum limits of \$25,000 were often not enough to even cover medical bills. This one bill alone will help many people make a better recovery for their injuries.

From the amount of car accident cases we've worked on, and the sad situations we've seen, we cannot stress enough how important it is to beef up your policy amounts as much as

you can personally afford to, even beyond state minimums — especially for uninsured and underinsured coverage!

### Law #2

In General District Courts, the amount you can file a lawsuit has now risen from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for all civil actions dealing with personal injury and wrongful death! This is a HUGE development for many of our clients' cases. As a result

of this new law, we will see more cases filed in general district court as opposed to a circuit court. A few things set apart general district courts as it is — there is little to no discovery done and there is no jury. Further, medical records can be entered into evidence for the judge to consider. Typically, medical records are considered hearsay and are not admissible, but there is a specific Virginia law that makes them admissible in General

District Court. These advantages really help clients in smaller cases keep case costs down, and now on top of that, they can file for double the previous limit.



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# Behind the Scenes at UVA's Graduation Ceremonies

Thanks to a friend who works in the production industry, I was able to go behind the scenes and see how the University of Virginia's graduation ceremonies were produced. It was amazing to get an inside look at all of the preparation and activity that goes on during graduation. Watching the production team's communication was very impressive and it all came together beautifully. Congratulations to all of the 2021 graduates!



## BESTS OF JUNE



### Game

If you're like us, you're always on the lookout for a fun new game to play with friends or family. We recommend Blank Slate – it's an easy-to-learn group game that everyone will enjoy!

### Quote

*"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."*

— Theodore Roosevelt

### Summer Spot

There will be polo matches at noon every Sunday this summer at King Family Vineyards in Crozet! Admission is free.

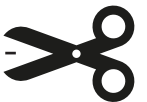




# TIME FOR STRAWBERRIES

For the Warren Family, this time of year in the Charlottesville area is synonymous with fresh-picked strawberries! There are a number of orchards within 30 minutes of downtown C'ville where you can go and pick your own strawberries! Here are our top three recommendations:

1. **Chiles Orchard**, 1351 Greenwood Rd, Crozet, VA 22932
2. **Critzer Family Farm**, 9388 Critzer Shop Rd, Afton, VA 22920
3. **Liberty Mills Farm**, 9166 Liberty Mills Rd, Somerset, VA 22972



## Strawberry Cobbler

### Ingredients

- 2 quarts fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered (about 2 lb. strawberries)
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup whole buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream (We highly recommend vanilla ice cream! It goes perfectly with it!)

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Gently stir sliced strawberries, lemon zest, lemon juice, and 1/4 cup of the sugar in a large bowl until

totally combined. Let strawberry mixture stand for 15 minutes. This will allow the strawberries to release their juices!

- Place butter in a 13- x 9-inch baking dish, and put dish in pre-heated oven until butter is melted, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove dish from oven.
- Whisk together flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda, and remaining 3/4 cup sugar in a medium bowl until combined.
- Whisk together buttermilk and vanilla in a small bowl.
- Whisk buttermilk mixture into flour mixture, and continue to whisk until batter is smooth. Pour mixture evenly over melted butter in hot baking dish. Do not stir!
- Using a slotted spoon, scatter strawberry mixture evenly over batter. Drizzle 3 tablespoons of accumulated juice from bottom of bowl over strawberries. Discard any remaining juice, or reserve for another use.



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