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Cooper Hurley Moves to New Offices in Norfolk

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers completed its move to new, purpose-built offices in the heart of Norfolk this month, offering more space and greater convenience for our clients.

The move from 2014 Granby Street took place from April 5-7 when countless hours were spent by our dedicated staff packing and carrying boxes for the big move. You can see them in action in this video.

The new offices are about 5,000 square feet, almost double the size of our former offices in Ghent. The firm has grown so quickly the move is our third since 2011.

The new address is:

125 St Pauls Blvd, Ste 510

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The new offices face Norfolk's recently built circuit court complex. The TIDE runs close to the offices and we are near the I-64, I-464 and the I-264 Downtown Tunnel to Portsmouth. Clients benefit from free sheltered parking in a nearby garage.



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The move reflects the rapid growth of Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers in just over three years since we moved to renovated offices at 2014 Granby Street. We have added four new attorneys and additional members of staff in that time.

“It’s a bigger space. There are two elevators so as we can better take care of everybody who’s injured in car, truck and motorcycle accidents,” said partner Jim Hurley.

“We are really excited to get into our new space,” said John Cooper, the other founding partner. “We are literally the closest door to the courthouse. This is going to be a super place for our growing firm to be able to practice and be part of downtown Norfolk which is really growing these days.”

Cooper Hurley still has client meeting locations in all of the cities of Hampton Roads and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, if you are unable to visit us at our new Norfolk offices. The meeting locations are by appointment and the addresses are on our website CooperHurley.com.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is seeking a tenant for our former offices on the corner of Granby Street and 21st Street in Ghent.

The 2,800 square foot space is close to numerous restaurants on 21st Street, and the famous Doumar’s, the home of the waffle cone. It benefits from great signage and ample free parking.

If you are interested, please call Jim Hurley at (757) 455-0077 or Scott Godbout at (757) 525-4947.

Meet Will Dudley - Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers' Newest Attorney from Portsmouth

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyer’s newest attorney Will Dudley has lived in Hampton Roads all of his life and in Portsmouth for most of it. He was born at Portsmouth Naval Hospital when his father was serving in the U.S Army and lived in the city for decades.

Will grew up in an area close to Olde Towne called Madison Village. He attended high school at I.C. Norcom. Will became interested in working as a lawyer from a young age when his grandmother was babysitting for him.



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“She was a big fan of Perry Mason. I would watch the Perry Mason show with her every day after school. That’s what piqued my interest,” he recalls.

Perry Mason was a legal TV drama made in the 1950s and 1960s featuring Raymond Burr as a fictional Los Angeles criminal defense lawyer.

Will attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk and the University of Richmond School of Law.

Although he initially wanted to fight criminal cases, an accident involving his oldest child set him on a course to become a personal injury attorney.

“My oldest son was injured by a glass candle when he was about two-years-old,” he said. “It burned his hand really badly.”

Will hired a personal injury lawyer and was impressed with the attorney.

Will’s first job as an attorney was at a general practice law firm in Newport News. He then worked with the Newport News public defenders’ office for three years and later as a lawyer for an insurance company.

At the age of 48, Will has his hands full. He is married to Tracy and they live in Chesapeake. They have five-year-old twins Mila and Miles. Will also has a 17-year-old son called William.

He lists his hobbies as golf and says the twins keep him busy. “Kids take up a lot of spare time,” he said. “I spend a lot of time going to Chuck E Cheese’s.”

Founding partner Jim Hurley said he’s excited by the arrival of Will. “This will give us someone else who will help people when they are injured,” said Jim.

Enter Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers’ Great Summer BBQ Give Away

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is inviting its loyal friends, clients and former clients to enter our 2017 Great Summer BBQ Give Away.

To get your summer sizzling, we are raffling 15 Food Lion gift cards worth \$50 each. That’s \$20 more than last year.

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Entering is very easy. Please visit our website by clicking this link. Scroll down to find The Great Summer BBQ button on the left. You may need to scroll down further if you are on a mobile device.

You will need to enter your name, email, phone number and address so as we can mail you a gift card if you are a lucky winner.

Last year the Great Summer BBQ Give Away attracted almost 400 entrants. The drawing will be made on June 18, giving you plenty of time to buy your sausages, burgers, salmon, or veggie burgers for a July 4 cook out.

