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We appreciate referrals from our friends, clients, and colleagues – they are the lifeblood of our business. We limit our practice to helping people in accident cases, personal injury and employment matters, and you can be assured that we will treat your referrals exactly as we would want to be treated if we had a problem: with respect, empathy, sound guidance and strong advocacy. While we cannot help everyone, we do our best to dole out sound advice to those who take the step to contact a lawyer.

## Why we do what we do

Our clients come to us during some of the most difficult times of their lives, and we love nothing more than to know that we've helped them move forward.

“Accessible, experienced, compassionate & professional. Those are just a few words that come to mind when thinking about this team. If you want results contact D'Orazio Peterson LLP.”

– Former client

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*“Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.”*

–Marcus Aurelius



## OUR TAKE

By Scott

You've got a lawyer in the family.

I originally became a lawyer because I enjoyed helping people. To this day, the most satisfying part of the job is helping a client solve a problem.

Sometimes we personally solve the problem. When a client or their family member has suffered a severe injury, for example, we can help them solve the problem of paying for medical bills, keeping their family afloat, and getting appropriate compensation to allow them to move forward in the best way possible.

In our world we handle almost all of our cases on “contingency” – meaning that for most of our clients, picking up the phone or sending us an email to ask a question doesn't cost anything.

While our personal practice is limited to helping people after severe injuries or illegal conduct at work, we have over the years developed a very large network of highly skilled attorneys. The best part – they are also fair and genuinely good people.

This is helpful, because we want our clients, family and friends to think of us as though we were the attorney in their own family, and to come to us first if they have a problem – any problem. Maybe we can help, whether with legal advice or just some perspective; but if we can't help, it is very likely that we know someone who can.

So, the next time that you find yourself with a problem, reach out to us. We will always be happy to speak with you, and if we can't help we can certainly point you in the right direction. We enjoy being there to solve problems, so we're glad to help.

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## CPR AND GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS

Just before school began we took our kids to Manchester, VT for the day. We did some exploring, some back to school shopping and had lunch. It was a good day.

As we were driving home on those beautiful Vermont country roads, we came around a bend and saw an elderly man fall to the ground. I pulled the car over and called 911, and almost immediately another car pulled up behind us and started administering CPR. Eventually EMS arrived, and we left. I'm not sure what ultimately happened to him, but he was being taken away by ambulance as we were leaving. Needless to say the kids were shaken up.

After this incident Giovanna and I decided that we should take a CPR and first aid class. So, this week, we sat through six hours of training and became "certified" in CPR, AED and first aid.

Does this mean that we'll be joining our

local EMS and saving lives? Of course not.

One of the most important points that I took from the class (other than the fact that if there's a defibrillator, use it), was the importance of knowing your limitations and making decisions based upon those limitations. In other words, not performing services for which you are not trained and qualified. (This applies in the legal profession too).

Example: I am now able to perform basic CPR and use a defibrillator. This does not mean that I am qualified to administer medication, insert a tube, or perform an on-scene tracheotomy (Quote of the day from the teacher – "Don't try to be a hero; you're not MacGyver and this is not television.").

New York is among the states that have what's known as a "Good Samaritan" law. These laws were established to encourage people to provide help to those in need, without concern about legal liability. So, if you endeavor to help someone who needs

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assistance, you can do so free of concern, mostly.

Generally speaking, if you are not a medical provider and you provide aid, as long as you act with reasonable care and in good faith, you are likely protected. The protections will not apply to "gross negligence" or intentionally bad conduct.

Meaning: if you decide to help, you should stay within the scope of what you know and are trained for. In all

likelihood, it would not be "reasonable" or in "good faith" for a layperson to attempt surgery on an injured person – even if they needed it – simply because they saw the same thing on Grey's Anatomy. They are simply not qualified.

My own personal hope is that I'll never be in a situation where I'd need to administer CPR. But if I do, I'm comfortable enough to know what I know, and more importantly know what I don't know...

## "HEALTHY" CHICKEN SALAD

This is a quick weeknight favorite of mine.

### Ingredients:

- 1 rotisserie chicken (preferably all natural)
- 1 cup of Greek yogurt (I like Fage)
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- ½ red onion, chopped
- ½ apple, chopped
- Curry powder to taste.

### Directions:

- Remove chicken from bone and finely chop.
- In mixing bowl, combine the chicken, yogurt, vegetables and curry powder. Mix.
- Serve over salad, or as I like it open on toasted slices of Ezekiel 4:9 sprouted grain bread, with avocado slices.
- Enjoy.

