

DeLoach Hofstra + Cavonis, PA

# NAVIGATOR

2015  
2025

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Injury Law + Estate Planning + Elder Law + Real Estate & Association Law + Litigation + Probate



Simone with Tire Kingdom  
Rescue Crew

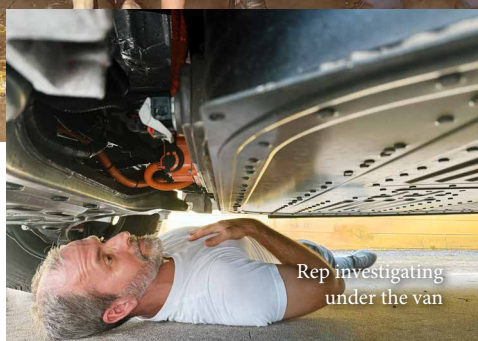
## The *Purr*-fect Rescue

*What started as a routine errand quickly turned into an unforgettable rescue mission.*

Attorney Rep DeLoach was behind the wheel of the firm's van, together with Director of Marketing Simone DeLoach, when they heard it—a faint, desperate meow coming from beneath the vehicle.

Peering underneath, Rep spotted a tiny, terrified kitten clinging to the undercarriage, too frightened to move. Despite gentle coaxing—and even the irresistible lure of Fancy Feast—the stowaway refused to budge and remained hidden through the night.

By morning, it was clear reinforcements were needed. Enter their trusted neighbors at Tire Kingdom, whose experienced crew quickly stepped in to help track the elusive passenger.



Rep investigating  
under the van

What followed was nothing short of extraordinary.

With compassion, patience, and teamwork, the Tire Kingdom crew carefully put the van on a lift and searched every crevice. Finally, technician Bryce spotted the kitten. Using a steady hand—and a bit of air pressure provided by his colleague—he gently brought the trembling feline to safety.

But the story didn't end there.

Bryce didn't just rescue the kitten—he adopted him. Now named EV (in honor of the electric van that unknowingly



Bryce with EV

gave him a ride), this once-panicked passenger is thriving in his forever home.

"To everyone who lent a hand or offered a kind word—including our amazing DHC/STC staff—thank you for your compassion," reflected Rep. "This was truly a community effort, and an inspirational reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together."

EV's journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to share updates as he grows into his new life. Watch the heartwarming video of this extraordinary rescue at [dhclaw.com/KittenRescue2025](https://dhclaw.com/KittenRescue2025).

As a proud pet-friendly office, we are committed to supporting animal welfare and advocacy throughout our community. To learn more or get involved with our efforts, visit [theLegalBeagles.com](https://theLegalBeagles.com).



## Celebrating Rep DeLoach: Boss of the Year

We are proud to announce that Estate Planning and Board Certified Elder Law Attorney Rep DeLoach was named Boss of the Year at the Mr./Ms. Seminole Chamber Awards Dinner on February 22, 2025, hosted by the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce. This award, presented in 2025, recognizes leadership and service during the prior year.

This honor pays tribute to Rep's 25 years of legal service and leadership at DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavanis, P.A. He has built a career defined by integrity, compassion, and dedication—to his clients, colleagues, and the community he calls home. Driven by his desire to help families through the aging process, Rep founded the firm's Elder Law Department.



Amy Hernandez, April Ellison, Rep & Simone DeLoach, Tammy Dina, and Michelle Lianzo

A Seminole native, Rep's first job was serving seniors at Freedom Square, an experience that sparked his lifelong calling. Today, he continues to give back through pro bono service, education, and community leadership.

Watch Rep's award moment at [dhclaw.com/Boss2025](https://dhclaw.com/Boss2025).



## Royal Recognition: Simone DeLoach Honored as 2025 Princess

We are proud to celebrate our Director of Marketing, Simone Bennett DeLoach, who was honored as one of the 2025 Princesses at the 66th Annual Queen of Hearts Ball. The event took place on March 22, 2025 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Each year, the Queen of Hearts Ball recognizes women across Pinellas County who exemplify leadership, service, and volunteerism. Simone was selected for her long-time dedication to the arts and animal advocacy, with service to cultural and community organizations such as the Museum of Fine Arts, the Salvador

Dali Museum, the Junior League of St. Petersburg, Studio@620, and many more.

