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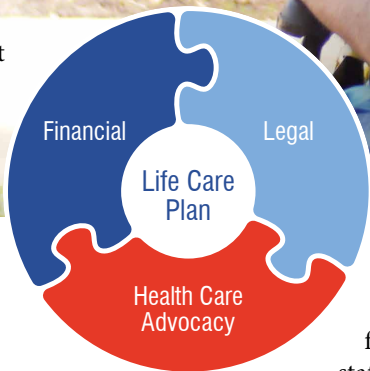
# The Power of Place

David and Elder Care Coordinator Gloria Centonze celebrate finding the "right place."

*David didn't realize just how unhappy he was until he moved.*

An accident early in life required him to rely on the use of a wheelchair for mobility. Now only in his 60s, his declining physical abilities led him to move to a nursing home. With little space for personal items and no privacy, he lived in a shared room for three years.

A family member who worked with Rep DeLoach on their own estate plan referred David to DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavonis, P.A. He engaged Rep for a Life Care Plan (LCP). A LCP is a holistic approach to elder law which examines not only the legal and financial aspects of the aging process, but with health care advocacy and oversight to help ensure the client receives the care and quality of life they deserve.



Rep drafted all of the legal documents necessary to put David's wishes into place through a power of attorney and other advance directives. He protected David's assets for his future care while allowing David to remain on Medicaid. Then Elder Care Coordinator Gloria Centonze was assigned to oversee David's health care and everything began to change.

Gloria asked David, "what is most important to you?"

David wanted a private room at a different nursing home. With over 80 nursing homes in Pinellas County that wouldn't seem too difficult but private rooms are scarce. Gloria's extensive background in long-term care and



*"For the layman to try to do something like that, there's just no way they can do it on their own...even if they go into a regular attorney, regular attorneys don't really understand."* —DAVID

her personal knowledge of facilities and staff gave her an advantage. Samantha Vosloo, the Administrator at Palm Garden of Largo, an excellent facility, called to share that a private room would soon be available. When Gloria called David he was ecstatic.

In his former facility, David was denied rehabilitation and the opportunity to be self-sufficient. In the new facility, with training from the staff David can now get in and out of his chair unassisted. He loves his new room and private shower, basic necessities we take for granted. He appreciates the quality and variety of his

meals so much that he has gained 20 pounds.

David says over and over how Gloria changed his life. His new surroundings helped open his world to positive thoughts and actions. With money set aside for his care by Rep's legal work, David is in a much better place.

We strive to provide the best quality of life for every client. A knowledgeable advocate working to find the right place for your loved one can have a powerful impact on their life. When you need help for a loved one, we'll be here for you.

See a video of David's story at [dhclaw.com/testimonials](http://dhclaw.com/testimonials).



**PAUL R. CAVONIS**  
Injury Law and Trial Attorney

# FAQs: Texting, Talking, and Driving

## *Is it illegal in Florida to text on the phone while driving?*

As of October 1, 2013 it is prohibited to text and drive. However, a driver must be ticketed for another offense in order to be ticketed for texting while driving. This makes texting while driving a secondary

offense instead of a primary one. The fine for this secondary offense is \$30, and it is not prohibited to text while in a traffic jam, at a stop sign, or a traffic light.

## *Is it illegal in Florida to talk on the phone while driving?*

It is legal to talk on the phone while driving in the state of Florida. However, it can be unsafe to do so unless you are using a handsfree device or speakerphone.

## *If I can't be ticketed for texting without committing another traffic violation and talking on the phone is legal, then it must be ok to do it, right?*

Absolutely not. If you cause an accident

while you are texting, you will be ticketed, and six points will be added to your driving record. At the end of the day, Florida is not tough on phone use while driving, but you should be. A text message, email, or phone call is not worth injuring or killing another driver.

Additionally, if you are involved in an accident and you were on the phone, it could hurt your case—even if you were not at fault. Our advice is to keep two hands on the steering wheel, focus on the road and be mindful of your surroundings. If you need to answer a call or send a text, please pull over for your own safety and the safety of others. If you have any questions, please call us.



