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Cooper Hurley Increases the Prize in Our Great Thanksgiving Turkey Give Away

Thanksgiving is one of the most popular American holidays of the year. At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers we want to thank you by again giving you a chance to win a free turkey.

Last year almost 400 people entered our Thanksgiving raffle and we are

doing the same again. Cooper Hurley will be giving away fifteen \$50 gift cards from Food Lion for Thanksgiving. That's \$20 more than last year. Each gift card will buy you a turkey and all the trimmings you need for a wonderful holiday! You could even buy another for a friend or a family member.

Entering the competition is very easy. All you need to do to enter is click on www.cooperhurley.com and look for the "Turkey Raffle" button on the left. Please enter your information including your email and where to mail the winning gift card if you are one of the lucky 15 and you are all set. You have until November 13 to enter. The drawing will take place on November 14 and the gift cards will be mailed to the winners in time to go out and buy your turkey. Please feel free to pass this along to your friends.



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Last year, the raffle saved the Thanksgiving holiday for some of our winners. Victoria Nicholls from Chesapeake gave away her turkey to a local seminary before Thanksgiving. The raffle meant she could buy one.

“I would not have been able to have a party without it,” she said.

Cooper Hurley is thankful for all its clients, past clients and friends in the community and wishes you the best for a great holiday with your family and friends! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Cooper Hurley Supports Sugar Plum Bakery in our Fall Facebook Likes Campaign

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has chosen another great non-profit to work with in our fall Facebook “Likes” campaign.

We are supporting Sugar Plum Bakery Inc., a Virginia Beach based non-profit. Sugar Plum employs disabled people to make, package and sell its mouthwatering cakes and pastries.

For every new like for our Facebook page which you can access here, we will donate \$1 to Sugar Plum Bakery up to 500 new likes.

You can find out more about Sugar Plum Bakery by watching this video.



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Sugar Plum Bakery on Laskin Road has been promoting the integration of people with developmental disabilities into the work force by providing jobs and training since 1987.

“We strive to increase community awareness of the worth of people with disabilities,” said Executive Director Patricia Rakes Clark.

“It is important to utilize the different skills of this often undervalued population into our lives. We have created a successful unique business model where people with developmental and intellectual disabilities successfully work in the integrated environment that is Sugar Plum Bakery,” she said.

Rakes Clark describes the people with disabilities as “the backbone of our business.”

They could be stamping bags, scooping cookies, making cupcakes, washing dishes or putting boxes together.

This summer, Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers supported ForKids in our first Facebook ‘likes’ campaign. In September, attorney Jim Hurley presented a check of \$500 to staff at the Norfolk-based non-profit that supports homeless children.

We intend to keep on supporting non-profits which are doing great things in the Hampton Roads community.



Jim Hurley presents a check to the staff at ForKids in Norfolk

Cooper Hurley Results Are Reported in Virginia Lawyers Weekly

ALL ACCIDENT CASES ARE UNIQUE. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL RECEIVE THE SAME RESULTS AS WE GOT FOR A PAST INJURED CLIENT, WE CAN GUARANTEE THAT OUR INJURY LAWYERS WILL WORK TIRELESSLY ON YOUR CASE TO OBTAIN THE JURY VERDICT OR SETTLEMENT THAT YOU DESERVE.



The attorneys at Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers recently resolved some large cases on the behalf of seriously injured clients.

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Three cases were reported in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

\$895,000 Settlement for a Tow Truck Driver Hurt by a Drunk Driver

Our client, a young man from Portsmouth was seriously injured by a drunk driver when he was working as a tow truck driver on the I-664 Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel (MMMBT) in Newport News.

As he tried to secure a tow for a driver who had broken down on the bridge, his truck was hit by a car. The driver was tested by the hospital and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

The tow truck driver suffered serious injuries including a concussion, a fracture of the clavicle, a broken ankle bone and injuries to his knee.

He was wheelchair-bound for months and was unable to do his job and play with his kids. He has struggled to come to terms with the traumatic brain injury he suffered.

Attorneys John Cooper and Jim Hurley filed a lawsuit against the drunk driver and responsible insurance companies in Newport News Circuit Court. A settlement of \$895,000 was achieved at mediation.

This case again highlights how drunk driving destroys lives. If you see a tow truck by the side of the road, you should know its driver is protected under Virginia's "Move over Law." Move over a lane or slow down. You can be fined for violating this law.

\$425,000 for a Driver Who Injured his Shoulder in a Chesapeake Crash

A rotator cuff injury can derail your life. That's what happened to a Cooper Hurley client who suffered a serious shoulder injury in a wreck in Chesapeake.

Our client collided with another car. Police reports found a 19-year-old driver caused the collision by making a left turn on a solid green light in front of our client. The young man failed to yield.

The injured person was driving his employer's pick-up truck. He suffered multiple tears in his shoulder. His painful injuries required two surgeries and an extensive course of physical therapy. Even after successful surgery, an arm may never have the strength or the range of motion as before the injury.

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Cooper Hurley attorneys John Cooper and Griff O'Hanlon filed a lawsuit in Chesapeake Circuit Court. An extensive claim for future medical expenses was made, which was disputed by the attorneys for the at-fault driver's insurance company. Our client was awarded a settlement of \$425,000.

