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Keeping Your Family Safe and Vacations WORRY-FREE

ARE YOU TRAVEL READY?

With vacation season approaching, many of us are planning trips out of town. Something many of us do not plan on is having car problems or accidents while on vacation. While it's not something you expect to happen, it occurs more often than you think.

Whether you're heading south to the beach and more sunshine, or if you're driving to the mountains for a weekend getaway, make sure you get your vehicle checked beforehand to avoid potential car problems. While you're getting ready for your trip, make sure you have a first-aid kit easily available in your vehicle. If you don't already have a prepackaged kit, here are a few tips about what to include when putting together your own!

- Adhesive bandages in various sizes
- Adhesive tape and gauze pads
- Antacid, antidiarrheal medicine
- Antibacterial gel for washing hands without water
- Antibacterial ointment
- Antihistamine or allergy medicine
- Antiseptic, soap, sunscreen
- Pain relief medicine — for children and adults
- Cotton balls and/or swabs
- Cough medicine and/or throat lozenges
- Motion sickness medicine
- Fingernail clippers
- First-aid book or manual
- Flashlight, flares
- Moleskin for blisters
- Ointment for insect bites and sunburn
- Premoistened towelettes
- Thermometer, tissues
- Tweezers and needle

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TIPS FOR TRAVEL

While traveling, safety on the road is important. Highways become more congested during the summer with vacationers like yourself. Safe driving habits are the best way to prevent accidents. Make sure you stay alert and avoid distractions, such as texting or phone calls. Always wear your seat belt and make sure to buckle children in a car or booster seat. We hope you have a fun, exciting, and safe vacation.

While we can't take the stress out of planning your trip—we can tell you about a few tools that may help! The following tech-savvy travel apps for your smart phone can help you make the most of your trip.

- **AroundMe:** This app allows you to quickly find the closest restaurants, gas stations, hotels, movie theaters, grocery stores, and more!
- **Google Translate:** This opens the communication barrier by allowing you to translate text between 57 languages, receive translation by speaking into the phone for 15 languages, and much more!
- **National Parks Maps HD:** Explore 20 of the top U.S. National Parks with some of the best trail maps available.
- **Packing Pro:** Creates packing lists based on the number of adults, children and days of travel.

A REPUTATION FOR RESULTS

The attorneys of James F. Humphreys & Associates have extensive knowledge in a wide variety of practice areas. We are committed to using new approaches and old-fashioned service to build legal solutions for clients. As your counsel, we understand what victims and their families can go through when faced with a life changing event and related legal issues. Our lawyers are dedicated to recovering the compensation needed to secure the future of our clients and their families.

In addition to mesothelioma and asbestos litigation, our attorneys apply years of courtroom experience representing clients in matters involving:

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Railroad Litigation
- Brain Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Defective Drugs
- Medical Devices
- Occupational Diseases
- Birth Injuries
- Environmental Pollution

Working from offices in Charleston, West Virginia, the lawyers of James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C., strive to obtain fair compensation for injured clients. We have represented thousands of injured and bereaved clients on a wide range of legal issues.

Contact the law offices of James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C., to schedule a free consultation regarding your occupational disease or other serious injury.

Responsible attorney, James F. Humphreys.

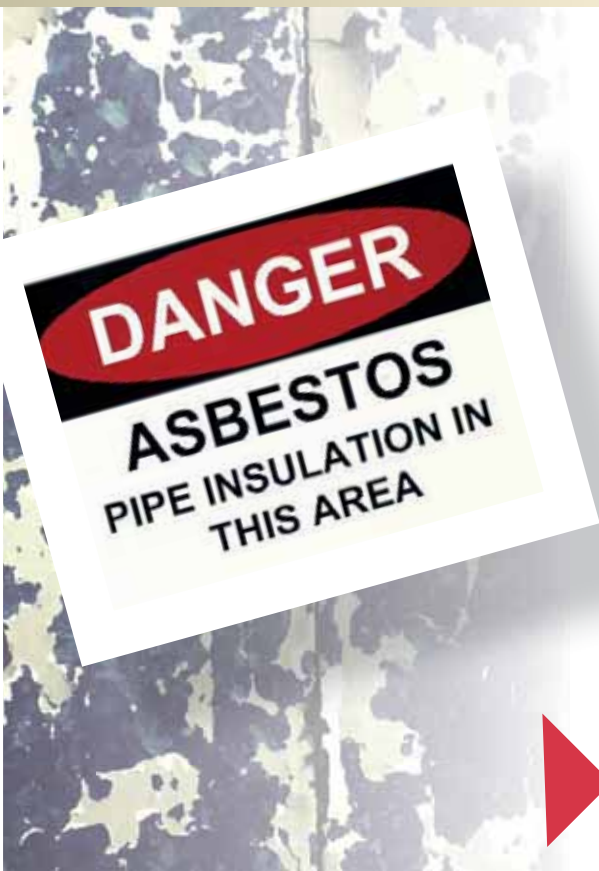
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Let us know if you change your address or telephone number. We need to know how to reach you and where to send your settlement checks. Call us!