Congratulations to this year's Queen and Court: Queen Paula Blanda (center) and her Princesses (left to right) Simone, Jenna Malowany, Lauren Brigman, Judy Whitney, Melissa Sparks, and Nicole Thomas.

Proceeds from this year's event supported Selah Freedom, Inc. and Hero to a Child. We applaud Simone and her fellow honorees for their inspiring dedication to strengthening our community. Visit [dhclaw.com/QOH2025](https://dhclaw.com/QOH2025) to watch the event highlights.



Cecilia & Ken Burke, Simone, Rep, and Dennis R. DeLoach Jr.





Attorneys Emily Cavanis, Rep DeLoach, Dennis R. DeLoach Jr., Joe Murphy, Michael Cavanis, and Michelle Lianzo

## Applauding Joe Murphy: 101st President of the SPBA

On May 15, 2025, the legal community gathered at the historic Vinoy Grand Ballroom to celebrate the **St. Petersburg Bar Association's 100th Anniversary**. Founded in 1925 at the Suwannee Hotel, the SPBA has long served as a cornerstone of professionalism, service, and collegiality. Members of the DeLoach, Hofstra & Cavanis, P.A. team were honored to

attend and support this milestone event.

Just weeks later, on June 5, we marked another proud occasion as our own Injury Law and Board Certified Real Estate Attorney Joe Murphy was installed as the **101st President of the SPBA** at the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art. Officiated by The Honorable Benjamin Thomas, the ceremony also welcomed the 2025–2026 Board of Directors. The SPBA seeks leaders who embody service, integrity, and commitment to the legal community—values that Joe exemplifies. We are proud to congratulate him on this achievement.

To watch highlights from both celebrations, visit [dhclaw.com/100thGala](http://dhclaw.com/100thGala).

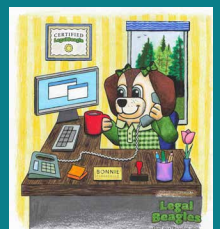
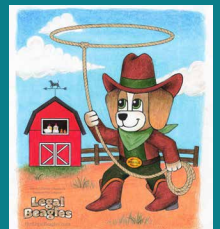
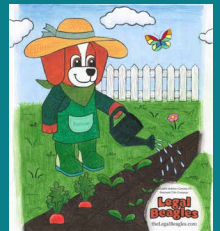
## Creative Family Sweeps the Legal Beagles Coloring Contest!

Our first-ever Legal Beagles Coloring Contest was a huge success—and one talented family took home all three top prizes!



Weston won the 3–10 group, Lydia took top honors in 11–17, and their mom, Carolyn, earned first place in the adult category. Together, this creative trio transformed our Legal Beagles artwork into masterpieces full of heart and imagination.

“We loved the down-home, folksy style of the Legal Beagles artwork,” Carolyn shared. “It gave each of us an opportunity to bring it to life with texture, color, and imagination.”



Though they call Texas home, the family spends much of their time in Florida, enjoying the outdoors and caring for their many pets. We're proud to celebrate their creativity—and grateful to everyone who participated.

Learn more at [dhclaw.com/ColoringContest](http://dhclaw.com/ColoringContest).



Becky Brandt with Lucy (Schipperke)



Lindsay Kleynen with Blue (Shepherd Mix)

## Take Your Dog To Work Day®: A Pawsitive Boost for Wellness



On Friday, June 20, our office was full of wagging tails and happy smiles as we celebrated Take Your Dog To Work Day®! This national event, created by Pet Sitters International, is designed to highlight the joy and wellness benefits pets bring into our lives—and our workplace.

Building on the success of Mindful May and Whiskers at Work, the day gave our team

another opportunity to “paws,” de-stress, and connect. From puppy parades to photoshoots, the event was filled with furry fun.

Studies show that even brief interactions with animals can reduce stress, boost mood, and encourage physical activity. Judging by the laughter and camaraderie around the office, we experienced those benefits firsthand!

We're grateful to our Legal Beagles team for hosting this event and to everyone who brought in their doggies. To watch a video of the day's highlights, visit [dhclaw.com/DoggieDay2025](http://dhclaw.com/DoggieDay2025).





