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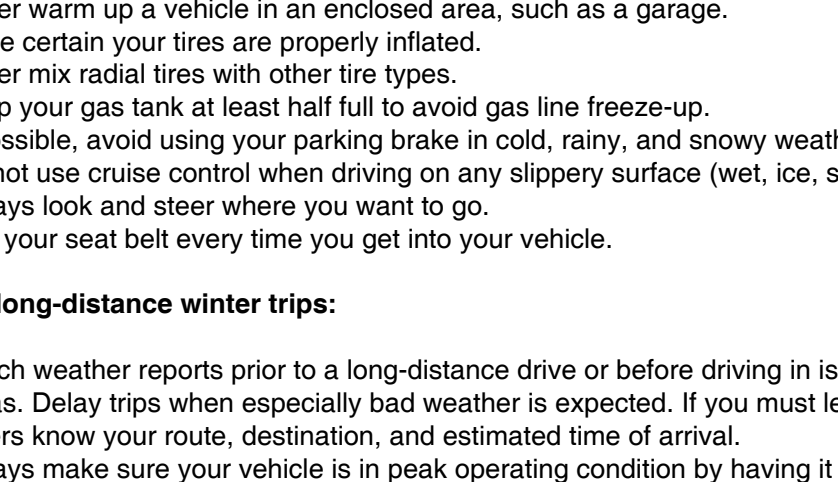
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At Fleschner, Stark, Tanoos & Newlin, we offer the convenience of a local lawyer with the experience, resources, and reputation of a large national law firm. For more than 40 years, we've helped people just like you get through some of the toughest times of their lives.

Whether our attorneys are helping people across the United States get their Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits, or we're protecting the rights of Indiana and Illinois motor vehicle accident victims here at home, we pride ourselves on being a trusted law firm our clients can depend on. From using every resource available to build strong cases, to encouraging open communication with our clients, we want to be more than just your law firm—we want to help you move forward with your life.

Winter Driving Tips



As a Disability and Personal Injury Law Firm, we want to make sure you are being safe this winter when you hit the road. After the recent winter storms in Georgia and Alabama, it's clear these conditions are possible, no matter where you live. This winter, make sure to take extra time and care when the road conditions are hazardous to avoid any serious accidents or injury. Here are some recommendations from AAA for winter driving tips.

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy, and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

Tips for long-distance winter trips:

- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination, and estimated time of arrival.
- Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a AAA Approved Auto Repair facility.
- Always keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle.
- Pack a cellular telephone with your local AAA's telephone number, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water, and any needed medication in your vehicle.
- If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
- Don't overexert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled-up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
- Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice, or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
- Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers, or paper maps.
- If possible, run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

Tips for driving in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you must stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill. Inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed, and proceed down-hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate. If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

Christmas Movies for The Whole Family to Enjoy

Nothing puts you in the Christmas spirit quite like Christmas movies. Since National Christmas Movie Marathon Day is Dec. 23, why not get started on a marathon of the following holiday films?

'The Polar Express'

On Christmas Eve, a little boy doubts if Santa Claus will ever arrive, but the sound of sleigh bells might prove him wrong. Or will they? The only people who can hear the sleigh bells are Santa believers, after all. "The Polar Express" is an award-winning movie about a fantastically designed train that brings children to the North Pole where they find wonder, friendship, and faith.

'How The Grinch Stole Christmas'

In the town of Whoville, the Christmas spirit is everywhere — well, almost everywhere. The Grinch despises Christmas because of his past experiences. With the help of his trusty sidekick, Max, he plans to steal Christmas from the residents in Whoville and ruin the holiday for everyone. But will his plans change when Cindy-Lou Who attempts to get him involved in the Christmas festivities, like the holiday Cheermeister? Or will this simply push his plans to the next level?

'Home Sweet Home Alone'

The story begins with a family selling their house because they can't afford the mortgage. When Max and his parents visit the open house, he steals a doll that is worth more than the house itself. The fun begins when the owners discover the doll is missing — and that Max took it. They track him down, where Max is home alone. The next edition of the "Home Alone" franchise is streaming now only on Disney+.

Just For Fun: 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'

If you're missing the spookiness of Halloween during Christmas, then Tim Burton's film is sure to fill that need. The story follows Jack Skellington as he travels from Halloweentown to Christmastown, where he has the idea to be "Sandy Claws" so he can give the children of Christmastown gifts (too bad they end up being unintentionally frightful!).

We've Got Your Last-Minute 2021 Resolutions!



Dec. 29 is Still Need to Do Day, and that reminds us — is there anything you still need to do in 2021? Even if you're exhausted after all the gift-giving, party-hosting, and holiday travel, you might want to squeeze in a few extra resolutions! Here are a few last-minute ideas to help you start 2022 on the right foot.

