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HOW WE CAN HELP

At the Law Office of Matthew A. Lathrop, we don't focus on obtaining quick settlements. Instead, we concentrate on doing right by each client, even when that means taking a case all the way to trial. We bring experienced, skilled, and aggressive representation to personal injury and wrongful death claims throughout Nebraska and Iowa and are dedicated to helping you obtain justice. Learn more at www.LathropLawOmaha.com



Tackling Time Management

by Matthew Lathrop

Time management has always been the biggest challenge I have faced in my practice.

Not only am I trying to run my office *and* practice law, but I also serve on the executive board of the Nebraska trial lawyers organization. I teach four courses each year for the Keenan Trial Institute in Atlanta, and I try to contribute regularly to our trial lawyer's magazine. I'm trying to keep up on my CLE's for Nebraska and Iowa. I occasionally will present at a seminar.

I haven't even mentioned my personal calendar.

We've all heard the old rule for executives that "if it doesn't get scheduled, it doesn't get done."

Over the past 5 years, I have tried a lot of planners to organize my life. I have found that I like the Full Focus Planner the best. It organizes my days, my weeks, my quarters and even provides a long-range, rolling 12 month view.

I also like the weekly review component to the organizer. Every Sunday, I systematically review the past week and collect and schedule unfinished tasks. I review my quarterly and annual goals to make sure they are still on track. And finally, I set my daily and weekly goals for the coming seven days.

By nature, I want to "react" rather than plan. But with a good planner, and a small measure of effort, I have really increased my productivity, and I can not think of the last time I was under the gun to finish some task at the eleventh hour.

I'm wondering if you use a planner, and which one you like best. ●



Who Pays When You're Not At Fault For a Car Accident?

To hear Matt Lathrop's answer to this question, go to:
www.LathropLawOmaha.com/video



Chicken Pot Pie

A note from Sherri: This is my favorite recipe because it turns out the same every time and is a good comfort food.

An all-time favorite. The drop biscuit batter makes a speedy topping. Of course, turkey can also be used or, in a pinch, cooked deli chicken. Makes 6 servings

Make Ahead: Sauce can be prepared up to the end of Step 2 and refrigerated a day before assembling dish.

Filling Ingredients:

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| 3 tbsb butter | ½ tsp dried thyme leaves |
| 1 onion, chopped | ½ tsp salt |
| 1 cup chopped celery | ½ tsp black pepper |
| 1 cup diced carrots | 2½ cups diced cooked chicken |
| 1½ cups sliced mushrooms | 1 cup peas |
| ¼ cup all-purpose flour | 2 tbsb chopped fresh parsley |
| 2½ cups chicken stock | |

Topping Ingredients:

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| 1½ cups all-purpose flour | ⅓ cup cold butter, cut in cubes |
| 2 tsp baking powder | 2 tbsb grated Parmesan cheese |
| ½ tsp salt | |
| ¼ tsp dried thyme leaves | |
| ¾ cup milk | |

Directions:

- 1 In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery and carrots. Cook, stirring, for 4 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook for 4 minutes.
- 2 Add flour and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add stock, thyme, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil and cook for 4 minutes.
- 3 Stir in chicken, peas and parsley and spoon into a lightly greased 8-cup (2 L) casserole.
- 4 For topping, in a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and thyme. Cut in butter until it is in tiny bits. Add milk, mixing until dough is slightly sticky.
- 5 Drop batter by spoonfuls over chicken and sprinkle with Parmesan. Convection bake in a preheated 375°F oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until top is golden and topping is cooked in center. ●

SUPERSTAR SPOTLIGHT



Sherri and her husband Erich

SHERRI SAWYER

Documentation Specialist

Things that make Sherri happy.

I enjoy life with my hubby and two adorable dogs. We enjoy weekend excursions to popular B&B's, watching Sci-Fi Movies, and working on home improvement projects inside and out.

We have recently expanded our gaming horizons by learning the ins and outs of VR on Oculus Quest 2.



Our dogs, Emmett (above), and Gracie.



Mexican Train Dominos and board games are always a good competitive thing to do with family and friends.

This past year I have become fascinated with house plants and the different types of plants that one can acquire in low light.