You should have plenty left over for BBQ sauce and other party favorites.

Good luck and make sure to keep up with all our give aways and promotions by liking us on Facebook.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Sponsors Girls on the Run

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers supports many great causes in Hampton Roads and further afield. Recently, we agreed to be a sponsor of Girls on The Run which is holding a 5K on May 21.

Cooper Hurley Marketing Director David Macaulay was at Green Run Elementary School in Virginia Beach to see the program in action and to present Girls on the Run with a check for \$500. Girls on the Run is not just about the big race. It works with girls to build teamwork as they practice for the big day.



[Click here to play the video](#)

Meg Forsberg, Director of Marketing & Communications Girls on the Run of Hampton Roads, was at the school. She explained Girls on the Run is an after-school program that focuses on girls from third through eighth grades. The program trains volunteers who run the programs in schools.

“This is the first time this school has participated. It’s one of 60 schools in the area that is part of our spring program, all working toward the one big goal of participating in the 5K that takes place on Sunday, May 21,” she said.

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Forsberg said the donations from companies like Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers allow girls who might not otherwise afford the program to take part.

Karen Stockburger, a Girls on the Run coach at Green Run Elementary, has been part of Girls on the Run at other schools previously.

“I wanted to bring the program to Green Run to build the confidence and the relationships of the girls at Green Run,” she said.

Girls on the Run is a national nonprofit. Find out more by visiting the Girls on the Run website.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers supported other good causes this spring including the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore in its legal food frenzy.

Please support our spring Facebook “likes’ campaign which supports Heal The Warriors, a Norfolk-based charity that helps veterans and service personnel with brain injuries. For every new ‘like’ of our Facebook page, we will donate \$1 to Heal the Warriors.

Five Tips to Avoid Distracted Driving

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. It aims to raise awareness to a menace on our roads. The rapid growth of smartphones and other technology has fueled the number of deaths and injuries from distracted drivers.

In 2015, distracted driving claimed 3,477 lives on the roads of the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).



It can be a real challenge to avoid driving distracted. Here are five safety tips.

1 Put Your Phone Away

Place your smartphone in a glove compartment or somewhere else where you can't reach it while you are driving and turn it off so as it's not a distraction. Alternatively, give it to a passenger.

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2 Build in Stops to Check Your Device

If you are on a long journey, build in stops when you can check your device and answer any texts or emails when you are safely parked. Building in stops can also counter fatigued driving.

3 Secure Animals and Children

Unsecured pets can be a major cause of distraction. Ideally there should be a barrier between a pet and the driver. If your children need attention, pull over and stop before helping them.

4 Pre Plan Your Route

Don't plug your route into your GPS or talk to your device when you are on the road. Make sure your GPS is set up before you leave and don't glance at it while driving.

5 Snack Smart

Aim to eat when you stop rather than on the go. Hot drinks can spill causing you to lose control while reaching for food and unwrapping it can mean you are not fully focused on the road.

Drive carefully. If you have been injured by a distracted driver, call our Virginia car crash injury lawyers at (757) 455-0077.

Trivia

The reason why the fourth month of the year is called April remains a mystery. One theory is that the month's name is rooted in the Latin *Aprilis*, a derivation of the Latin *aperire* meaning "to open."

It's certainly the case that April is a month of blossoming of trees in the northern hemisphere.

Another theory suggests *Aphrillis* is derived from the Greek "Aphrodite." The month may have been named after the Greek goddess of love that the Romans called Venus.continued on page 7



Blossoms at Norfolk Botanical Gardens

The Anglo-Saxons referred to April as Oster-monath or Eostre-monath around the 5th Century. It was a reference to the goddess Eostre, whose feast was celebrated during the month. The Venerable Bede, a monk and famous writer of the time, believed the name may have given rise to the word Easter that often falls in April.

Joke



Q: Why are frogs so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in April. At Cooper Hurley we like to celebrate the birthdays of all of our clients, former clients and friends. Email us your birthday to marketing@cooperhurley.com and we'll send you a card in the mail.



Thank You for Your Referrals

At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers we rely on our friends and former clients to send us new referrals. Many of you refer us new business and we are always grateful.

Unlike some of the big factory law firms, we value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even years after their case is over. We also value all of our friends and business associates in Virginia and further afield.



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