Organizing Tips from Professional Organizers

Now, there's a good reason people pay others to organize their living spaces — organization is hard. It takes time and resources to determine how to reorganize your living space. And when you stare at the same space day in and out, how do you get a "fresh" set of eyes to repurpose your space effectively? As it turns out, it might be as simple as taking pictures and asking yourself the right questions.

Learn How to Type Faster

Are you at the computer often? It might be a great time to practice your typing skills before the first quarter of 2022! Improving your typing speed can make you more efficient at your job and even while enjoying your leisure time on social media and more. This website is a great resource for improving your typing speed — from proper posture to typing exercises, you'll get it all for free.

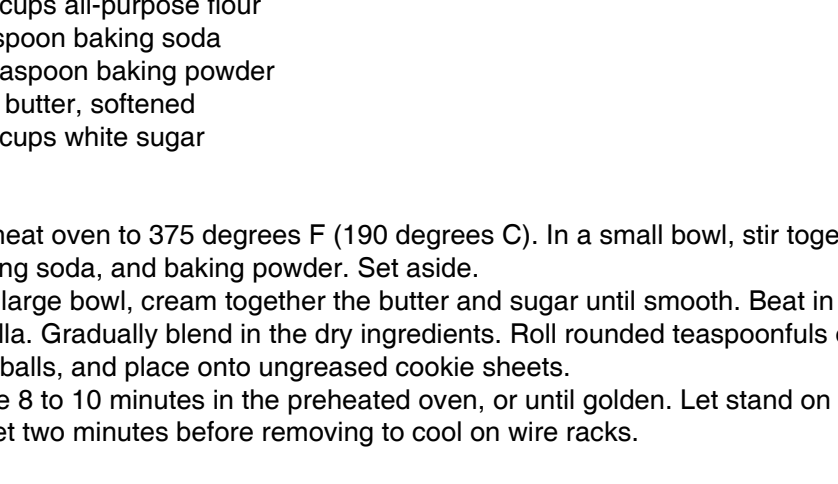
'17 Ways to Find Good Books to Read'

If you've been buying bestselling books and hoping you'll read them, it might not be the best strategy for your "one book a month" New Year's resolution. Instead, try these strategies! By using WhichBook or going through a Pulitzer Prize list of authors, you're sure to find some enrapturing reads to keep you turning the pages all week. Before you know it, you'll have before a new book before 2022.

Just For Fun: 'Water Fountain Hygiene'

What's the opposite of a resolution? Finding no resolution! Enjoy this descent into madness from "Parks and Recreation," where Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman) tries to prove his department's value by having Ann Perkins (Rashida Jones) find a solution to the city's gross water fountain problem.

Easy Sugar Cookie Recipe



Ingredients:

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 egg

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoons of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden. Let stand on cookie sheet two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.

Prep Time: 15 min

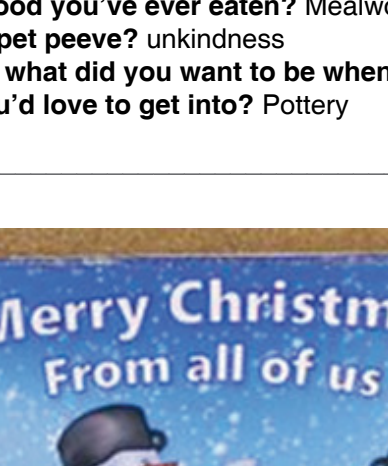
Cook Time: 10 min

Ready in: 25 min

Tip: Aluminum foil can be used to keep food moist, cook it evenly, and make clean-up easier.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our December Employee of the Month, Heather Stark!

