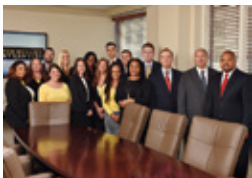




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## Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Supports Edmarc Children's Hospice in 'Likes' Campaign

Edmarc Hospice for Children in Portsmouth has performed a vital role in Hampton Roads for more than four decades by helping children with serious illnesses and their families cope with bereavement.



[Click here to play the video](#)

The mission of Edmarc Hospice for Children has been to ease the trauma of a child's illness on a family and to reduce the disabling effects of pediatric illness or bereavement on families in the Hampton Roads area.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is happy to be supporting the Edmarc Hospice for Children in our winter Facebook 'likes' campaign.

Deborah Stitzer-Brame is the executive director of the non-profit.

"Edmarc remembers that the child carries that illness and that tremendous burden, but so do the parents and the brothers and sisters and everyone involved in the care of that child," she said.

Edmarc provides nursing care, supportive care, and bereavement care. It has just 16 members on its staff. Edmarc relies heavily on the support of volunteers.

It takes nursing care into a child's home and does everything it can to support the child in a residential setting.

Edmarc works closely with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and helps in the transition out of the hospital.

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“We work really hard with those institutions to get the children out of the hospital as quickly as possible, from the point of diagnosis, so that we can take them home and do everything we can to take care of them,” Stitzer-Brame said.

Edmarc has to raise \$1 million a year to support the fragile children who Stitzer-Brame says need their help more than ever before.

You can support Edmarc Hospice for Children by liking [Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers' Facebook page](#). We will donate \$1 for every new like.

Recently Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers presented a check for \$500 to the SPCA of Virginia Beach at the end of our fall Facebook 'likes' campaign.

Contact Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers today at (757) 455-0077.

## John Baker Joins Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is delighted to welcome new attorney John Baker to the team.

John has local roots. He was born and raised in Norfolk and graduated from Norfolk Collegiate School in 2002.

After high school, John attended Hampden-Sydney College, and in 2006 graduated *cum laude* with a major in History and minors in German and Public Service. John represented his class in the Student Senate each year at Hampden-Sydney, and he served as Chairman of the Student Senate during his senior year. John also received the James Madison Public Service Certificate and was a member of the Society of 1791, Hampden-Sydney's leadership organization.



John Baker

During the summer of 2005, John studied abroad in Germany and was an intern in Washington D.C. for Congresswoman Thelma Drake.

After college, John attended the University of Mississippi School of Law. He graduated *Cum Laude* in 2010.

John was a member of Phi Delta Phi at Ole Miss. where he met his wife Kate who is also an attorney and works as a lobbyist for the Virginia Retail Federation. ....continued on page 3

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During breaks in law school, John worked as a law clerk for the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney, the Norfolk City Attorney, and a local private firm. After passing the bar exam in 2010, John worked for a local insurance defense firm for seven years. He appeared in courts all over the Commonwealth of Virginia and represented a number of insurance companies during this time.

When he is not working, John enjoys spending time with Kate and their son Carter, running, playing squash, and boating.

## Ten Things You'll Love to Do in Hampton Roads in February



Virginia Beach



The USS Wisconsin at the Nauticus Museum on Norfolk's waterfront



Old Port Comfort Lighthouse at Fort Monroe

February is the month of Valentine's Day, but you don't need red roses or chocolate to feel the love in Hampton Roads. Here are 10 things to love in our area in February.

### 1. The Norfolk Waterfront

Norfolk is surrounded by water and makes the most of its nautical heritage. Today the scene on the waterfront is dramatically different from five years ago. The dilapidated Waterside district of yesteryear has been torn down and replaced by the new Waterside district. Alternatively, you can look over the Elizabeth River from the trendy Grain bar of the new Norfolk Hilton THE MAIN.

If you want to get closer to the water, take a trip on the American Rover or the Spirit of Norfolk.

### 2. The Chrysler Museum of Art

The Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk houses one of the greatest museum gifts in American history, from Walter Chrysler, Jr., who snapped up the works of the top avant-garde artists of Paris. As well as seeing this timeless collection, you can take part in numerous workshop and events in the recently added glass studio.