# Back to School

Assistant Director of Development Patricia S. Toups and Assistant Director of Centers for Excellence in Advocacy, Erika McArdle, of Stetson University College of Law recently visited the firm and provided a “state of the college” to the alumni. While they did not graduate in the same class, Mrs. McArdle and attorney Paul Cavnos had a great time bonding over their mutual experiences on the Stetson trial team during law school, and reminisced over

past trial coaches who were so impactful on their education. In 1993, Paul Cavnos and fellow Stetson law students won the ATLA National Student Trial Advocacy Competition in Miami. Over 130 teams from 78 law schools participated in the competition. At the time Cavnos was also a law clerk at then DeLoach & Hofstra, P.A. and later joined the firm after graduation. Over 51 years span the graduation range from four out of the five attorneys who studied at Stetson: Dennis R. DeLoach '63, Paul Cavnos '93, Joe Murphy '14 and Christine O'Neil '14. (Attorney Rep DeLoach graduated from Mercer University (Macon, GA) in 1999.) Of Counsel attorney Peter T. Hofstra graduated from Stetson in 1977.



# Finding Meaning in Caregiving



Rep DeLoach was invited back as a guest speaker at the “4th Annual Caregivers Conference: Finding Meaning in Caregiving” presented by St. Petersburg College’s Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions. The conference offered a full day of experts who addressed the needs of caregivers as well as those for whom they selflessly devote their lives, providing information on medical advances, legal aspects, Medicare coverage, hospice care and more. Rep presented “Navigating the Caregiver’s Legal Nightmare.” If you have any questions on being a caregiver or preparing for your or a loved one’s incapacity, please give us a call or join us for one of Rep’s seminars (see “Upcoming Events” on detachable tab). You can watch the presentation Rep gave on our website.



**JOSEPH M. MURPHY**  
Real Estate and Civil Litigation Attorney

## Read What Our Clients Say

**Mark**  
Real Estate Client

*Joseph Murphy and paralegal Karen Snyder handled a rather unique partition real estate case for my brother and me. It lasted over 14 months. The bottom line: The team was successful. The legal team listened to our objectives throughout the process and exacted the right amount of patience and sensitivity given the family circumstances. The care taken by Mr. Murphy out-sized the relatively small case that it was. Above all, given the case's duration and the many twists and turns that occur with most legal cases, the billing was transparent and fair. We felt the value we received exceeded our cost. We recommend Mr. Murphy and the law practice of DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavonis. We commend Ms. Snyder for her persistence to see our case through a successful conclusion.*

## ★ STAFF Spotlight

### Simone B. DeLoach

Director of Marketing Simone DeLoach is responsible for the development, planning and implementation of all of the law firm's and Seminole Title Company's marketing strategies, communications (including the Navigator), branding, public relations activities and so much more. Simone is an experienced business development and marketing professional with nearly 20 years' experience working with nonprofits in the Tampa Bay area

such as the Dalí Museum, Museum of Fine Arts and Tampa Museum of Art.

Simone earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors in Museum Studies, and a minor in Visual Arts from Eckerd College. She also holds a Master of Business Administration degree in marketing and management from the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. She is also a 2010 graduate of Leadership St. Pete and volunteers for several community organizations.

According to partner Paul Cavonis, "As our Director of Marketing for just under four years, Simone has transformed our marketing and brought us into the 21st Century to serve our clients even better. Her keen insight, dedication, pursuit of excellence and passion for giving our clients the absolute best experience have renewed and reaffirmed our client-centered approach. I'm amazed at Simone's ability to manage and implement numerous, simultaneous projects,

an ability that is only possible because of her fantastic organizational skills. I feel fortunate to have Simone part of our team and look forward to the future with her."

A fun fact about Simone is that she had a minor role as a flight attendant in the film *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. The film was adapted from Hunter S. Thompson's novel of the same name and was directed by one of her film heroes Terry Gilliam. While much of it ended up on the cutting room floor, she fondly remembers a fun time in her shared scene with Johnny Depp and Benicio del Toro.

Simone has traveled to more than 20 countries, where she has volunteered, studied, biked, hiked and explored. She and her husband, Rep, are always planning their next adventure. They live in downtown St. Petersburg with their three adorable rescue cats Motce, Ellie and Smokey. What values are important to Simone? Loyalty, humility, compassion, integrity and service.