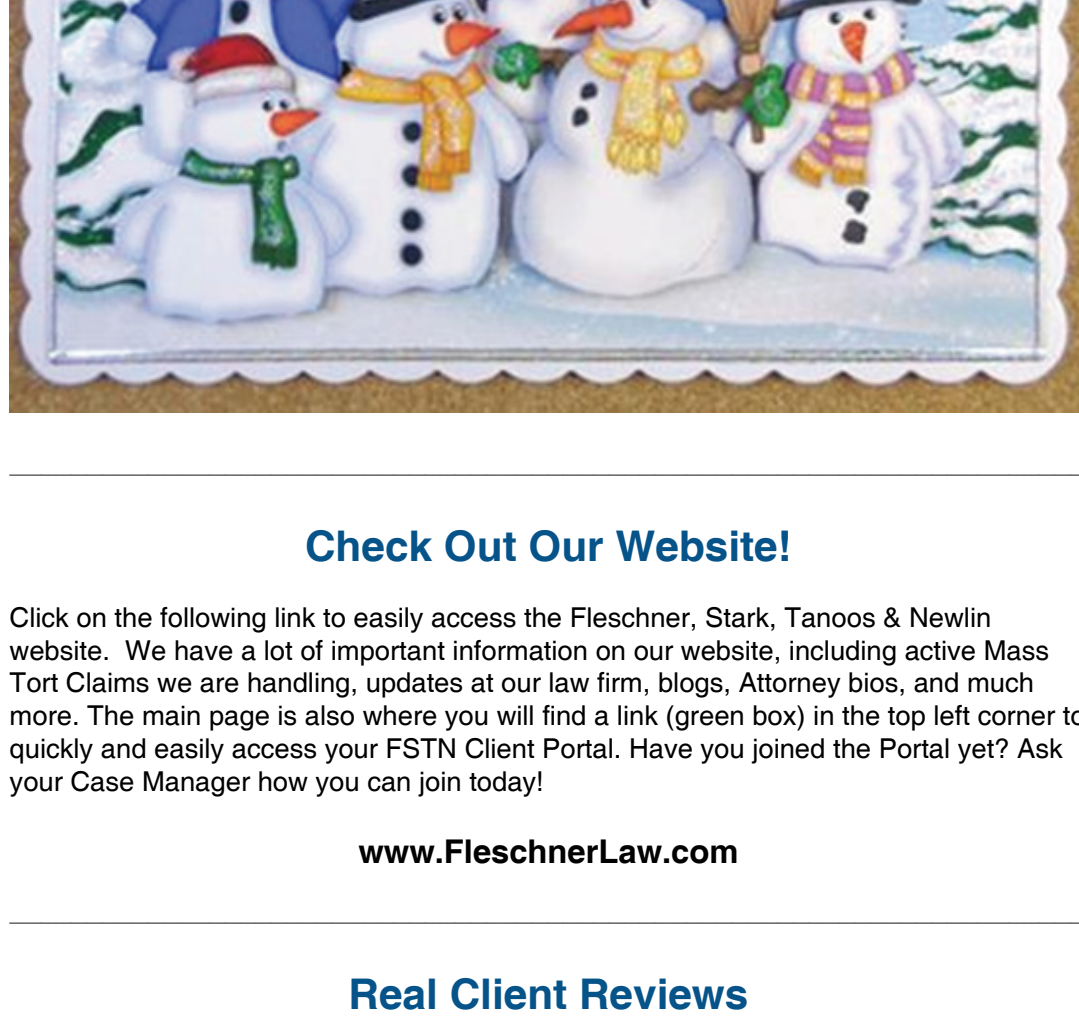


Heather has been with the law firm for six months and is a Pre-Hearing Case Manager. She communicates with clients, the Social Security Administration, and the Disability Determination Services, while performing tasks to help advance clients' SSD and SSI cases. Her favorite thing about her job is truly helping people who are struggling with very difficult circumstances.

People who nominated Heather said this, "Heather has grown tremendously over the time she has been at FSTN and has become one of the hardest working individuals in the department. She excels in every task given to her, is compassionate, goes above and beyond to help any client she speaks to, and always has a positive attitude."

Here are some fun questions Heather answered:

1. **Where would you like to go on a dream vacation?** A bookshop and literary tour through the US and Europe
2. **Best vacation you've been to?** Several in the UK
3. **What's the weirdest food you've ever eaten?** Mealworms
4. **What is your biggest pet peeve?** unkindness
5. **When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** A teacher
6. **What's one hobby you'd love to get into?** Pottery



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Real Client Reviews

Seasha H. on Google

"The Lawyer who handled my case, Mr. Charles Haynes, was ABSOLUTELY AMAZING! I felt very prepared, comfortable and he genuinely cared. Best of luck on future cases! Sir! My case managers were ABSOLUTELY AMAZING as well! If I had any questions or concerns, they got back to me in a timely manner and were very knowledgeable about my case! Thank you all for your AMAZING SERVICE."

Cindy P. on Google

"Everyone at Fleschner Stark and Newlin have been amazing and so much help on my case. I have had the opportunity to work with Brandi, Brittany, and Bailey Deacons. They are very good at explaining my case and working with me with questions and info needed for moving forward on my case. I don't know what or how I would be getting through this without them. I want to thank all of them for the work they continue to do for myself and others. Thank you, Maniah, for the call today with the amazing news on my case. You have no idea how grateful I am, for all of you. WELL DONE! Thank you!"

Callaway D. on Google

"I was given details and updates as things progressed. If I hadn't heard anything in a timely manner, I would just call and then I would receive information as soon as it was gathered and sorted. Brittany was a very knowledgeable paralegal who was very kind and a pleasure to work with. Thank you to this law firm, you got my case handled quicker than I thought it would be done. Thank you again!"

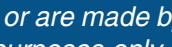
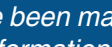
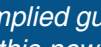
Case Types We Handle

Did You Know We Handle All of These Types of Cases?

- Bicycle crashes
- Car accidents
- Pedestrian injuries
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Brain injuries
- Wrongful death
- Social Security disability
- Family law
- Real Estate Law
- Wills & Estate Planning

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