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## Relationships Matter At Work, At Home, & In Life; Firm Outings Help Bond GB Team

Relationships are notoriously sensitive and most of us review these dynamic connections throughout our lives. I remember my mother always asking questions about my school, work, family, or simply by asking what I might have done over the weekend. She did this with everybody she met. She showed genuine concern for others and was always ready to listen to what other people had to say. My grandmother was the same way and was well-liked by her friends and family because she “gave” so much of herself. Often when I was younger, I had to advocate for my mom with total strangers. I guess I followed her (and my grandmother’s) lead by asking about their interests and their lives. It was natural for me and I made the connections easier. Even now I always tell my children, colleagues, and employees that building true relationships comes from compassion, trustworthiness and credibility. An ideal relationship has a fairly equal balance of give and take. Sure, the balance often shifts to one person or the other, depending on the needs but what happens when the relationship, whether family, friend or business regularly becomes one sided? You know what I mean...it’s not 50/50, it’s not even 60/40 or 70/30...it’s more like 80/20 or 90/10. I’ve had relationships when 90 percent of the time it was about them and I generally let those relationships fade as it doesn’t work and quickly becomes negative and draining.

At our firm, we know how important it is to build strong relationships between the attorneys and staff so that we can best serve our clients. That is why we take the time to spend time with one another outside of the office to learn about each other’s lives when we are not at work. We learn to give and take, always keeping the end goal of an excellent client experience in mind. Whether it is lunch out together or simply asking about what is going on after 5 o’clock, we show compassion and care for each other. Because relationships matter.



# Legacy Lessons: The Love & Guidance Of Family Lives On After They Are Gone

It's been three years since the passing of my brother Cary. During the months and first couple of years after his passing I often found myself sad, angry and reliving the painful last visits I spent with him. In the last year I've managed to channel my loss with gratitude and the belief that he is still with me. First, the gratitude. Simply put, I am immensely grateful for the fifty plus years that I had with him. Having that relationship changed my life for the better. While we were always close, I noticed after our mom passed whenever we saw each other he would always give me a hug and kiss hello and goodbye. One of our last times together he shared his deepest emotions with me. You can't imagine how grateful I am for those moments. And yes, I do believe that he walks with me and is with our mom and grandmother. I know that belief doesn't work for everybody, but I also believe that a part of him is left within his loved ones. So, I do see him flourish in his children and I believe he is within me as well. That doesn't require any



specific religious beliefs but an acknowledgement that people close to us pass on a part of their goodness, that remains while we are here. Again, I am grateful for that. How do you remember your loved ones? Do you feel their presence?



Cary

## Recipe of the Month Fall Favorite: Cheesy Potatoes

As the weather turns brisk, this comfort dish is sure to please a crowd and pairs perfectly with meatloaf.

### Ingredients

- 2 bags frozen shredded potatoes (32oz each)
- 2 bags finely shredded cheese (8oz each)
- ¾ cup sour cream
- 2 (10.75oz) cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon each of salt and pepper

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Thaw potatoes in microwave.
3. In separate bowl, mix together potatoes and cheese.
4. In another bowl, melt butter. Add in soup, sour cream, and salt and pepper.

5. Add potato and cheese mixture to cream mixture. Pour into large baking pan.
6. Cover with foil, bake for one hour, or until potatoes are cooked all the way through and the top is golden brown.



## New York Passes Law To Ban Revenge Porn

Sadly, we handle cases on a regular basis where clients are exposed to immense amounts of physical and emotional damage after a sexual assault. But what happens when someone was emotionally assaulted when an ex posts explicit photos or videos after a break-up as an act of revenge? Even though a physical assault may not have occurred, the abusers use technology to harass, intimidate, and humiliate intimate partners and the resulting psychological damage can be just as bad as physical damage.

New York's state legislature passed a bill earlier this year that makes revenge porn a class A misdemeanor. Retaliating against a partner by posting pornographic or sexually explicit content online without their consent is now punishable by up to a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine in addition to any other charges filed by the victim, making New York the 46th state to ban revenge porn.

This law provides victims of revenge porn with a cause of action to file criminal charges, which also affords them an opportunity to sue the perpetrator for damages and even demand the website which hosts the material to remove the illegally shared pornography. Victims of this crime can also obtain an order of protection against the perpetrator or file a workplace harassment claim if the offender works with them.

Under the new law, New York treats any explicit images or video of a person that is shared without their consent as harassment. In order to bring forth a valid lawsuit, a victim must prove that the person who shared or published the non-consensual pornography did it with the purpose of harassing them, alarming them, or damaging their reputation. While many revenge porn cases involve a desire to humiliate or harass the victim, there are instances where non-consensual videos and images are shared for the perpetrator's enjoyment. Revenge porn victims are predominantly women, and while this law is a strong first step, many of them claim that there is still much to be done to prevent illicit images and videos from being posted without consent.

Under New York's new revenge porn bill, many victims of non-consensual pornography now have legal recourse against their abusers. If you or someone you love has been affected by non-consensual sharing of images, videos, or other material by another person we can sit down with you for a completely confidential explanation of your legal rights.

## Remember When: Iconic Burger Joints Like Hamburger Choo Choo

Remember when hamburgers were delivered to you on a plate by a mini train at those popular burger joints from the 50's, 60's and 70's? Sometimes it's not only sights, but the sounds and smells of a particular place or food that bring back happy times from your childhood. Long Island and Queens had no shortage of specialty burger shops. There was a Hamburger Train on Queens Boulevard in Rego Park and a Hamburger Express in Garden City that we recall. Hewlett had a Hamburger Local, Bayside and the Bronx had a Hamburger Express. One that stood out amongst the crowd was the Hamburger Choo Choo on Main Street in Huntington. Such a fun place. The food was good, the staff friendly and we can still hear the train coming around the bend delivering our burgers. Sadly, it closed on March 20, 1982 due to a grease fire. The building had a turn-of-the-century wood frame that didn't do well against the flames. The treasured Hamburger Choo Choo had served its last burger. Do you have a venue that brings back childhood memories? Wouldn't it be nice to see them again?



The Hamburger Train in Rego Park.  
Photo credit: PlaceNoMore.com



Hamburger Choo Choo in Huntington.  
Photo credit: Friends of Hamburger Choo Choo Facebook page





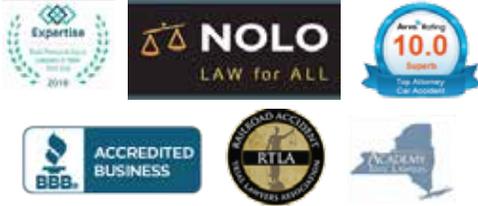
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## RAVING FAN OF THE MONTH

“My experience with Mr. Goldstein was exceptional. He went above and beyond for me and my family. He was there when we needed him helping every step of the way. Was not afraid to fight for what was right against a big company. Mr. Goldstein is a very knowledgeable and compassionate lawyer. Would not use anyone else.” - Craig



## Case of Interest – Fall From A Broken Dental Chair Leaves Woman Needing Surgery

Our client was a patient of a dental clinic in Brooklyn. On the date of the accident she was about to be seated in the dental chair when the arm collapsed, and she fell out of the chair. We were able to show through the deposition of former employees that complaints were made, to the owners of the dental clinic, to fix the chair in question. The client sustained lower back injuries that resulted in back surgery. We were able to get a significant sum of money for the client. Of importance is that the moneys were paid directly from the owner of the clinic as there was no insurance.

