

# The INSIDE STORY

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## Social Networking The Damage Can't Be Undone!



You've heard it from us before, but we feel that our message about social networking deserves repeating from time to time.

There are risks involved with posting on social network sites like Facebook, Twitter, etc. Insurance companies, their lawyers, and investigators use social networking websites to obtain personal information to use against

plaintiffs and to complicate injury cases. Postings can be easily misinterpreted. Sometimes information is used simply to embarrass plaintiffs and undermine their credibility.

Even though social networking can be addictive, the best practice during the life of your bodily injury claim is to limit posts as much as possible. If you feel the need to post, really think about how it may be read by the claim adjuster. Use extreme caution when posting anything, including photographs, showing any physical activity on your part. Additionally, do not accept friend or follow requests unless you know that connection personally. You just never know when an adjuster will attempt to befriend you on the web and ask you for more detail about what you did yesterday!

## Thank you for the referrals...

A referral from a former client or friend is the greatest compliment our firm can receive. We are grateful for every referral – below is a list of the people who recently referred a friend or family member to our firm. We would like to publicly thank each and every one of them.

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## Distracted Driving

### A second can save a life

It's so tempting – that little device in the seat next to you is buzzing with messages just waiting to be read. You decide – are the risks of taking your eyes off the road for even a few seconds worth breaking the law or causing an accident?

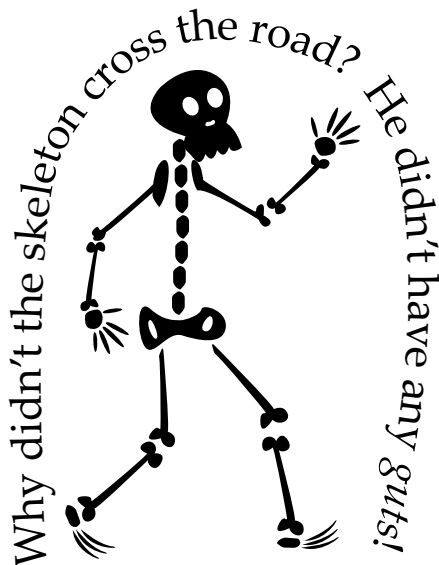
The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety reports that in 2010 there were 141 traffic crashes involving mobile phone distractions.

Nebraska's law on wireless handheld communications has been in effect now for over a year. Drivers in Nebraska may not use a wireless handheld communication device to read, manually write, or send written communications while operating a vehicle in motion.



The law prohibits text messaging, instant messaging, emailing and accessing the Internet while driving, unless there is an emergency situation.

We urge you to take your position behind the wheel very seriously. We see far too many people injured because of careless or distracted drivers. A second can save a life!



## Recipe of the Month Pumpkin Bread

By Kari Fischer,  
our Summer Intern



- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup water
- 3 cups white sugar
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour three 7x3 inch loaf pans.
2. In a large bowl, mix together pumpkin puree, eggs, oil, water and sugar until well blended. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger. Stir the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture until just blended. Pour into the prepared pans.
3. Bake for about 50 minutes in the preheated oven. Loaves are done when toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

## Congratulations to our Back-to-School Give-away winners:

- Dennis and Sue Venable
- April Straughn
- Lynette Black
- Scott Carrigan
- Melanie Post

Each winner received a gift bag full of folders, notebooks, crayons, pencils, erasers, glue, etc. We hope the supplies came in handy for all of the families involved.

Happy School Year!



## Jack-o-Lantern Safety and Tips

As fall fast approaches so does the excitement that comes with the time-honored tradition of carving jack-o-lanterns. However, any activity that combines children, knives and fire has the potential for accidents and should be carefully supervised. Here are some jack-o-lantern tips and general safety tips for everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween.



🍂 Painting is an alternative for younger children rather than carving. You can still use patterns available in stores and on the internet, allowing them to paint the same “cool” pictures as the carved pumpkins they may see.

🍂 Whether you use kitchen utensils or buy a pumpkin carving kit, knives should be sharp, thin and flexible.

🍂 Hold the knife at a 45-degree angle when cutting out the lid. When the jack-o-lantern begins to shrink the lid is less prone to fall through the hole.

🍂 A hexagonal lid is often easier to put back on than a circular lid. When cleaning the inside of your pumpkin, scrape more off the side where you are going to carve, making the cutting of your pattern easier.

🍂 Immediately after finishing the carving, apply petroleum jelly to the interior and the cuts. Petroleum jelly will slow the deterioration.

🍂 Use a glow stick instead of a candle to illuminate your jack-o-lantern, eliminating the fire hazard. If you must use a candle, tea lights work best as they are short and have a wider bottom.

### Additional Halloween Safety Tips:

🍂 Light the path you want trick-or-treaters to take to your door, especially if you have your yard decorated.

🍂 Pick up hoses and any other tripping hazards from your yard.

🍂 Jack-o-lanterns with candles in them should not be placed in areas children will be walking as costumes may be flammable.

🍂 As you drive on Halloween, watch for children running between parked cars and riding bicycles in the street.

🍂 Be aware that children may be in dark colored clothing and costumes, making them harder to see.

**Remember, Halloween’s greatest hazards aren’t vampires and villains, but falls, costume mishaps, and automobile collisions. Be safe and have a happy Halloween!!**



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## Employee Spotlight Kari Fischer



This year Dyer Law was pleased to assist a junior college student in her efforts to obtain her Associate’s degree in Applied Science.

Kari was a student at South-east Community College in

Lincoln. As a part of her studies as an Office Professional, Kari specifically focused on working in law offices.

When Kari approached Dyer Law about hiring her as a summer intern so that she could gain significant work experience and satisfy her 10 week internship requirement, Dyer Law took her up on her offer. Kari spent her ten weeks working in our Lincoln office.

She learned how to open files, drafted legal documents, and tackled a significant project that involved tracking down and contacting 48 medical providers in another state. Some of these medical providers proved to be elusive, but Kari did it.

Kari graduated from Southeast Community College on September 23, 2011. Way to go, Kari!



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5. Right to know the truth about your case.
6. Right to prompt attention from us.
7. Right to have your legal rights and options explained in plain English without legal mumbo jumbo.
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10. Right to make the ultimate decision on your case.



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## Q&A CORNER

**Q:** I was hurt badly at work and don't think I'll ever be able to do my job again. What should I do?

**A:** You may be entitled to vocational rehabilitation. Vocational rehabilitation is a benefit for injured workers who are unable to return to the same or similar type of work in which they have previous training or experience. Vocational rehabilitation includes job placement and retraining.

**Q:** You handled a case for me a few years ago, but now I have a different legal issue that I need some help with. Who should I call?

**A:** Please give us a call anytime you need legal advice. If we can't answer your questions, we usually know of another attorney who we can refer you to.

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