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Holiday Season — A Time for Family and Friends

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Growing up, I always looked forward to all the great food that seemed to appear this time of year. Stuffed turkey, baked pies, buttery muffins, boxes of sweets....As I have gotten older, though, I've come to realize that it's not just about the food (though I still love it!). Holidays are about sitting next to somebody you truly care about and sharing this special time of the year with those that are meaningful in your life.

Neal Goldstein



Aunt Eileen's Yummy Thanksgiving Bread Stuffing

Here's a tasty family recipe for stuffing that's easy to prepare and a delicious addition to your Thanksgiving feast.

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. bread (1 lb. white bread and 1 lb. whole wheat bread) toasted, soaked and squeezed dry
- 4 onions - chopped and sautéed
- 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
- 1 cup celery cut fine
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup corn flakes
- Optional (but really good if you can get them):
- 1 cup chopped chestnuts

Directions

Mix all ingredients together. Place in a greased pan or cupcake pan. Bake in a 350° oven for approximately 45 minutes.



Delicious!

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Meet Leslie

For most of you that call or come to our offices, the first person you see or talk to is our office manager, Leslie Sastre. Leslie has been a vital part of Goldstein and Bashner for the past 3 years, handling all the day-to-day details and helping our offices run so efficiently. Did you know Leslie is fluent in Spanish? She is also a movie buff, so next time you call our offices, ask her about your favorite movie. When she is not working, Leslie loves spending time with her adorable 5-year-old daughter, Liana.



Leslie Sastre

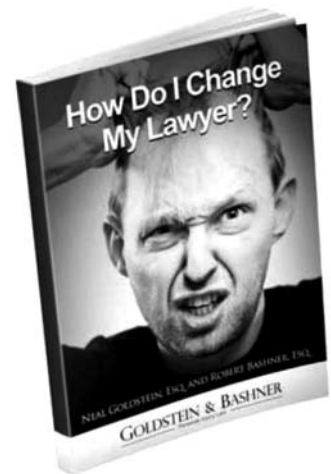
Fun Fact

In New York, it is against the law to throw a ball at someone's head for fun (but if someone should try this on you, please give us a call).

Have You Read? *How Do I Change My Lawyer?*

The newest free report from Goldstein and Bashner provides everything you need to know if you are looking to change your lawyer, including answers to common concerns such as:

- Is it easy?
- Does it require extra expenses?
- What exactly do I need to do?
- How do I tell my old lawyer I am firing him?
(You don't need to! We explain why)



Visit www.switchmylawyer.com for more information.

And the Winner of the iPad2 in our Facebook contest is...Susan Cuevas



Congrats, Susan!

Thanks to all who entered our Facebook contest for an iPad2. After receiving more than 700 entries, we announced the winner as Susan Cuevas of Yaphank, NY. When she learned she was the winner, Susan replied, "I wanted this iPad for my grandson, Daniel, who has autism and is nonverbal. The iPad2 can help him communicate with us!"

Winner Susan Cuevas with Robert Bashner



We Want to Hear from You

10 readers will win a free car accident kit (\$25 value)

What's on your mind? Have any questions about personal injury law you want answered? Is there an article you want to see in our next newsletter? Send your questions or ideas to info@eglaw.com along with your address. 10 lucky respondents, chosen at random, will win. We look forward to hearing from you!

YOU COULD BE A
WINNER!

On Our Minds: Bullying

The recent suicide of Jamey Rodemeyer shows just how hurtful and destructive bullying can be to its victims. It's important to know there are steps you can take to help your child and protect his or her legal rights.

1. **Talk to your child.** Let them know you are supportive and trustworthy.
2. **Put the school on notice.** Send a certified letter to the principal, the superintendent, the school board, and possibly the parents of the children doing the bullying.
3. **Keep accurate, detailed records** of each incident that occurs.
4. **Document any bruising or other injuries** with photographs and descriptions. Keep medical records.
5. **If your child is being cyberbullied, print out and save everything** that contains offensive comments, posts, pictures, or videos.
6. **Notify the police.** Some police departments have specialists who deal with computer and Internet investigations.
7. **Talk to the parents of the bullies as well as the teachers, the principal, the superintendent,** the guidance counselor and anyone else you believe can help. Take notes at these meetings.
8. **Is there a designated staff person trained for dealing with bullying?** The Dignity for All Students Act, which will go into effect July 1, 2012, requires schools to have at least one staff member trained to deal with bullying. Many schools are already beginning to comply by having staff members undergo training.

If you have any questions about bullying in the schools or cyberbullying, Goldstein and Bashner is offering free advice and consultations to help arm you with the information you need to stop the bullying and take legal action if warranted. **You can also download our free report, *Bullying—Fighting Back: A Legal Guide for Parents of Bullied Children*, from our website.**

Know Your Rights



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Question: I was injured in a restaurant, can I sue for my injuries?

Answer: There are several ways that you, as a customer or patron, can hold a business establishment responsible for your injuries. Sometimes a business creates a dangerous condition themselves—such as a waiter spilling a hot drink on you or dropping dishes on the floor that cause you to slip and hurt yourself. Other times a condition exists, such as a broken chair or loose floor tile, that was left unfixed for months. Usually witnesses can help provide support for these claims. However, if it just started raining and the floor is slippery because some people have come in with wet shoes, the place might not be held responsible. They were not

given enough warning to fix the problem. To sue a business, you need to prove they knew or should have known about the problem and they were negligent in taking care of it in a timely manner. For information about a specific incident, contact us for a free consultation. Each case must take into account the special factors and circumstances of that incident.

For more information, visit our website and download our free report, *Falling in All the Wrong Places: Slip, Trip and Fall Lawyers in New York and Long Island*.

Photo: Neal Goldstein, left; Robert Bashner, right

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