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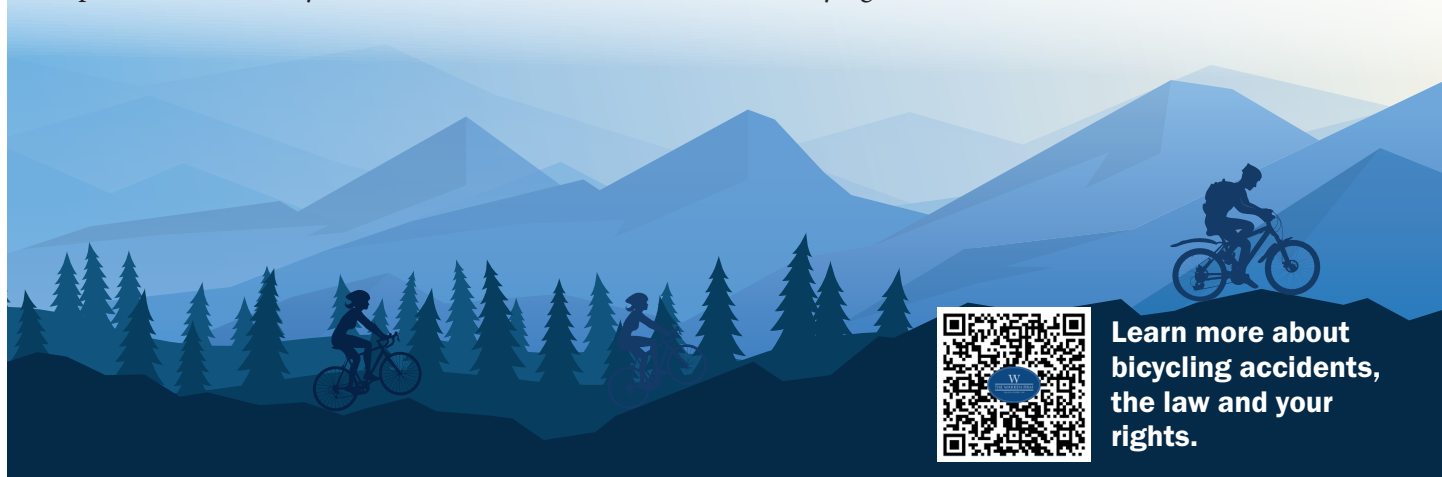
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BIKE SAFELY THIS SPRING

The Warren Firm recently published a bicycle brochure available to the public! We will be providing them to bike shops around town and we're also happy to mail them out to whomever would like one! The information inside it is extremely informative and useful, covering Virginia bike laws, necessary turn signals, and the most common types of bike-vehicle accidents. If you are about to dust off your bicycle for some spring riding, we've laid out several important Virginia bicycle laws you should know about. It is important to follow them not only because you can be ticketed, but because following the rules of the road can help you avoid being injured in a bicycle accident!

- Bicyclists must ride with the flow of traffic on the right side of the road. Bicyclists who ride on the road below the speed of traffic should ride as close as possible to the right curb or edge of the roadway.
- Bicyclists must obey all traffic signs, signals, lights, and markings.
- Bicyclists must not ride between two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction unless one lane is a separate or mandatory turn lane.
- If riding with other cyclists, you may ride two abreast in a lane (not more). As of 2021, while riding two-by-two you no longer need to move into a single file to allow a vehicle to pass you! Drivers **MUST** change lanes when possible or give 3 feet of clearance when passing cyclists. (Note: Riding two abreast is still prohibited on roadways operated by the National Park Service such as the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive.)
- When making a left turn at an intersection with traffic signs or signals, a cyclist may make the turn as a vehicle would OR as a pedestrian would by stopping and walking the bike through the crosswalks.
- Virginia law allows you to ride your bicycle on sidewalks, unless otherwise stated by signs. While on sidewalks and shared use paths, bicyclists must always yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian.
- Wearing a helmet while riding a bike is actually not a statewide law, but it could save your life! Making eye contact with motorists and wearing bright or reflective clothing can also greatly increase your chances of staying safe on the road.



FROM THE DESK OF VADEN WARREN



Our son Thomas recently competed in the state wrestling tournament in Virginia Beach. It was so exciting to watch him. The location wasn't bad either! My wife Coles and I were able to make a short out-of-town weekend. It is always nice to see children work hard for goals that they set for themselves.



Our son Thomas (right) wrestles in the state tournament.



Virginia Beach was a great setting for the tournament.



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RECENT CASE SUMMARIES

We are wrapping up several interesting cases at the moment. Here are a few that we just closed out.

1

Our client was injured when he slipped and fell on ice while walking in front of an apartment complex he was visiting. The pavement had not been cleared properly after a significant snowfall earlier in the day. He broke his leg (tibia and fibula) in the fall

and underwent surgery which included doctors placing hardware in his leg. He progressed well through recovery but continues to have some lingering issues. We were able to settle the case for \$100,000. We were pleased with the results of this case given the many difficulties that are had in premises liability cases in Virginia.

2

Our client was struck by a car while crossing the street in a crosswalk. The signal to walk was on when a driver failed to keep a proper lookout and struck our client on the left side of her body as she was crossing, causing her to fall to the pavement. For months following the accident, she saw several doctors for tests, imaging, x-rays, therapy, and follow-up appointments for right ankle pain, left hip pain, pain throughout her back and right side of her neck, and lower abdominal pain. After filing suit we were able to get the liability carrier to tender their policy limits and received additional funds from the underinsured carrier.

3

Our client was rear-ended in an accident which totaled her car and left her with whiplash symptoms including persistent and constant headaches. Doctors took CT scans and x-rays and our client was prescribed painkillers and physical therapy. After filing suit in General District Court, we were able to get the case resolved.

As many of you know, The Warren Firm does not advertise on television. We rely on referrals from past clients and from other attorneys for the new clients who we represent. We appreciate and thank you for your continued referrals.

If you need a lawyer in another practice area, contact us and we will gladly put you in good hands.



Three To Do's on Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22nd! Here are a few things you can do to give back to the planet!

- **Reduce air pollution.** If you're able to, bike, carpool, or walk to work!
- **Connect with nature.** Choose your favorite spot to hike or walk, and while you're out, pick up any trash you may see!
- **Decrease plastic waste.** Take reusable bags to the grocery store with you!

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