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SUMMER BOATING SAFETY

Virginia has many beautiful rivers, lakes, and coastlines that provide fun opportunities for boating, fishing, kayaking, and water sports! The Warren family really enjoys boating together – Vaden and his son, Thomas, both have their boating licenses, which all motor boat operators are required to carry. Visit www.boatus.org/virginia/ for more information on a free 4-hour boating course with printable certificates!

While boating is a major source of fun during the summer months, one thing we see is an increase in boating accidents. Most boating accidents are caused by operator error – meaning the operator of the boat you're riding on, or the driver of the other boat, are most likely at fault. If the accident was a result of carelessness (negligence), you could have a viable argument to pursue damages!

The most common instances of negligence while boating are:

- Inattention (seems basic, right?)
- Excessive speeding
- Deciding to navigate in heavy weather
- Failing to carry proper safety equipment on board
- Collisions with other boats or fixed objects
- Failing to know the "rules of the road"
- Overcrowding and overloading the boat
- Lack of carbon monoxide detectors (boat engines emit CO!)

- Alcohol use. Blood alcohol content (BAC) laws are the same for both boaters and drivers. Operating a boat with a BAC of greater than 0.08 is a criminal offense.

If you or a loved one has been involved in a boating accident, a personal injury lawyer can help you figure out if you're eligible to pursue compensation for your injuries and other damages! Damages can include boat repair costs, medical bills, and even disability.



Vaden and his son on the water

Our 2021 Healthcare Hero Winner

Congratulations to Heidi Flanagan — the winner of our \$500 Healthcare Hero Award! For the last 14 years, Heidi has been the Lead RN Coordinator for the University of Virginia Lung Transplant Program. She has gone above and beyond during this unprecedented global pandemic, not only at work, but also at home, and her neighbor/nominator's message really touched our hearts.

Part of her nomination read: "[She] loves and is connected to her patients. She has nursed many who are near and dear to her. (Continued on next page)"



Heidi Flanagan

Our Healthcare Hero *(continued)*

She is currently working at the hospital during the day and comes home to nurse [a close family member] who is dying of terminal cancer. She also takes care of her amazing special needs daughter. She is a kind neighbor and friend who could really use a positive uplift sent her way right now. She is truly a healthcare hero!”

Heidi says she is “beyond grateful” for being nominated for The Warren Firm’s Healthcare Hero Award by her neighbor. She shared that she has an amazing neighborhood of loving families who lift

them up as they struggle through the final stages of her family member’s battle with cancer. Heidi says she plans on using the money to “pay it forward” to her community and work family.

We are honored to have met Heidi, and to have been introduced to so many other wonderful healthcare heroes in our community through these nominations. We sent each of them a gift card for lunch at a local restaurant and hope that they, and all of the essential workers in our community, continue to find success and gratitude from those around them!



FROM THE DESK OF
VADEN WARREN



LOCKDOWN FUN TURNED FAVORITE

Kitchen, Falafel, Dillball.

No, I’m not talking about a new cooking hobby. These terms are from a current popular sport — Pickleball!

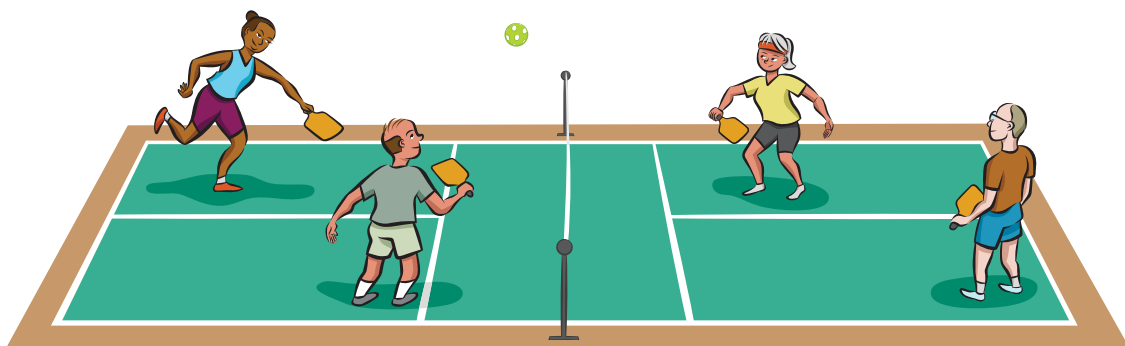
I started playing pickleball right at the beginning of COVID, during total lockdown. My son and I (and sometimes my daughter), would play in the driveway. We chalked off the court lines, pieced together an unofficial net, found some old wooden rackets, and started to learn the game together.

What began as something fun we could do together while quarantined, evolved into a favorite hobby of mine. I now play weekly (at a legitimate court) with a group of friends, and my son still subs when needed! He’s really the best of us all, and I wonder if he will read his old man’s newsletter to hear me say that!



From Brooke, Marketing Coordinator

I also just started playing pickleball! Vaden and I made the connection during one of our meetings. The group I play with always has to reserve two courts though — one for our kids to play on, and one for us moms to play on! It is really a fun sport for any age! I recommend a Franklin brand racket you can find at Target or Amazon— very affordable and perfect for beginners.



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Vaden has been selected to the 2021 Virginia Super Lawyers list, an honor he's held for a total of seven years now. Super Lawyer selects attorneys who "exhibit excellence in their practice," with only 5% of attorneys in Virginia receiving this distinction.



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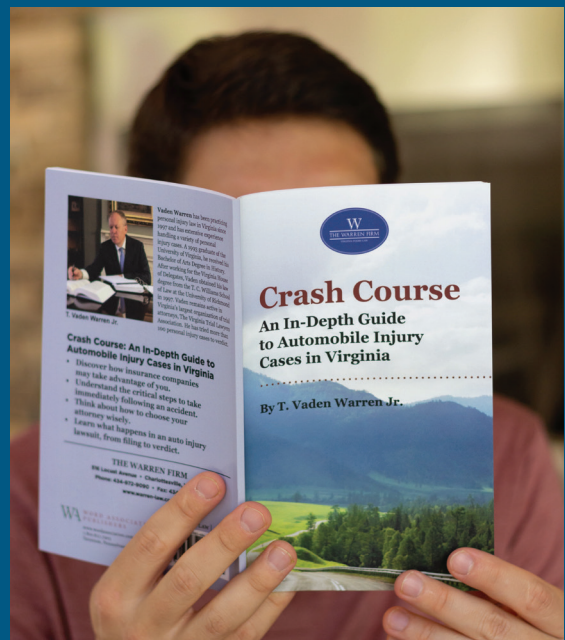
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Free Book – Everything You Need to Know About Car Accidents In Virginia

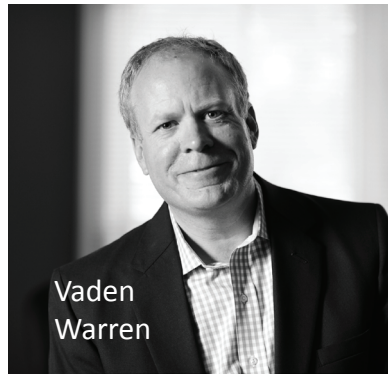
A few pages into Chapter 1, you'll already find lists of potentially life-changing advice! Here are a few of the tips, straight from the book, of what not to do after a car accident.

1. DO NOT admit to any fault at the scene of an accident.
2. DO NOT give a statement to an insurance company.
3. DO NOT give the insurance company authorization to contact your doctors.
4. DO NOT believe the insurance company will act in your best interest.
5. DO NOT settle your case before you are released from treatment by the doctor.

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