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### 3. Chill on the beaches

February may not be the warmest of months to have a picnic, but it's a great month to beat the crowds and walk on the beach. With 35 miles of waterfront, Virginia Beach has been one of America's classic seaside destinations for decades. Hampton Roads also has some less visited beaches such as Ocean View in Norfolk, Buckroe Beach in Hampton, Grandview in Hampton and Huntington Beach in Newport News.

### 4. Visit Chesapeake's wilderness at Northwest River Park

Chesapeake has a reputation for being suburban, but Northwest River Park near the North Carolina border is a slice of wilderness. The 763-acre [park on the Northwest River](#) has trails off the beaten track, as well as year-round boating, an 18-hole disc golf course, a miniature golf course and a campsite with cabins.

### 5. Check out Colonial Williamsburg

Colonial Williamsburg is the closest thing you'll get to 18th century America in Hampton Roads and there's a lot to love. Take a romantic carriage ride or stroll around the grounds of the restored Capitol where the oldest representative assembly, in what was the world's newest nation, sat. Take the time to visit the site of the first successful European colony in the New World at Jamestown.

### 6. See Virginia Beach Aquarium

Virginia Beach Aquarium has more than 800,000 gallons of water and a great collection of sharks, giant turtles, otters and much more. The [Aquarium](#) also boasts hands-on exhibits, a nature path, and marshlands. Let your kids go wild at the Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium, with an aerial forest park featuring climbing and zip lining.

### 7. Walk Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth

Olde Towne Portsmouth is a historic seaport on the Elizabeth River with grand period homes and picturesque squares. If you have kids, the Children's Museum is a must. You can also visit the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, Legend Brewery, or the Commodore Theater.

### 8. Visit Fort Monroe

Fort Monroe in Hampton played an important role in the American Civil War. It was named "Freedom's Fortress" after the "Contraband Decision," by [Union Major General Benjamin F. Butler](#) that enabled thousands of slaves from states in rebellion to seek refuge behind Union lines. You can visit the fort and see the cell where Confederate President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned as well as take in beaches at Fort Monroe.

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## 9. Dine and drink in Hampton Roads

Hampton Roads has a lively dining scene. In recent years, it has seen a proliferation of breweries, the arrival of wineries like Mermaid and Williamsburg Winery, and famous restaurants ranging from Doumar's, the home of the waffle cone, to upscale establishments like Todd Jurich's Bistro in Norfolk and Stove in Portsmouth.

## 10. Get lost in the Great Dismal Swamp

The Great Dismal Swamp in Suffolk and Chesapeake is the last remnant of a vast tract of wilderness that once covered more than a million acres of Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Walk to the spherical Lake Drummond and get familiar with the local snakes.

# Did You Contract Ovarian Cancer from Baby Powder?

Last year, a jury awarded a woman who developed ovarian cancer \$417 million against Johnson & Johnson. The jury decided the drug giant was liable for the woman's ovarian cancer.

Thousands of women across the country are claiming J&J Baby Powder led to their cancer and the product contained no warning of the dangers.

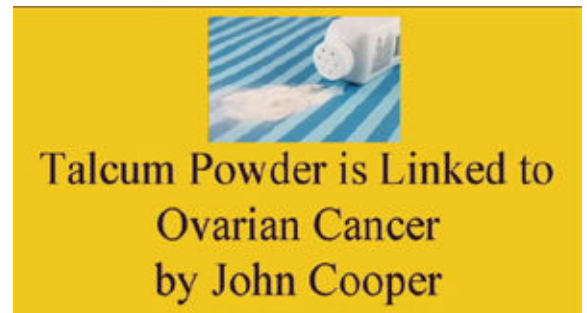
The woman, in her 60s from Los Angeles, used Johnson & Johnson's Baby Powder since she was 11 for feminine hygiene. She was awarded her \$417 million in compensation.

Hundreds of further cases are pending over baby powder in California and thousands are pending elsewhere in federal court.

In 2016, a jury in Missouri awarded \$72 million to a woman with ovarian cancer.

The women in these cases say they were not warned of the risks of using talcum powder. The woman from Los Angeles told the court she would not have used the product if it contained a warning label.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers represents women who contracted this terrible cancer and others harmed by dangerous drugs and medical devices. Please see our resources on [talcum powder danger](#) or call (757) 455-0077.