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## Special MESSAGE

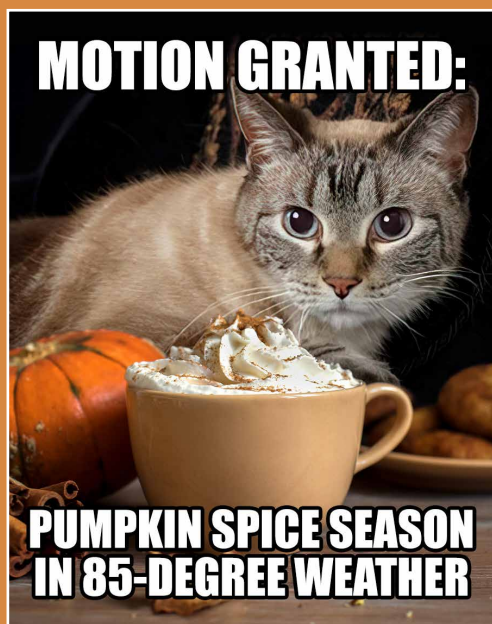
### We Are Here to Help

If you have a legal issue outside of our practice areas, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We have a network of reliable attorneys who specialize in other areas of the law, and we can connect you with them to provide the assistance you need. If you have any questions, please contact Simone DeLoach at 727-308-5441 or [simone@dhclaw.com](mailto:simone@dhclaw.com) to learn more.

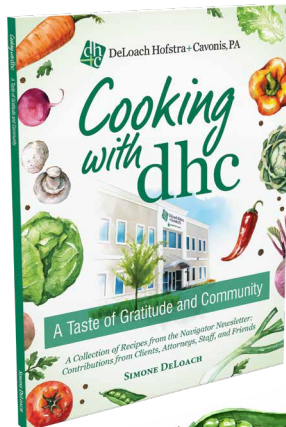
**Cover masthead photo:** Seaside Goldenrod (*Solidago sempervirens*) is a Florida native wildflower that blooms in late summer through fall and provides nectar for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

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



## A Taste of Gratitude and Community



From legal tips to community highlights—and yes, even recipes—the *Navigator* has been a quarterly labor of love over the past decade for our Director of Marketing Simone DeLoach. In honor of the newsletter's 10th anniversary, we're serving up something special: a free digital recipe collection, *Cooking with DHC: A Taste of Gratitude and Community*. This collection features beloved recipes from our attorneys, staff, clients, and friends—plus a bonus cocktail section from our own mixologist, Attorney Rep DeLoach, and a section for our “Chili Champions.” Food brings people together, and these dishes reflect the warmth, generosity, and community spirit that define our firm.

Whether you're craving something sweet, savory, or celebratory, there's something inside for you. Download your free copy at [dhclaw.com/cookbook](http://dhclaw.com/cookbook).



When you need help.

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- ▶ *Incapacity Planning: Who Should You Name?*
- ▶ *Wills, Trusts, and Probate*
- ▶ *Charitable Gift Planning*

For questions or assistance, contact Ashleigh Fisichella at 727-308-5441 or [ashleigh@dhclaw.com](mailto:ashleigh@dhclaw.com).

## Our Favorite RECIPES



### Chantal's 7-Layer Dip

This healthy 7-layer dip recipe is fresh, flavorful, and absolutely delicious! Always a crowd-pleaser for potlucks, game days, and holidays. (serves 10)

- ▶ 1 (15 oz) can refried beans (vegetarian optional)

#### *Taco Layer*

- ▶ 1¾ cup plain Greek yogurt (whole milk)
- ▶ 1 taco seasoning packet

#### *Guacamole Layer*

- ▶ 2–3 ripe avocados
- ▶ 2–3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- ▶ 1 jalapeño, seeded & diced
- ▶ ½ lime, juiced
- ▶ Salt and pepper to taste

#### *Remaining Layers*

- ▶ ¾ cup shredded cheddar or Mexican cheese
- ▶ 1½ cup grape tomatoes, quartered
- ▶ ¼ cup sliced black olives
- ▶ 2 tbsp finely diced onion (red or green)
- ▶ ½ cup chopped cilantro
- ▶ Jalapeño slices (optional)

Spread beans evenly at the bottom of a 9x9 pan. Mix yogurt and taco seasoning; layer over beans. Mash avocados, stir in cilantro, jalapeño, lime juice, salt, and pepper; spread on top. Add remaining layers in order: cheese, tomatoes, olives, onion, cilantro, jalapeño slices. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve (best made same day). Serve with chips (tortilla, plantain, or pita) or fresh vegetables (carrot sticks, celery, or cucumber slices).