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**Michael J. O'Connor Named Best Lawyer and Super Lawyer; Firm Named Best Law Firm**

Firm founder Michael J. O'Connor was listed on the Best Lawyers list which will be published on U.S. News' website. Additionally, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates as a firm was named on the Best Law Firm list.

Compiled by conducting extensive peer-review surveys, the Best Lawyer list has been considered a high honor in the legal profession for more than three decades. The surveys are taken by leading lawyers in the profession and are completely confidential. The honorees must maintain the votes they receive through several polls and are forbidden from using monetary means to gain a place on the list. With the first edition published in 1983, Best Lawyers now reaches almost 70 countries and has become a significant presence internationally. The publication began Best Law Firms more recently, publishing the first edition in 2010. It is an exciting and prestigious honor for Michael J. O'Connor & Associates.

We are proud to announce Attorney Michael J. O'Connor has also been named a Super Lawyer for the twelfth year in a row. With a determination to uphold the highest standards of law practice, Attorney O'Connor has been recognized by his peers as a top lawyer in the state of Pennsylvania.

Super Lawyers are considered the top five percent of lawyers in their state, and are subjected to a rigorous three-step selection process. Super Lawyers must be nominated based on personal observation (not just reputation) and then evaluated by a blue ribbon panel.



**Atty. O'Connor is on the Best Lawyers list and has been named a Super Lawyer for the 12th year in a row.**

**Our Practice Areas**

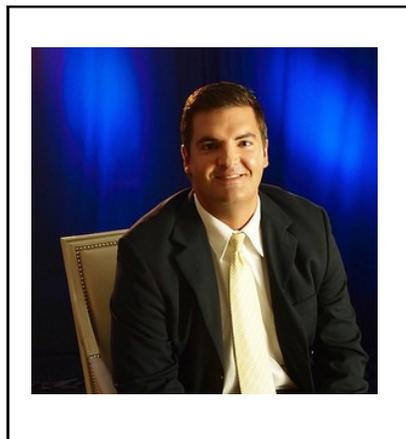
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- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability
- Automobile Accidents
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Birth Injuries
- Premises Liability/Slip & Fall
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- Nursing Home Negligence
- Wills, Estates, & Elder Law
- Mesothelioma
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- Wage & Hour Violations

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Michael J. O'Connor & Associates is also proud to announce that Attorney David A. Miller was named on the Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers for 2015.

The Rising Stars list acknowledges 2.5 percent of attorneys in each state at most, and candidates must be either 40 years old or younger, or in practice for 10 years or less in order to be considered. Attorney Miller's excellence in the practice of law has placed him on this list for the seventh time overall, and the sixth consecutive time including this year.

## Tips to Avoid Motor Vehicle Accidents This Winter

With the cold weather approaching, it is never too early to take precautionary steps toward motor vehicle safety. Weather can be a major factor in the cause of accidents, and here at Michael J. O'Connor & Associates, we want to ensure any and all preventative measures are being taken.

Here are some tips to keep you and your loved ones safe on the road this winter:



- ❑ Before the snow and sleet hit, have your vehicle examined by a technician. This will guarantee that your heat, lights, brakes and other crucial components are working properly.
- ❑ Be mindful of your speed. We are all in a rush it seems, especially around the holiday season, but keeping an eye on your speed when the weather is bad or the roads are icy is important for your safety.
- ❑ Make sure your windshield wipers are functioning effectively. Snow can make it hard to see out of your window.
- ❑ Allow yourself more time and space than usual to brake. Black ice can go unseen, causing vehicles to slide and collide into one another. Make sure you are leaving extra amounts of space between your vehicle and the next.
- ❑ Have your tires checked, and pumped or changed if need be.
- ❑ Always have your cell phone on you in the car to be sure you can contact help if necessary.
- ❑ Make sure you are driving with your headlights on low as opposed to high beam. We want to keep our fellow drivers on the road as safe as possible as well.
- ❑ Keep a first aid kit in your vehicle in the case of injury from an accident.

## Football Fridays Fund Toys for Tots

Similar to our Flip-Flop Fridays, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates' Football Fridays kicked off this football season and allows employees to wear jeans and their favorite football jersey/shirt every Friday with a \$1 donation. The collection of the donations will be given to Toys for Tots this holiday season.