Playing in dirt is always fun, I love to watch things grow weather it be a house plant or plants in my garden.

I guess that saying or song is true, "You can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl." ●



DOG BITES

Strictly Serious Injuries!

Here at the Law Office of Matthew Lathrop, we are all animal lovers. Matt has two adorable pooches, and Kelsey Weiler, our associate attorney, has a large, loveable chocolate lab.

Dogs can be the perfect, loyal companion. However, they can also be overly protective of their owners. Dogs can be aggressive, causing serious injury to those they see as a threat. Dog bites, for example, can cause permanent scarring, nerve damage, blood loss, eye injuries, and risk of infection or disease. Someone suffering from a dog bite can have expensive medical bills to pay, as well as pain, suffering, emotional distress, and permanent disfigurement.

So, if you suffer injury from the conduct of a dog, what are your rights? Nebraska imposes strict liability on owners for attacks by their dogs. Nebraska Revised Statute 54-601 provides that a dog owner will be liable for any injuries or damages his or her dog causes, regardless of whether the owner was negligent or not.

The statute does not only apply to dog bites – it includes any

injury or damage resulting from a dog's conduct. This includes scratches, knock downs, trampling, etc.

There are a few exceptions to Nebraska's dog bite law – the owner of a dog will not be liable if the dog causes injury

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to a trespasser. Owners are also protected if the injury is caused when the dog is behaving playfully or mischievously. Dog owners, by way of their insurance company, may try to argue that the injury resulted from playful or mischievous conduct – “my dog was just playing around!” This is where an experienced personal injury attorney can help anticipate and refute these claims by developing

a strategy to prove the dog's aggressiveness.

So, if a dog injures you, what should you do? First, seek medical care. Explain what happened and get the treatment you need. Document the attack – write down the name of the dog's owner and the address of where the attack occurred. Once you have received medical treatment, you should file a claim with the dog owner's insurance company. The dog owner's home insurance policy should cover the damages you have incurred, regardless of whether the injury occurred at the dog owner's home.

If you need assistance with your dog injury claim, contact the Law Office of Matthew Lathrop. We have vast experience with these types of claims and can help you receive the compensation you deserve for the injuries you have endured. ●



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Get to know our entire team and learn what we are doing in the community

A Personal Message From Matthew Lathrop

In this month's issue, I share the time management strategies that work for me. Also, get to know our rockstar documentation specialist, Sherri Sawyer, and check out her favorite recipe. And finally, learn what everyone needs to know in case of a dog bite or other injury. Let us know what you think. We love to hear from you!



Help for the Injured: *The New Normal*

If you or someone you know has experienced any type of injury, request this valuable guide to help you and your lawyer keep track of your recovery. To get a FREE copy of "The New Normal," call (402) 614-7744 or go to www.LathropLawOmaha.com/contact.cfm

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



We're proud to share these 5-star Google reviews for the Law Office of Matthew A. Lathrop:

Positive: Professional & Responsive

“Matt and his staff are incredible to work with. His team has always focused on one thing: making sure that I am taken care of and get the care I deserve. He and his team worked hard to keep me informed and checked-in along the way. He is an expert and makes sure that I am informed and knowledgeable about each step in the process to ensure not only that I get the result I want, but that I understand everything they are doing too. I have never worked with anyone with an unwavering commitment to honesty, transparency, and his clients as much as Matt and the entire team at his office. No matter who I have worked with at Matt's office, I have always been treated with the utmost respect and sense of urgency. He always listens carefully and answers my questions in a way that I understand. While I hope no one I know is in a position to need Matt, I cannot recommend Matt and his team enough to anyone who needs his services. They truly are the best!”

– *Christian Carrillo*

Caring, Compassionate, and Most of all Knowledgeable

“I highly recommend Matt Lathrop and his attorneys. I had the pleasure of working with Matt and Kelsey. They were caring, compassionate, and most of all knowledgeable. Kelsey patiently guided me throughout my entire case. It is a long process and can be quite stressful, she always made me feel at ease. She was always very responsive to any questions I had. I am extremely pleased in hiring them and will confidently recommend them to anyone looking for an attorney.”

– *Lisa Holstine*