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Be Safe Not Sorry.

What an exciting time of year, filled with great anticipation of enjoying summer break, taking vacations with our families and getting out in the great outdoors! While you plan for a summer of great experiences, it only takes one bad choice to take all that away, changing your life and the lives of others forever. Please don't text and drive.

Make the right choice before you leave the house, before you get behind the wheel, before you look at your phone for just a few seconds.

Everyone thinks "it will never happen to me", until it does; until it is your child, your parent, your sibling or your friend that is lost at the hands of someone texting. It is happening more often every day. Pledge now to make the choice to save a life, every day, every time you get behind the wheel.

We put this article on the front page of our newsletter because nothing else is more important than the safety of our clients.

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HAPPY SUMMER!

What a wonderful year it has been for the Politis & Matovina family! As we celebrate our 23rd anniversary of service to our community this year, our mission continues to be the same – to bring justice to the injured.

While our main office continues to be located in Port Orange, we also have three convenient, full time branch offices in Palm Coast, Ormond Beach and Orange City. In April, we relocated our Orange City office to a beautiful, newly renovated office building on North Volusia Avenue! See page 6 for more details of this exciting news!

Also, new to the firm in January of 2016, we were so pleased to welcome veteran civil trial attorney Nancye R. Jones to the practice. Her

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focus will be on Personal Injury Litigation and Criminal Defense, where her years of experience and results will be a valuable resource to our clients. Read more about Attorney Nancye Jones on Page 4.

Our practice continues to focus on personal injury of all kinds, with an emphasis on catastrophic damages caused by trucking, motorcycle and auto accidents. In addition to personal injury, we have departments dedicated to the practice of Workers' Compensation, Criminal Defense and Immigration law.



COMMUNITY SERVICE & EVENTS

▼ Politis & Matovina Law Firm Bowling Party



▼ Making Strides Against Breast Cancer



▼ Flagler County Restaurant Week VIP Kickoff Party



▼ Ormond Beach Corporate Challenge



▼ Politis & Matovina Law Firm Christmas Luncheon – Painting With A Twist



▼ Red Solo Kup 4k for Childrens Home Society of Florida



▼ Biketoberfest



▼ Port Orange Christmas Parade



▼ Sport Bike Night



▼ Boggy Creek Ride



▼ Mended Little Hearts of Volusia County 5k



▼ Childhood Cancer Foundation Gala



▼ FL ROC Mud Run



▼ Kiwanis Golf Tourney





MICHAEL J. POLITIS was born in Queens, NY, a 1st generation American born of Greek parents. His family moved to Ormond Beach, where Michael attended Ormond Middle and Seabreeze High School. Being from a traditional Greek family, Michael was brought up with a strong sense of moral values, work ethic and faith.

Michael Politis received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida, with an emphasis on Business Administration and Corporate Finance. He then went on to Nova University School of Law and received a Juris Doctorate of Law in 1988. He served as an Assistant State Attorney until he retired as Chief of Homicide with

a 100% conviction rate. In 1993 he went into private practice full time, on a lifelong mission to bring justice to those in need.

Michael has been happily married for 19 years and they have two daughters. He enjoys being with his family, riding and racing motorcycles of all kinds, traveling, playing tennis, and any sport on the water. His personal love of all motorcycles has fostered a natural desire to help all those injured in motorcycle accidents.



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MARK A. MATOVINA was born in Hammond, Indiana and is a graduate of the University of Central Florida. He received a Bachelors of Science in Marketing and then went on to Barry University School of Law where he received a Juris Doctorate of Law in 2001. He has a unique perspective and ability to find every detail on a case having worked as a Private Investigator during his time at law school. He joined with Attorney Politis in 2009 and became a named partner in 2011. He is a valuable asset to the firm and their clients as a highly skilled Civil Litigation attorney. Mr. Matovina is a member of the Florida Justice Association and his practice is dedicated to Personal Injury Law.

He is happily married for 15 years and enjoys boating, sport bikes and fitness.



Because we know, RESULTS MATTER.

DID YOU KNOW that at least 70% of our new clients are referred to us by past or present clients of our firm? It's true! Our clients send others to us because they know we give them the time and personal attention they truly deserve; because we do whatever we can to make things easier on them; and because we will work hard on every single case to achieve the best possible result.

Each and every client in our office has only one thing in common: their lives have been forever changed by the negligence of another. They are hurt, out of work, inconvenienced and worried. Let us help tip the scales of justice to your side. The attorney you choose is one of the most important decisions you can make in your case. Make it count !!

**Over \$30 MILLION DOLLARS
recovered for our clients
IN ONLY THE PAST FIVE YEARS!!**

Here are just a few examples(*):

- \$5 Million – Trucking Accident - Wrongful Death
- \$1.6 Million- Residential Accident – Loss of Eye
- \$995,000 – Motorcycle Accident – Wrongful Death
- \$775,000 – Motorcycle Accident – Pelvic Fracture
- \$1.2 Million – Motorcycle Accident – Wrongful Death
- \$700,000 – Motorcycle Accident – Wrongful Death
- \$650,000 – Auto Accident – Head Injury, Fractured Ribs
- \$500,000 – Motorcycle Accident – Fractured Femur
- \$450,000 – Auto Accident – Head Injury

*Results vary based on severity of damages and liability. Every case is different, and consultation with an attorney is necessary to obtain potential value of your case.

