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FIRM NEWS

MEDICAL PROVIDER'S FAILED DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT RESULTS IN PREVENTABLE DEATH

Improper medical care can have devastating consequences. Attorney Nancy La Vista recently reached a confidential settlement for a client in a wrong death case for failure to diagnose and timely render treatment after medical providers failed to drain an abscess. Always speak up when you are unsure of medical treatment, and never feel hesitant to get a second opinion. It can save your life and that of loved ones.

SEAT-BELTED PASSENGER SUSTAINS FATAL INJURIES DUE TO AUTOMOBILE'S WEAK ROOF STRUCTURE



Seat belts don't prevent every injury and are only as good as the vehicle in which they are installed. A properly seat belted passenger suffered massive fatal head injuries while riding in an SUV when the vehicle rolled. Although the seat belt remained latched throughout the accident the roof and its supporting

structures were not strong enough resulting in the entire roof structure collapsing down and inward to the point that our petite client was killed. The family hired our firm to investigate, with attorneys Don Fountain and Poorad Razavi leading the case. After a thorough investigation, the firm reached a confidential settlement with the major auto manufacturer for wrongful death of our client.

LEGAL INSIGHTS

HONDA HAS MOST HIGH-RISK MODELS IN TAKATA AIR BAG RECALL According to the **CNBC**, Honda Motors has nine car and truck models designated as having the highest risk associated with the Takata airbag recall. Honda vehicles from the 2008 model year or older that were sold or registered in high humidity areas along the U.S. Gulf Coast are getting top priority for repairs. In early November, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration took over the recall, which covers 19.2 million vehicles and is the largest in U.S. history.

FLORIDA INTRODUCES BILL ON DAILY FANTASY SPORTS

Legal Sports Report stated that a pair of Florida state lawmakers will be introducing a daily fantasy sports legislation that aims to clarify the while industry's legal status also establishing consumer protections. This bill is in the same mold as one introduced in Illinois and being considered in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



PROPOSED BILL TO MAKE HEMP LEGAL IN FLORIDA

According to the **Orlando Sentinel**, a law has been proposed to make growing the hemp plant, not the marijuana plant, legal in Florida, opening the door to a potential multimillion-dollar industry. The Hemp Industries Association, a nonprofit trade group, estimates that domestic retail sales of hemp products such as shirts and rope, which are legal, reached \$620 million in 2014.

RECALLS

KIA RECALLS 256,000 SOUL COMPACT SUVS



According to U.S. News, Kia has recalled more than 256,000 Soul compact SUVs in the U.S. due to possible steering failure. Model years affected include 2014 through 2016. No crashes or injuries have been reported, according to Kia.

MERCEDES-BENZ RECALLS OVER 100,000 VEHICLES

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC is recalling certain model year 2008-2009 C300 Sedan, C300 4Matic, C63 AMG, and C350 vehicles, and 2010 GLK350 and GLK350 4Matic vehicles due to a manufacturing error in the air bag control. The malfunctioning air bag control may cause the air bags to unexpectedly deploy increasing the risk of injury and vehicle crash. Mercedes-Benz will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the vehicles and replace it as necessary, free of charge.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY RECALLS VEHICLES WITH FUEL SYSTEM ISSUE

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Ford Motor Company is recalling 110,636 certain model year 2009-2010 Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX vehicles. Due to corrosion from salt water exposure such as from road salt use, the vehicles may



leak fuel from the fuel tank. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source increases the risk of a fire.

GE RECALLS AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING UNITS

GE is recalling over 30,000 Zoneline Air Conditioners and Heating Units, stated the **Consumer Product Safety Commission**. Moisture from outdoor air can accumulate near the unit's heater and two shorted electrical components, can create an electrical ground path and arcing, posing a risk of fire. Consumers are asked to contact GE to schedule a free repair.

PETSMART EXPANDS FISH BOWL RECALL



Consumer Affairs reports that PetSmart is expanding its recall of glass fish bowls in the U.S. and Canada. An initial 11,200 were recalled in April 2014, and now the count has gone up to 85,300. The 1.75gallon glass fish bowls, which were manufactured in China and sold under the brand names Great Choice and Top Fin, can crack, shatter or break during normal handling.

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