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ASBESTOS CANCER

Many individuals who are diagnosed with asbestosis or pleural plaques (a scarring of the pleural membranes lining the lungs) will later develop asbestos-related cancers such as mesothelioma, lung cancer, or laryngeal cancer. People who worked with or around asbestos are not the only ones at risk. Even family members who were exposed to asbestos dust carried home by workers on their clothes and bodies can develop asbestos-related cancers. If you or a loved one has developed a cancer of the lungs or digestive tract, please contact our office. Even if you smoked or had a previous lawsuit for asbestosis, you may still be entitled to compensation.

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Meet the Firm

Michelle Shamblin, *Paralegal*

Michelle Shamblin, one of the senior paralegals in our firm, was awarded a Master of Legal Studies degree from West Virginia University on December 28, 2012. This two year program requires 36 credit hours of coursework in law related studies and a major research paper.

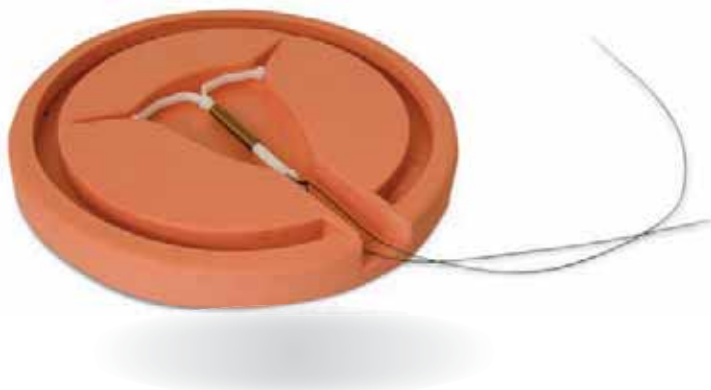
Mrs. Shamblin previously earned a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University. She also holds a certificate for executive leadership strategies from the University of Notre Dame and is a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and the Legal Assistants/Paralegals of Southern West Virginia (LAPSWV), an affiliated association of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA). She is a former instructor at West Virginia Junior College, where she taught effective speaking. Mrs Shamblin devotes most of her time at our firm to toxic torts, tobacco litigation, and asbestos litigation.



Reminder we will give a ten percent discount of our fee to our clients, their family members or anyone they refer to us.

PRODUCT UPDATE

MIRENA IUD



If you or a loved one has been injured by a Mirena IUD, contact your local lawyers at James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C. at (304) 347-5050 for a **free legal consultation**. You may be entitled to compensation.

Mirena is a T-shaped IUD (inter uterine device) that is placed by a health care professional in the uterus where it can remain for up to 5 years. Mirena has been approved by the FDA for contraception and treatment of heavy menstrual bleeding. Unfortunately, this IUD can migrate after insertion, perforating the uterus or other organs, or embedding itself in the uterus, conditions which make it necessary to locate and surgically remove the device.

Serious side effects associated with Mirena include:

- abscesses
- embedment in, or perforation of, the uterus
- infertility
- peritonitis (inflammation of the membrane lining the abdominal cavity)
- erosion of areas adjacent to the uterus
- PID (pelvic inflammatory disease)
- intestinal perforations or obstructions

DRUG WARNING

Yaz/Yasmin/Ocella

Use: Oral contraceptive used for birth control in women with serious menstrual problems and/or acne

Defect: Greater risk of blood clot related problems than other oral contraceptives

Harm: Blood clots leading to Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism, strokes, heart attacks, and death

If you or a loved one has been injured by Yaz/Yasmin/Ocella, contact your local lawyers at James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C. at (304) 347-5050 for a **free legal consultation**. You may be entitled to compensation.



