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The End of an Administration

In April, Vaden Warren completed his term as President of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA). At the VTLA annual conference in Washington, DC, Vaden closed out the business of the 2023-2024 Board of Governors, passing the presidential gavel on to Joanna Suyes of Suyes Law in Richmond.

Vaden was also the subject of an April article in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* marking the end of his VTLA term. Over his year as VTLA President, Vaden embarked on a “Presidential listening tour,” meeting with attorneys across the state to find out what challenges and opportunities they face in their communities.



Vaden Warren presides over the final meeting of the 2023-2024 VTLA Board of Governors at the 2024 VTLA conference.



Above: Vaden with 2024-2025 VTLA President Joanna Suyes at the conference.



Left: Vaden presents Sarah Endres with a donation to the Virginia Judges & Lawyers Assistance Program (VJLAP) on behalf of VTLA. The VJLAP is an independent organization that assists legal professionals – attorneys, judges, law students, paralegals, and others – and their families to deal with substance abuse and mental health challenges.

ATV Injury Case Result

Type of Case: Vehicle Injury

Place of incident: Fluvanna County, VA

Verdict or settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$750,000



When our client was 8 years old, he visited a friend's house where there was an ATV. Our client had never been on an ATV before, and this ATV even had stickers from the manufacturer warning that the vehicle should never be used by anyone under the age of 14. Still, he and the friend were allowed to take the vehicle out with no adult supervision, no instruction on how to drive it, and no helmet. In the incident, our client was unable to stop the vehicle and ran into a tree, causing him multiple injuries including a fractured skull, injury to his brain, and a broken left arm.

Our client has a permanent brain injury from the crash, which continues to cause him problems in school and in daily life. His mother has advocated hard for him with his school district, and he now has an IEP with accommodations. He is very frustrated that he can't participate in all the age-appropriate activities he wants to, especially football.

When we first took on the case, our client's family had already incurred medical bills of over \$140,000 for his treatment. The settlement gives specific instructions for periodic payments to our client and his mother, to pay for the treatment that he has already received and all the future medical care and therapies he will need as he gets older.

11 Ways to Harm Your Case: Part Ten

There can be many pitfalls in a personal injury case. Insurance companies will try many methods to deny your claim altogether or make the recovery as small as possible. Each month we will highlight something you should NOT do when it comes to working with insurance companies!

No. 10 HAVE YOUR ATTORNEY REFER YOU TO A DOCTOR

If you do not have a regular family physician, you should follow up with the doctor recommended to you by the emergency room. Ask family members or friends who they have seen and use those recommendations. It will not help your case and, in fact, will look bad if it comes out that you were sent to a certain doctor by your attorney.

WHAT NOT TO DO, SO FAR ...

1. Admit to any fault at the scene of the collision.
2. Downplay your injuries.
3. Give a statement to any insurance company.
4. Not take pictures of any cars involved.
5. Not seek medical treatment for injuries.
6. Miss a medical appointment.
7. Give the insurance company authorization to contact your doctor.
8. Not tell your attorney about previous personal injury cases.
9. Not follow physician's instructions.
10. Have your attorney refer you to a doctor.

GRAPEFRUIT ICEBOX COOKIES

This recipe started out as a dairy-free, egg-free recipe from the well-known vegan cookbook author Isa Chandra Moskowitz. But swap the margarine for butter, and it becomes a non-vegan version that's equally tasty. Either way, we hope they'll be a hit at picnics, cookie exchanges, and in your home cookie jar.

Ingredients

- ½ c butter or margarine
- ¼ c shortening
- ½ c sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ c fresh red grapefruit juice
- 1 Tbsp grapefruit zest
- 1 ¾ c all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt

Directions

1. Cream together butter or margarine with shortening.
2. Add the sugar and beat until lightened.
3. Mix in vanilla extract, grapefruit juice, and grapefruit zest.
4. Add flour, cornstarch, baking powder, and salt and beat into a smooth dough.
5. Form the dough into a rectangular log of 12-14 inches and wrap in parchment paper.
6. Even out the sides and ends and chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours or more.
7. Preheat the oven to 350 °F.
8. Remove the parchment paper from the dough and slice the dough into ½-inch cookies.
9. Bake the sliced cookies on two parchment paper-lined baking sheets for 15 minutes.
10. Set the sheets aside for 5 minutes to cool, then remove from the baking sheets onto a wire rack.

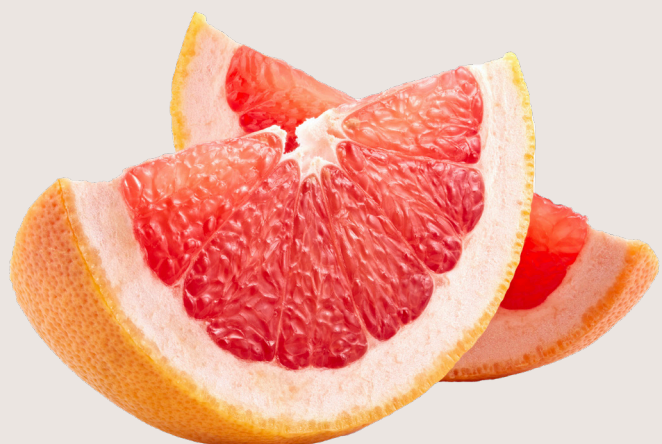


Want a shiny-looking, sweeter cookie? Add a simple glaze to the completely-cooled cookies:

- 2 c powdered sugar
- 3 to 4 Tbsp grapefruit juice
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

1. Whisk together the sugar, juice, and vanilla.
2. Pour or drip the glaze over the cookies and leave until the glaze is set.

Makes 1 ½-2 dozen cookies.



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