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## Cooper Hurley Supports Tyree Ministries to Tackle Child Poverty

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is happy to support W.D. Tyree Ministries in our summer Facebook 'likes' campaign.

For almost two decades the youth-focused ministry has worked with teens in a deprived part of southern Norfolk. It also works with victims of abuse and exploitation in counties as far away as Kenya and India.

The ministry was set up by William D Tyree, III, the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Berkley, Norfolk.

"This ministry focuses on teens and upper adolescents to challenge them over five areas of growth in their lives; to develop and nurture confidence, competence, compassion, community and character," he said.

Tyree said these five factors make teens into positive adults to "ensure a brighter future for tomorrow."

Tyree highlights projects such as a collaborative idea Tyree Ministries sponsored for students at St Helena Elementary School in Norfolk as part of Black History Month.



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The children decided to pick characters from black history who they admired to “give them some goals and aspirations of what they wanted to see for their life,” he said.

Tyree Ministries also works with many projects overseas in deprived parts of the world. The pastor said contributions go to rescuing girls from prostitution and orphans.

“There’s a sewing school which allows them to be able to learn a trade to become self-sufficient and to become positive, productive students,” he said. “We have done integration with boys who were found on the street and put them in orphanages.”

Please like our Facebook page so as we can support this great cause. Find out more about W. D. Tyree Ministries on its [wdtyreeministries.org](http://wdtyreeministries.org) website.

In the spring, Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers supported Heal The Warriors, a Norfolk-based non-profit in its work with people with brain damage. Attorney John Cooper presented a check for \$500 to Heal The Warriors in May.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers supports numerous great causes in the Hampton Roads community. <https://www.cooperhurley.com/blog/cooper-hurley-supports-norfolks-w-d-tyree-ministries-in-facebook-likes-campaign/> Read more about our Facebook ‘likes’ campaign here.

## Time’s Running Out to Enter Our Great Summer BBQ Give Away

If you haven’t yet entered Cooper Hurley’s Great Summer BBQ Give Away, you should get on our website now. There are just two days left to enter.

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

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.



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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. Entries close on June 18 and the drawing will be made on June 19, 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's Summer Interns Talk About the Firm

This summer, Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers welcomed two interns. Darden Copeland is a familiar face who has worked here for the last five years. Alexis Braswell was on her first internship. Here, they talk about their experiences.

### **Darden Copeland**

*Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has welcomed me with open arms for the fifth consecutive summer to work as an intern at the firm. My first two-week stint took place right after my high school graduation from Norfolk Academy. As a now recent graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, I have been able to absorb a wealth of knowledge over the years working as an intern.*



*I am thankful for all of the meetings, phone calls, depositions, mediations and other legal going-ons that I have been fortunate enough to observe. From abstracting depositions to composing blogs for the marketing department, I really feel as though I have played an integral role at the firm. Learning from real attorneys by working alongside them in their workplace has proven to be beneficial as I prepare to matriculate to law school in the fall.*

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*Thank you to all of the lawyers and staff who have made me feel welcome each year. Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has taught me valuable knowledge that will serve me well as I pursue my legal career.*

### **Alexis Braswell**

*I am a rising sophomore at Virginia Tech majoring in both Political Science with a concentration in legal studies and Spanish. Once I graduate with my bachelors, I would like to go to law school. Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has given me my first taste of what it is truly like to be in a law firm environment and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I have always loved to help people in need and I feel like at Cooper Hurley I am truly making a difference in many people's lives.*

*In just two weeks, I have observed multiple phone calls and meetings. I have attended lunches with many different lawyers, who I have learned a lot from. I have also learned to do many different things around the office such as abstract depositions, writing blogs, sending trial notices, sending letters to physicians and much more. The tasks I have been given are not just "busy work" but work with actual substance and meaning that I can truly learn from.*

*From just my short amount of time spent at Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers, I would without a doubt recommend all of my friends and family to give them a call if they received any injuries. The lawyers and staff are respectful, kind and considerate to each other and to their clients. I am so glad that this was my first internship and I hope to come back in the future.*

## **Outlining Virginia's Three Foot Passing Law for Bicyclists**

Over the summer months, more and more cyclists appear on the busy highways of Hampton Roads. Although cities like Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake have built more cycle paths in recent years, drivers still regularly come into contact with bicyclists.

Giving space to those on two wheels is not just common courtesy. It's the law here in Virginia.

In 2014, Virginia enacted a three foot passing law. It states that a motorist "shall pass at a reasonable speed at least three feet to the left of the overtaken bicycle." ....contd. on page 5



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A previous law in the Commonwealth required drivers to pass people on bikes by only two feet. Virginia joined 23 other states and the District of Columbia in enacting a three foot passing law. Pennsylvania sets the minimum to pass a cyclist as four feet.

Cyclists should follow certain rules. Cyclists must ride with the flow of traffic on the right side of the road and not into oncoming traffic.

Cities like Virginia Beach have a helmet law. Riders who are 14-years-old or younger must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle.

Cyclists must not ride more than two abreast and are not allowed on certain highways like interstates.

If you see a cyclist on the roadway, make sure to provide plenty of space and watch out for cyclists when opening a car door. If you have been injured on a bike by the actions of a driver, you may have grounds to file a lawsuit against the at-fault driver's insurance policy. Call us for a free consultation at (757) 455-0077.

## Trivia

June is the sixth month of the year. The month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, who was the wife of Jupiter and the goddess of marriage. June is certainly a popular month to get married.

The birth flowers of June are rose and honeysuckle. If you are born in June, you will fall under the birth signs of Gemini (until June 21) and Cancer from June 22.

June includes National Iced Tea Month as well as the National Candy Month in the US.



Summer at Bennett's Creek Park in Suffolk

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The Summer Solstice falls on June 23. It's the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and the shortest in the southern hemisphere.

## Joke



Q - Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A - Because they peel.

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in June. 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](mailto: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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