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Best Wishes for the Holiday Season from the Entire A&C Family



The A&C lawyer and lobby teams as well as our office staff, spouses and significant others wish all of you a happy holiday season and continued success and good health in the New Year.

Some of our staff have been with A&C for a long time—**Sandie Turner**, 36 years; **Angie Lynch**, 20 years; **Todd Pounds**, 22 years; **Denise Bowman**, 19 years; **Amy Clements**, 15 years; **Lyle Fowlkes**, 11 years; and many others. We now represent the children and grandchildren of our clients! Yes, we are “Your Lawyers for life.”

We are proud of our many clients and the positive results we achieve for them. We appreciate the many, many referrals we receive from existing and past clients. Thank you for your continued support of our team and its fine work.

During this holiday season please keep in mind the nonprofit community as well as those who are less fortunate than we are. We commend to you our nonprofit clients—many of whom you may have met—for tax

deductible donations. For specific contact information, call Trish in the Annapolis office (410-974-9000) or Monica in the Ft. Washington office (301-292-3300).

- Abilities Network
- Adoptions Together
- The Baltimore Opera
- Best Buddies
- Blind Industries and Services of MD
- Children’s Guild
- Center Stage
- Community Hospice of Maryland
- Drug Policy Alliance
- Girl Scouts
- Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington
- Preservation Maryland



NOTE: If you have moved or have a new telephone number, keep us updated! Call Monica with changes: (301) 292-3300. If your business, club, or group would like a speaker or legal seminar, call us.



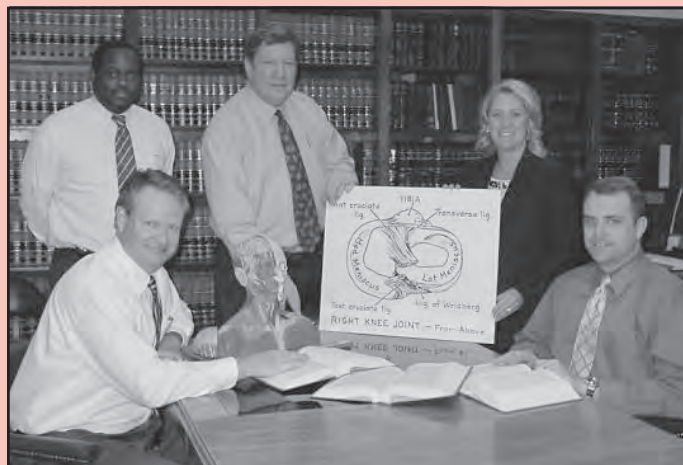
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Attorney Preparation Is the Key!



*Above, Attorneys **Denise Bowman, Todd Pounds, Tom Craddock** and **Jason DeLoach** prepare for trial in a personal injury case. We have represented clients for more than 40 years in injury, death, and claims involving auto, truck, motorcycle, bus and boat accidents. Our attorneys are available 24/7. Make a note of the A&C Hotline: **1-800-292-LAWS**. If you are in an accident, call A&C for immediate legal advice at home or in the hospital.*

*Below, Attorneys **Todd Pounds, Jason DeLoach, Jim Cleaver, Denise Bowman** and **Tom Craddock** gather around the Ft. Washington office law library table to review the detailed medical information required to present a claim. We work with our clients and their physicians to organize and manage the legal part of every claim. Our personal injury non-lawyer staff are skilled to work on a personal basis, smooth out paperwork, take care of details and make life easier in dealing with insurance companies.*



Prevent Your Teen from Becoming Another Tragic Statistic

The recent rash of fatal car accidents claiming the lives of teenagers in the Washington Metropolitan area has raised awareness of the dangers associated with teen driving. It is imperative that parents consistently counsel their teens on safe driving. Suggestions for your teen driver:

- No cell phone usage while operating the vehicle. In fact, the cell phone should be off, including text messaging or e-mail. No drinking and driving.
- Demand that your teen and all passengers in the car use seatbelts and limit distractions.

- Decrease speed during inclement weather and explain the dangers of black ice.
- Never get into a vehicle with another teen who has been drinking or taking drugs.