GET TO KNOW US!



DAVID A. SHEKHTER is a first generation Florida Native. His parents immigrated from the Soviet Union in 1979 and he was born two months later in Daytona Beach. With Russian being the primary language in his home growing up, David also speaks fluent Russian.

After earning an associates degree at Daytona State College, David attended Florida International University in Miami Florida and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Economics. He then went on to Stetson College of law and was a proud member of the very prestigious and award winning Trial Team.

In 2005, David began in private practice handling criminal and traffic defense, immigration law, and family law. In 2011 David Shekhter joined the law firm of Politis & Matovina and now focuses on Personal Injury, Criminal Defense and Immigration law. His vast experience handling traffic related matters is a major asset to the firm that focuses on accident cases.

David is happily married and they have one daughter. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, playing ice hockey and wakeboarding.



JOHN H. RUSSELL, JR. was born in Atlanta, Georgia and is a graduate of Spruce Creek High School. He then went on to Stetson University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He attended Barry University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctorate in 2010, with honors. John also has a wonderful background working as a Paralegal while going to college. This experience gives him valuable insight into the day to day management of his cases, along with an eye for meticulous detail.

John's practice areas include Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation and Civil Litigation. He is the currently the Vice President of the Volusia Civil Trial Attorneys Association and President Elect of the Flagler County Bar Association. He has two children and enjoys playing bass guitar, mountain biking and fitness.



NANCYE R. JONES is the newest addition to the firm. She was born in Springfield, Massachusetts but has spent most of her life in Florida. She graduated from Seabreeze High School in 1973, received her AA degree from DBCC and then continued on to the University of Florida majoring in Accounting and receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. Nancye then went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina in 1979. Nancye's vast experience comes from a long legal career with the City of Daytona Beach and Volusia County where she defended the County in all civil lawsuits at the state and federal level, including appeals to higher courts, and all workers compensation

claims. She will be based in our Orange City office full time.

Nancye is happily married to Retired Chief Deputy Robert Jones. She has two children, a new granddaughter and enjoys reading, fitness, travel to the Caribbean and spending time with family.



So You Think You Have FULL COVERAGE? Think Again.

So many times in our practice we talk with new clients about their auto insurance coverage and the clients respond with “I have full coverage”. What they don’t know is that the term “full coverage” is not what you think it is. Insurance agents are trying hard to get and keep your business by offering you the best price, but sometimes they fail to explain what you are really getting for your money, or in most cases, NOT getting. Here is what you need to know:*

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED BY LAW?	Typically Included in “Full Coverage”?
Property Damage (PD)	Pays for the damage to <u>someone else’s vehicle</u> or property if you cause an accident.	YES – a minimum of \$10,000 coverage is required by law.	YES
Collision/Comprehensive	Pays for the damage to YOUR VEHICLE if the other party does not have insurance or if you cause the accident.	NO, this insurance is not required by law, but may be required by a bank if you have a loan on the vehicle.	YES
Personal Injury Protection (PIP / No Fault Coverage)	Pays for YOUR medical bills and maybe wage loss when in a four wheeled vehicle, regardless of who is at fault for the accident.	YES, a minimum of \$10,000 coverage is required by law.	YES
Bodily Injury Coverage (BI)	Pays for the injuries to <u>someone else’s body</u> if you cause an accident.	NO, this insurance coverage is NOT required by FL law.	NO
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage <i>**This portion of your auto policy might also cover you if you’re on a motorcycle!</i>	Pays for YOUR OWN INJURIES if you are in an accident caused by someone else and they have NO Bodily Injury coverage, or not enough.	NO, this insurance coverage is NOT required by FL law.	NO

We often have clients who are victims of an accident, with severe injuries or even death of a loved one and they believe they have protected themselves with great insurance, “full coverage”. Imagine the frustration and resentment they feel when they find out not only did the person that caused their suffering have the minimum required by law, but the client themselves have no Uninsured Motorist Coverage to help pay for their bills, their wage loss, their future.

As the saying goes, “you cannot get blood from a stone”. If someone has no insurance, it is highly unlikely they have any assets that will help pay for your bills. Most people have only basic minimum coverage (if any) which will not pay for your damages!! You may end up with nothing, or what’s worse, owing medical bills and having no wages and no way to take care of your family. **PROTECT YOURSELF !! Get STACKING Uninsured Motorist Coverage today.**

*This article is for informational purpose only and is not to be considered legal advice as it does not address every type of coverage or individual circumstances.



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ORANGE CITY OFFICE – NEW LOCATION!



We are so pleased to announce the relocation of our full time, fully staffed Orange City office in April of this year. After having been blessed with wonderful community support for so many years, we have purchased a beautiful lot and renovated a landmark building near the historical and business district of Orange City. The building has been completed remodeled and updated, all while keeping some of the original charm.

West Volusia has been a long time home to our second of four offices. We started on Deltona Blvd. in 1996, and then moved to Enterprise Road for the past six years, now finally finding a permanent home on North Volusia Avenue. What a wonderful way to celebrate our 20th anniversary in West Volusia!

Come by and see us - anytime!!

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