**[Click here to play the video](#)**

# Cooper Hurley Client Hurt on a Defective Ladder Received \$925,000 Settlement



John Cooper and Mike Snellings

When we buy an essential piece of equipment like a ladder, we have a right to expect it to bear our weight and to keep us safe. Sadly, this was not the case with a Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers' client who suffered serious injuries after a ladder gave way in Norfolk.

Our client is a disabled former Navy military policeman. He purchased a ladder online for work in his Norfolk home. He had no way of knowing this ladder was made from chipboard. The ladder collapsed and dumped him onto a cement floor, causing severe injuries.

Our client's injuries included multiple vertebral fractures, multiple rib fractures, nerve damage to a lower extremity, and a broken hip.

Attorneys John Cooper and Mike Snellings of Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers were hired to represent the former Navy policeman. They notified the manufacturer and the installer, and a site inspection was held.

It confirmed that the ladder was made and designed defectively. The ladder system could not have maintained the amount of weight that it claimed to be rated for and likely violated the industry standards for testing and performance.

Although our client suffered some pre-existing back and leg conditions, the diagnostic testing from before and after the fall pointed to a severe worsening of the numbness and dysfunction in his leg. A surgical procedure was required for damage to the sciatic nerve.

We presented the case to the lawyers representing the ladder manufacturer before filing suit. There was limited insurance coverage of \$1 million.

A settlement of \$925,000 was reached. The slight reduction from the full amount of the available insurance reflected the discount needed to get the case resolved immediately and was probably less than the costs of litigation. The maker and seller of the ladder had gone out of business by the time of the claim.

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## Cooper Hurley Client Hurt on a....

We were happy to have been able to make a difference to the future of a Norfolk veteran who served his country and was badly injured due to no fault of his own. His presentation as an honest family man with a wife and daughter helped the insurance company to make the right decision.

This case was a good example of how complex litigation can be resolved effectively when both sides work cooperatively to analyze a case and did not require filing suit or even mediation.

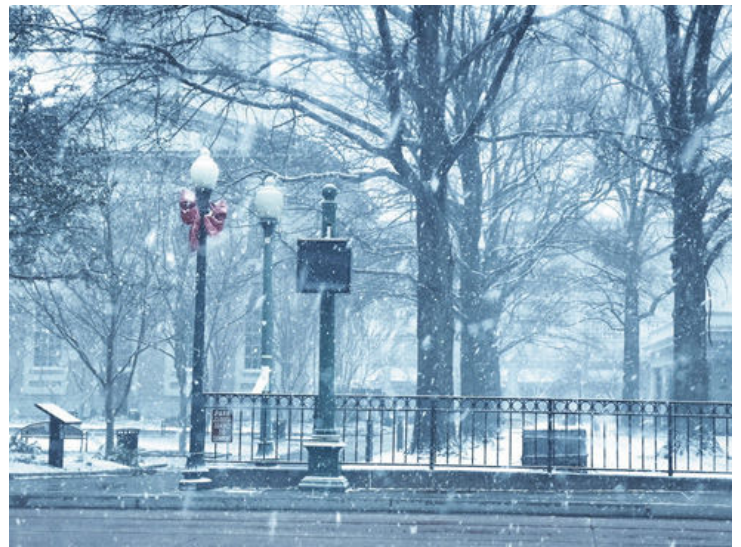
If you or a loved one has been hurt by defective equipment, automobile parts, or other products please call our Norfolk lawyers at (757) 455-0077.

### Trivia

The month of February gets its name from the ancient Roman purification festival of *Februarius* which takes place on February 15.

The Anglo-Saxons referred to the month as "solmonath," meaning the month of mud or wet sand.

February is the shortest month of the year. The Romans are blamed for removing days. January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman 12-month calendar. Originally, winter was devoid of months. February ended up representing the last days of winter and was composed of how many days were left behind before a new year started.



Snow outside the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk

Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 is the most well-known event in February. Its origins are also obscure.

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine.

One legend says Valentine was a priest in ancient Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine subsequently defied the Emperor and performed marriages in secret for young lovers. When his actions were uncovered, he was put to death.

## Joke



Q - Why is Valentine's Day the best day for a celebration?

A - Because you can really party hearty!

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in February. 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

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