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Personal Injury Attorney David A. Miller Featured on NBC on The New American Dream Show

Frackville, Penn. – May 2012 – David A. Miller, of Michael J. O'Connor & Associates, LLC, was recently a featured expert on the TV show "The New American Dream." The show was recently seen on Fox News Channel, CNBC, CNN and MSNBC as well as NBC, CBS, ABC and FOX network affiliates around the country. "The New American Dream" was filmed in Washington, D.C.

"The New American Dream" features segments featuring some of the best business minds and marketing experts from around the world. Mr. Miller was one of the recent guests, discussing his take on the show's overall theme: how the old American dream has almost fizzled in every way, and how everything is different than when our parents or grandparents formulated their dreams. These experts explain how and what the new American dream looks like today for budding entrepreneurs and established businesspeople alike.

The Law Offices of Michael J. O'Connor & Associates offer a full range of legal services, including Workers' Compensation, Social Security and Personal Injury Law (Nursing Home litigation, Auto Accidents and Motorcycle Accidents). The firm is equipped with technologically advanced equipment that assists the efficient and accurate handling of cases.

The 23-year-old firm now has eight lawyers and 15 offices throughout a forty county area, representing the cases of thousands of fellow Pennsylvanians from Allentown and Bethlehem to Philadelphia, Reading, Scranton and Pittsburgh, against everything from massive Fortune 500 companies to smaller entities.

"The New American Dream" was produced by Nick Nanton, Esq. and JW Dicks, Esq., Co-Founders of America's PremierExperts®.

To view Attorney Miller's segment on "The New American Dream," please visit the new video section on our website: <http://www.oconnorlaw.com/>.



Attorney David Miller on the set of "The New American Dream"

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PENNSYLVANIA NURSING HOME NEWS

Initiative to Reduce Use of Antipsychotic Drugs among Nursing Home Dementia Patients

In early June, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an initiative to reduce the use of antipsychotic drugs on nursing home patients with dementia by 15 percent by the end of the year. It's an effort that will put the focus on trying other methods to control the behavior of patients with Alzheimer's or other similar diseases, instead of relying on medication.

According to an article on the Post-Gazette.com, many dementia patients are known to lash out as part of their condition. But government officials, nursing home industry leaders, and patient care advocates agree that heavily medicating them is not the answer.

In the article, Jules Rose, chief of geriatric psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, is quoted as saying, "It's often related to care activities in which the [patient] becomes frightened, bewildered, apprehensive, very anxious - they don't know what's happening and may resist care or may actually strike out. What has happened culturally is the knee-jerk reaction of many staff

and many doctors to prescribe these drugs, that it will calm them down. It serves that purpose for some people, and doesn't for others."

A report by CMS found that almost 40 percent of nursing home patients with signs of dementia in 2010 received antipsychotic drugs when they did not have any of the condition for which the medications were government-approved. Also, the report found that more than 17 percent of nursing home residents had daily doses of the drugs exceeding recommended levels.

The new initiative will focus on nursing homes assigning consistent staff that gets to know patients better so they can more readily understand their needs, since many dementia patients have problems expressing themselves. The initiative will also push for alternative behavioral solutions, such as music therapy, exercise, and other social activities.

In cases where drugs are necessary, officials want their use to be monitored, with the goal of weaning patients off the medications.



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SPOTLIGHT ON Attorney Mathew J. Kloiber and Paralegal Jackson M. Latimore



Michael J. O'Connor & Associates is proud to welcome their newest attorney, Matthew Kloiber.

Kloiber earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle. In May, he was awarded his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Trial Advocacy from the Beasley School of Law of Temple University, Philadelphia, one of the nation's two best trial advocacy programs.

Kloiber earned an undergraduate degree in Policy & Management Studies with a certificate in Environmental Studies from Dickinson College, Carlisle.