\$350,000 Settlement for a Man Who was Rear-Ended by a Dump Truck

Commercial trucks cause some of the most serious wrecks we see on the roads. Our client was hit from behind by a dump truck when he was driving in Virginia Beach.

He complained of head and neck pain immediately after the accident. A mild traumatic brain injury he received in the wreck caused him ongoing headaches. He also had problems focusing and photosensitivity. He was able to return to his job, but the injured neck bothered him on a chronic basis.

Attorneys John Cooper and Jim Hurley filed a lawsuit in Norfolk Circuit Court. The case was against the trucker and his company. A settlement of \$350,000 was reached with the insurance company for the dump truck driver on the brink of trial.

Help Us Rent Cooper Hurley's Ghent Offices

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is moving out of its offices at 2014 Granby Street in Norfolk next year to a bigger office to accommodate our growing firm. We are seeking a tenant for our 2,800 square foot office on the corner of Granby Street and 21st Street in Ghent.

The office was custom designed specifically for our law firm three years ago. It contains a large conference room, seven offices, a kitchen, two bathrooms and a spacious reception area.

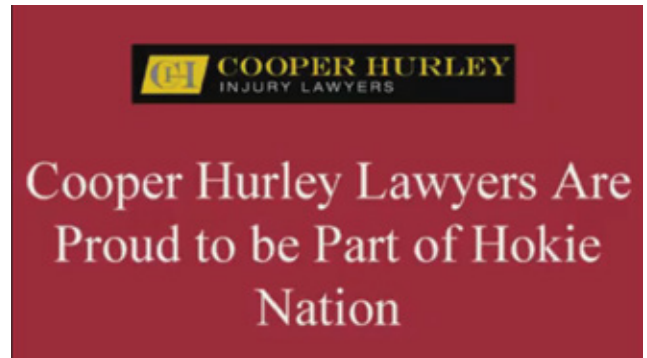


The office is above the Wells Fargo bank and within close walking distance of Ghent restaurants and stores on 21st Street with good transportation links. The new tenant will have great visible signage. The building also has ample free parking. For more details call John Cooper at (757) 455-0077 or our agent Scott Godbout at (757) 525-4947.

Why Cooper Hurley Attorneys Are Cheering on Virginia Tech

Attorneys John Cooper and Jim Hurley may not have attended Virginia Tech but they have become honorary Hokies after both of their daughters started studying in Blacksburg.

John's daughter Leah and Jim's daughter Blair became part of Hokie Nation this fall, meaning Jim and John have plenty of long trips out west to look forward to.



[Click here to play the video](#)

"We are proud parents of Tech undergraduates," said John.

"One of the things that's great about Virginia Tech is they really take their community service seriously as we do at Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers," said John.

"I know that Leah is hoping to do some good work there, not only academics, but also to get out in the community, help people and be a benefit to Blacksburg and the State of Virginia. I'm sure Blair will do the same thing."

John recently joined the parents committee at Virginia Tech. He is also active on a similar committee at the University of Virginia where his son Matthew is studying.

"At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers we truly do believe that you need to serve others and that's why we support so many great community events," Jim said.

Attorney Griff O'Hanlon attended Virginia Tech. He's already got recently-born son Baker wearing Tech colors and gurgling on the Hokies.

Cooper Hurley Sponsors Golf Competition for Kids With Serious Illnesses

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers proudly sponsored the 2016 Toby's Dream Foundation Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Bayville Country Club in Virginia Beach.

Toby's Dream Foundation is a locally-based charity with a mission of turning a dream into reality for children with life-threatening illnesses.



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These children's lives are dominated by long hours in the hospital, painful needles and exhausting treatment. Through the generosity and dedication of Toby's Dream Foundation and its members, several children, affectionately known as "Dreamers", have been given the chance to live their dream. Some of the dreams fulfilled include trips to Disney World, meetings with superstar athletes and Hollywood experiences in Southern California, to name just a few.

Our attorney Griffin O'Hanlon was honored to meet many "Dreamers" at the tournament and hear their excitement and joy when talking about their dream experience. They fully embody the motto of Toby's Dream Foundation, "tomorrow starts with a dream!"

Lawyer Jokes

Lawyers have been the subject of jokes for centuries. Today you don't have to trawl the Internet far to find them. Here's our latest instalment of lawyer funnies.



Trivia

October is the 10th month in the Gregorian calendar. However, it received its name from the Latin numeral *octo* meaning "eight", because in the original Roman calendar it was the eighth month.

October's most famous event is Halloween. It's a time for kids to go out trick or treating and for the rest of us to be scared witless at a haunted house. The origin of Halloween can be traced to the "ancient pagan festival of Samhain which was celebrated by Celtic people more than 2,000 years ago.



The practice of trick or treating may derive from the medieval custom of "souling." In the British Isles, poor people would knock on doors on Hallowmas (November 1), asking for food in exchange for prayers for the dead.

Joke of the month



Pete: What do mummies like listening to on Halloween?

Bob: I don't know.

Pete: Wrap music!

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in October. 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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