



HODGES TRIAL LAWYERS, P.C.

A quarterly newsletter for friends and clients of our firm.

Hodges Settles “Revenge Attack” Lawsuit for \$625,000



We are proud to announce the resolution of the federal lawsuit filed on behalf of our client Robert Bryant. He had a confrontation with an off-duty Madison County Sheriff’s deputy. Deputy Watson grabbed our client because he thought Robert was flirting with his girlfriend. Watson got punched and embarrassed. Watson announced that he was a sheriff’s deputy and that he would get his revenge.

Watson plotted for a few weeks while gathering a posse of deputies. The posse gathered at a rendezvous point before swarming Robert on a dark county road.

One deputy pulled Robert over for an “improper lane

change.” Our client cooperated with the deputy and got out. The deputy punched him, beat him with a billy club, and got reinforcements. The posse kicked his teeth out, kicked him, choked him, handcuffed him, and used a taser on him after he lost consciousness.

Our firm was able to get the meritless criminal charges thrown out and filed suit. The case settled shortly after for \$625,000. The Sheriff’s department still refuses to accept responsibility for the actions of these deputies. Actions speak louder than words.

We believe that we achieved justice for our client. We hope that this settlement will force change.



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Kourtney's Korner

“CAN I MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT?”

A parent may request a modification of child support at any time after an initial child support order has been entered by the Court. Whether you are requesting an upward modification in the amount received or a downward modification in the amount paid, the parent petitioning the Court has the burden of proving a material change in circumstances. The Court will typically recognize a

change in circumstances when the previous amount paid and the new calculation varies by at least 10% due to factors such as an increase or decrease in income. A 10% change does not, however, indicate an automatic change in child support obligations. Contact Hodges Trial Lawyers if you have had a change in circumstances which affects child support.

Toys For Tots Drive

Please check our Facebook page (Hodges Trial Lawyers) for information regarding our annual Toys For Tots drive, including information on how you can be a part of this special event.

Be Safe This Halloween

Halloween is a great holiday for kids and parents alike. Here are a few things to remember to keep your kids safe this Halloween:

- Always trick or treat in groups. For younger kids, a responsible adult should be there.
- Bring a flashlight or wear reflective tape. Some costumes are really hard for drivers to see at night and with kids darting from house to house it is important to make your group conspicuous to any cars.

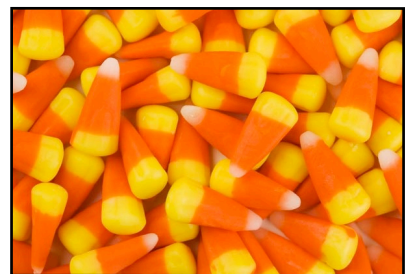
- Test makeup on a small area first. Halloween is often a child's first exposure to makeup. The day before, test a little makeup on a small area of your child's face first to make sure that it won't irritate.

- Check the candy! Avoid homemade treats and candy that appears to have been altered. Stick with candy that is in store packaging and that is not a choking hazard.

- Watch out for open flames. You'll often see candles while trick or treating. This can be a

recipe for disaster when dealing with costumes that may not be flame resistant. So stay a safe distance away from them.

We hope you have a great Halloween. We look forward to handing out candy to Superman, Elsa, Anna, Olaf, the Ninja Turtles, and everyone else this fall!



WE APPRECIATE YOUR REFERRALS

There is no higher honor than being recommended by a former client. Please feel free to refer us to your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors for their legal needs. We would welcome the opportunity to help people that you know.

Xarelto: The Next Bad Drug?

We are reviewing claims on behalf of patients who took the blood thinner **Xarelto** (rivaroxaban) and suffered serious bleeding events, including hemorrhages and strokes. While bleeding is a common complication associated with anticoagulants, it has been alleged that **Xarelto is more dangerous than traditional blood thinners because no antidote exists to reverse its blood-thinning effects.** This means that, in the event of an emergency, patients may be at risk for irreversible bleeding problems, including life-threatening internal and gastrointestinal bleeds.

Pharmaceutical companies, including the makers of Xarelto, have a duty to ensure that their drugs are reasonably safe for use - and failure to do so may be

grounds for a lawsuit. If you or a loved one suffered a serious bleeding event after taking **Xarelto**, you may have legal recourse. For more information, contact us today to have your case reviewed, free of charge.



Quick Shrimp Pasta

16 oz. box bowtie pasta
 16 oz jar medium salsa
 4 oz reduced fat feta cheese
 1/2 bag frozen broccoli
 1 T. sugar
 1 lb fresh shrimp, deveined, tails off

Cook pasta according to directions on box. During last 5 minutes of cooking, add broccoli. Since frozen broccoli may slow the boil, check pasta for doneness and add a few minutes of cooking time, if needed.

Meanwhile, heat salsa and sugar in a nonstick skillet over medium heat until warmed throughout. Add feta and heat until the cheese is melted into the sauce. Add shrimp and cook until pink throughout, approximately 4 minutes.

Drain pasta and broccoli; spoon onto four dinner plates. Pour shrimp sauce over cooked pasta. Serve with garlic bread and salad.

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Update: Love for Ansley

We have had an outpouring of support and concern for Ansley, the little girl that is so bravely fighting a very rare and very serious medical condition. People called and wanted to donate, wanted to help with fundraisers, and wanted to know more about her. Ansley is really doing well especially considering her circumstances. We continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

We also want people to know that a local business, Yard Garden Hammocks, saw our newsletter and wanted to help with its own fundraiser. If you have been looking for hammocks, outdoor furniture, and yard decor please go to www.YardGardenHammocks.com and use the promotional code HELPANSLEY when you check out. Yard Garden Hammocks

is donating 30% of the proceeds directly to the family to help offset the financial costs they are facing. See [Facebook.com/HodgesTrialLawyers](https://www.facebook.com/HodgesTrialLawyers) for more information.



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