Toys for Tots is a program fundraised for and supported by The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity. Their mission is to collect toy donations annually for underprivileged children from over 700 communities across the United States. Toys for Tots works hard so these children receive presents like other children do and look forward to the holidays.

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## Summer “Flip-Flop Fridays” Raise Money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the Renal Cancer Foundation



Every Friday this past summer, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates employees were permitted to wear flip-flops to work so long as they made a \$1 donation. The money collected over the summer months culminated in a final donation to both the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the Renal Cancer Foundation.

The Renal Race is an annual race to raise funds and spread awareness to end kidney cancer. So far, the race has raised over \$50,000. The funds from flip-flop Friday went to this total in support of the fight on kidney cancer.

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf) is currently the largest nonprofit funder for pediatric brain tumor research in the world. In the United States alone, there are more than 28,000 children living with a brain tumor.

The PBTf is the beneficiary of two enormous fundraising events— Ride for Kids and Starry Night Walk/Run. Ride for Kids is a series of motorcycle rides around the country that serves to fund pediatric brain tumor research as well as family support programs. This year, the Ride for Kids program has races in 37 locations in the US.

The second fundraiser whose proceeds are given to the PBTf is the Starry Night Walk/Run. This event is a 8.5K race that is representative of the children who are victims of brain tumors. There are roughly 28,000 of these children, and a 8.5K race takes roughly 28,000 steps. This incredible event was started in October 2014.



### Michael J. O'Connor & Associates Giveaway!

**Do you want to win a  
FREE 7" Google Android Tablet?**

Like the Michael J. O'Connor & Associates Facebook page or follow us on Twitter for a chance to win the Google Android Tablet. If you have already liked us and/or follow us, simply send an email to Kathy Wagner (KWagner@OConnorLaw.com) to be entered to win. You can also enter by calling our office at 1-800-518-4529 and providing your name and telephone number to Kathy.

**The last day to enter is February 1, 2016.**

## RECIPE CORNER

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

### Stuffed Pepper Soup

#### INGREDIENTS

1 lb. lean ground beef  
2 Tbsp olive oil, divided  
Salt & Freshly ground black pepper  
1 small yellow onion, chopped (1 cup)  
1 3/4 cup chopped red bell pepper (just over 1/2 of a medium pepper)  
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 (14.5 oz) can petite diced tomatoes  
1 (15 oz) can tomato sauce  
1 (14.5 oz) can beef broth  
2 1/2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley, more for garnish  
1/2 tsp dried basil  
1/4 tsp dried oregano  
1 cup uncooked long grain white rice  
Cheddar or mozzarella cheese for serving (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, heat 1 Tbsp olive oil over medium heat. Once hot, add beef to pot and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally while breaking up beef, until browned. Drain beef and set aside.

Heat remaining 1 Tbsp olive oil in pot then add onions, red bell pepper, green bell pepper and sauté 3 minutes. Then add garlic and sauté 30 seconds longer. Pour in diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef broth and add parsley, oregano, basil and cooked beef. Then season with salt and pepper, again, to taste. Bring just to a light boil, then reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 30 minutes.

While soup simmers, prepare rice according to directions listed on the package. Once soup is done simmering, stir in desired amount of cooked rice into soup. For a thinner soup, don't add all of the rice and for a thicker, heartier soup, add it all.

Serve warm, topped with optional cheese and garnish with fresh parsley. Enjoy!

## Satellite Office Locations

For your convenience, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates has 15 satellite office locations around Pennsylvania, in addition to our main office in Frackville, PA. Make an appointment at one of our locations, closest to you:



### Allentown

1275 Glenlivet Dr., #110  
Allentown, PA 18106

### Bala Cynwyd

Two Bala Plaza, Suite 300  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

### Bloomsburg

225 Columbia Mall Dr.  
Suite 300  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

### Hazleton

1201 North Church St.  
Building A, Suite 220  
Hazleton, PA 18202

### Lancaster

1853 William Penn Way  
Lancaster, PA 17601

### Lock Haven

200 East Water Street  
Lock Haven, PA 17745

### Philadelphia

1500 John F. Kennedy Blvd.  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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301 Grant Street, Suite 4300  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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501 Washington St., Suite 103  
Reading, PA 19601

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Scranton, PA 18503

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