Simone with partners  
Dennis R. DeLoach Jr.  
and Rep DeLoach



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## Special MESSAGE

### Are You a DHC Client?



If the answer is yes, we'd like to invite you to our new dhcVIP client appreciation program! This program offers a growing list of benefits

we're extending exclusively to our clients at no cost. To see a full description of the benefits or to join, visit [dhclawVIP.com](http://dhclawVIP.com). You can also join by contacting us at 727-308-5441, [vip@dhclaw.com](mailto:vip@dhclaw.com), or on your next visit to the firm!

To update your address preferences, add friends or family to our mailing list, or to be removed, please call Simone DeLoach at 727-308-5441 or email her at [simone@dhclaw.com](mailto:simone@dhclaw.com).

## PAWS for the LAWS



# Thank You, Christiana



We'd like to thank Christiana Lafferty for all her hard work this summer. She has been a part-time assistant helping a number of departments and working on special projects. She has a great attitude and always undertook any task with a smile. Christiana is a student at Southeastern University in Lakeland majoring in Legal Studies and Criminal Justice. She is the Vice

President and founding member of the Trial Team on campus, which requires coordination between professors and students. She wanted to learn more about working in a law office and received some great hands-on experience. Eventually, she hopes to become a criminal lawyer. We wish her all the best!



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 **Upcoming EVENTS** **Our Favorite RECIPES****How to Qualify for Medicaid****TUESDAY, JULY 24, 5:30 P.M.**

- ▶ *Income/Asset Rules for Medicaid*
- ▶ *Common Myths for Protecting Your Assets*
- ▶ *Healthcare Crisis Management*
- ▶ *Irrevocable Trust Planning*
- ▶ *VA Benefits*

**Estate Planning Essentials****TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 5:30 P.M.**

- ▶ *Wills v. Trusts*
- ▶ *Probate and Probate Avoidance*
- ▶ *Medicaid and Asset Protection Strategies*
- ▶ *Incapacity Planning: Durable Powers of Attorney and Advance Directives*

**How to Qualify for Medicaid****TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 5:30 P.M.***(see July 24)***Estate Planning Essentials****TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 5:30 P.M.***(see August 7)*

Our educational seminars are free and open to the public so we welcome all friends and family. All seminars are presented by attorney Rep DeLoach in the DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavanaugh, P.A. Law Library. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Ashleigh Fisichella at 727-308-5441, [ashleigh@dhclaw.com](mailto:ashleigh@dhclaw.com) or online at [dhclaw.com](http://dhclaw.com).

**Lorry's Rice Krispies Peanut Butter Ice Cream Pie**

According to probate paralegal Lorry Feldmeyer "you can't mess up this recipe." So if you are looking for a simple summertime dessert, try this office favorite. Thanks, Lorry!

- ▶ 4 ½ to 5 cups of Rice Krispies
- ▶ 1 ½ cups Jif Peanut Butter (Optional: add 2 heaping tbsp to ice cream)
- ▶ 1 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- ▶ ½ gallon vanilla ice cream (Whatever flavor you want; when using vanilla I add two heaping tablespoons of peanut butter to it.)

Take the ice cream out of the freezer to soften while you make the crust.

**Crust:** Pour Rice Krispies into a large mixing bowl, add peanut butter and syrup. Mix gently folding peanut butter and syrup until Rice Krispies are well coated and sticking together. Immediately (gently) spread into the bottom of a 9x13 glass baking dish and up the side a little to form a crust. You don't want to leave this sitting out or the Krispies will get soggy and you want to fold them all together carefully so you don't break/crush the Rice Krispies. Add more peanut butter or syrup if they aren't sticking together well. Cover the crust with plastic wrap and place in freezer while you work on softening the ice cream.

**Ice Cream Filling:** Squeeze the entire half gallon of ice cream into mixing bowl and stir until softened and able to spread. If using vanilla ice cream add the extra scoops of peanut butter before you start to stir. Mix well until soft and spreadable. Spread onto the crust and immediately cover with plastic wrap and freeze overnight or until ice cream is firm again.