The attorneys at Alexander & Cleaver represent clients in Maryland, DC and Virginia. Increasingly, we are representing individuals who are injured in accidents caused by inexperienced teen drivers. Make this a happy and safe holiday season; talk with your teen about the importance of safe driving.

Keep in Touch!

Let us know if you move or change your address—don't forget to give us your email address. Please send changes to:

ac@alexander-cleaver.com.

***Please include A&C NEWS in the subject line.
Or call Monica at 301-292-3300.***



A&C Goes Green



A&C attorneys **Jason DeLoach** and **Jim McGee** screw in the first energy efficient light bulb in the Ft. Washington office. A&C started a process to convert to energy saving lights, to recycle and add other energy efficient steps in all A&C offices.

The attorneys, government relations consultants and support staff at Alexander & Cleaver have pledged to live green. For years, our firm has provided both legal and government services to a wide range of energy clients. We currently represent companies involved in solar, wind and other renewable energy projects. **Gary Alexander** is repeatedly named as one of Maryland's "Super Lawyers" in the field of energy law.

What does "living green" mean? According to the website www.livegreen.net, among other things it means acknowledgment that we must change our lifestyle to minimize our environmental "footprint."

What can you do? The website www.catalogchoice.org is a free service that lets you decline catalogs you no longer

wish to receive. Save a tree and reduce unsolicited mail.

You can help by purchasing recycled paper products and by planting your gardens with native grasses, shrubs and trees.

Aluminum is one of the most recyclable materials around. Recycle your soda cans or return them for a deposit if available in your area. Recycle your newspapers, junk mail, magazines and phone books.

Our Ft. Washington office enjoys a picturesque bio retention pond where song birds gather around feeders and snag insects from the water. Go to <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rfb/rain-gardens.shtml> for some ideas on rain gardens in your yard or business.



Don't Get "Scrooged" by Credit Card Fraud!

Before heading out on your holiday shopping spree, keep in mind that someone may be waiting to do their shopping at your expense. Knowing how to protect your credit card information, and what to do if it is stolen, will help to ensure that your holidays remain happy.

Credit card information can be compromised in a number of ways, including the theft of your wallet or purse. The key to limiting the effects of credit card fraud is to detect it as early as possible. Under Maryland law, you are entitled to one free credit report per year.

If you detect a fraudulent transaction on your account, you should immediately place a fraud alert on your credit reports, notify the credit card company and close the account that was compromised and file a police report with local law enforcement officials. As long as you make immediate notice to the credit card company, you will not be liable for more than \$50.00 for any fraudulent purchases.



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YOU ARE INVITED!

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US.

A special A&C holiday message to our friends and clients:

“Peace, health and prosperity for the New Year. Thank you for your support of our law firm as we enter our 41st year!”

Please mark your calendar to stop by our **Fort Washington office** and our **Annapolis office** to join us for refreshments 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. any day between Monday, December 17 and Friday, December 21 for our Annual Holiday Open House.

It’s a time for us to say “thanks” to our many clients and friends and to welcome the New Year together.

Did you know Alexander & Cleaver can assist you with...

- ★ Administrative Law (Boards and Commissions)
- ★ Alcoholic Beverage License Applications, Hearings, Transfers
- ★ Association Representation
- ★ Business Economic Development and Grants
- ★ Campaign Finance Compliance
- ★ Civil Litigation
- ★ Corporate/Business Legal Matters
- ★ Criminal Law – DWI – Traffic Case Defense
- ★ Defense EEOC, HRC Matters
- ★ Energy and Public Utility Law
- ★ Family Law
- ★ Government Ethics Compliance
- ★ Insurance Disputes
- ★ Land Use, Zoning and Development
- ★ Lobbying and Government Relations
- ★ Local Counsel Opinions/ Transactions
- ★ Marketing Representation
- ★ Medical Licensing Boards (BPQA) Representation
- ★ Municipal Representation
- ★ Minority Business/Small Business Reserve Certification
- ★ Nonprofit Representation
- ★ Personal Injury – Auto Accident – Wrongful Death
- ★ Procurement Matters
- ★ Professional Licensing Boards Representation