At Michael J. O'Connor & Associates, Kloiber's practice focuses on Personal Injury, including: motor vehicle accidents, motorcycle accidents, slip and fall and nursing home abuse. He brings a depth and breadth of courtroom experience and legal knowledge gained from working on hundreds of cases during clerkships at the federal, appellate, and state trial court levels. He is a member of the Donald E. Wieand Barristers Inn, the Pennsylvania and Lehigh County Bar Associations, the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, and the St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Allentown.

When he's not working, Kloiber and his wife, Mary Ann, enjoy playing baseball and music with their four young children.

Attorney Kloiber can be reached at mkloiber@oconnorlaw.com



Jackson Latimore joined the MJOC Team in May and is the Social Security paralegal for Attorney Valeen Hykes.

As a Social Security paralegal, Jackson assists clients in applying for Social Security disability, and for those clients who have been previously denied Social Security benefits, he helps them file their appeals.

In 2011, Jackson earned a B.A. in Political Science from Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. He is currently working on a M.A. in Management and Leadership in Public Administration at East Stroudsburg University.

Jackson resides in Frackville and is an avid Philadelphia sports fans! Go Phils!

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Summertime Tips

Summer is in full swing in Pennsylvania! If you're going to be swimming recreationally, it never hurts to take some precautions. So we've borrowed some Water Safety Tips from the International Swimming Hall of Fame:

- Teach children water safety and swimming skills as early as possible.
- Always brief babysitters on water safety, emphasizing the need for constant supervision.
- Appoint a "designated watcher" to monitor children during social gatherings at or near pools.
- Equip doors and windows that exit to a pool area with alarms.
- Install a poolside phone, preferably a cordless model, with emergency numbers programmed into speed-dial.
- Post CPR instructions and learn the procedures.
- Keep rescue equipment poolside. Don't wait for the paramedics to arrive because you will lose valuable life-saving seconds. Four to six minutes without oxygen can cause permanent brain damage or death.
- Keep a first aid kit at poolside.
- Install four-sided isolation fencing, at least five feet high, equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates, that completely surrounds the pool and prevents direct access from the house and yard.
- Maintain constant visual contact with children in a pool or pool area. If a child is missing, check the pool first; seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- Don't use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision. Never allow a young child in a pool without an adult.
- Don't leave objects such as toys that might attract a child in the pool and pool area.
- Never prop the gate to a pool area open.

RECIPE CORNER

Our resident chef and accountant, Patti D., has recommended the following delicious recipe!

Low-Fat Dirt Pudding

Prep time: 15 minutes

Total: 1 hr 15 min

Servings: 10

INGREDIENTS

1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) JELL-O Chocolate Sugar-Free Instant Pudding

2 cups cold milk 2 %

1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP-lite Whipped Topping, thawed

15 OREO Cookies- reduced fat, finely crushed (about 1-1/4 cups), divided

DIRECTIONS

BEAT pudding mix and milk in large bowl with whisk 2 min. Let stand 5 min. Stir in COOL WHIP and 1/2 cup cookie crumbs.

SPOON into 10 (6- to 7-oz.) paper or plastic cups; top with remaining cookie crumbs.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour. Top with fruit snacks just before serving.

The original dirt pudding total calories is 230. This recipe calorie total is 55.

THE 71st ANNUAL STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

Vroom, Vroom... Humming from the engines echoed through the Black Hills. At first glance, Sturgis, South Dakota appeared as a quaint town with fresh mountain air and grand scenery; but for the first week of August, commotion invaded the town's subdued lifestyle. With not an automobile in sight, thousands of motorcycles graced the bustling streets.

Last August, Attorney O'Connor and his family journeyed to South Dakota for the 71st Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Over 400,000 motorcycle enthusiasts attended the weeklong rally. The Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club sponsored the main events, which included motocross racing, a 1/2 mile race, hill climbs, road tours, and short track racing.



The 72nd Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally will take place August 6th - 12th. For more information visit <http://www.sturgismotorcyclerally.com>.

SUMMER GIVEAWAY

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Allentown, PA 18101

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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

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Danville, PA 17821

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