ATTENTION NUVARING USERS

Nuvaring is a vaginal ring contraceptive that is manufactured by Organon USA, Inc., a New Jersey company that was acquired by Schering-Plough corporation in 2007. Nuvaring has been associated with pulmonary embolisms (blockages of the main artery of the lung) and DVT (Deep Vein Thrombosis — a blood clot in a deep vein, commonly in the leg).

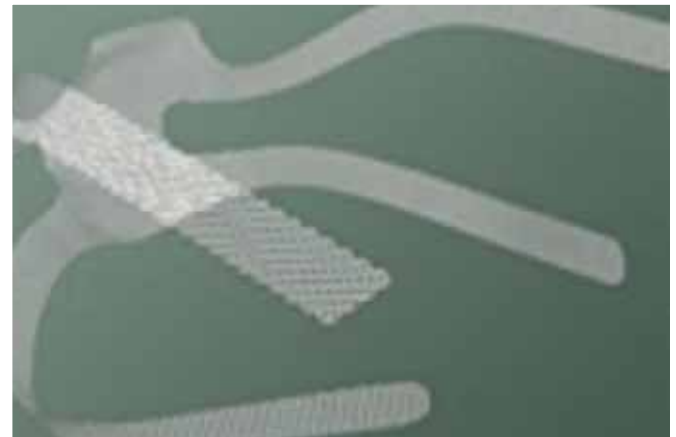
If you or a loved one took Nuvaring and developed pulmonary embolism or Deep Vein Thrombosis, contact your local lawyers at James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C. at (304) 347-5050 for a **free legal consultation**. You may be entitled to compensation.



HEALTH WARNING

TRANSVAGINAL MESH & BLADDER SLING DEVICES

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued safety warnings regarding serious injuries associated with the use of Transvaginal Mesh and Bladder Sling devices. These devices are often used to correct POP (pelvic organ prolapse) which occurs when a pelvic organ, such as the bladder, drops or prolapses from its normal position in the lower abdomen, and SUI (stress urinary incontinence), an involuntary loss of urine during physical activity.



Many women who received Transvaginal Mesh and Bladder Sling devices have suffered the following injuries:

- Severe pain
- Erosion of tissue
- Infections or bleeding
- Perforations of the bowel or bladder
- Pain during sex
- The need for corrective surgery

If you or a loved one suffered complications or internal damage or injury after receiving a Transvaginal Mesh or Bladder Sling device, contact your local lawyers at James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C. at (304) 347-5050 for a **free legal consultation**. You may be entitled to compensation.

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OPENING DOORS for Law Students



we need to take the long view and keep education affordable forever. Jim is proof positive that philanthropy is not merely about money; it is about passion to change the world.”

This is not the first time Mr. Humphreys has given back to his alma mater. He has donated for years to GW Law scholarships and in 2003 funded both a student lounge in Stockton Hall and an amphitheater classroom in Stuart Hall.

In 2005, Mr. Humphreys donated \$3 million to the Law School to establish the Humphreys Complex Litigation Center and Endowed Chair. The center offers comprehensive information about complex litigation to judges, lawyers, and policymakers.

Mr. Humphreys is also an active and hands-on alumnus, serving as a member of the GW Board of Trustees and the Law Board of Advisors, and is often on campus attending events and supporting many GW, student, and alumni endeavors.

He urges all alumni to support their alma mater “as generously as they’re financially able in order to continue making the dreams of future generations of aspiring lawyers possible.”



PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

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James F. Humphreys Creates Endowed Scholarship at GW Law

Renowned civil litigator James F. Humphreys, JD '78, believes that education is the fundamental driver of opportunity and advancement in this country. That philosophy, combined with his gratitude to his alma mater, spurred him to donate \$1 million to GW Law to endow a scholarship for law students.

“GW Law was the key to my career,” says the longtime GW benefactor, who leads the law firm James F. Humphreys & Associates in his hometown of Charleston, W.Va. “The education and encouragement I received at the Law School enabled me to pursue a lifetime dream of helping consumers and victims. I have been very fortunate financially, and it is right and proper that I should pay back and support the institution that made my career possible.”

“Jim Humphreys is one of the most inspiring people I have ever met,” says former Dean Paul Schiff Berman. “He truly gets it. He understands that if we are to have a functioning democracy,

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These are only some of the types of cases we handle. We represent victims in all types of serious injury and death cases.

Please call us for a free case evaluation.



JAMES F. HUMPHREYS RECOGNITION

The founder of our firm, James F. Humphreys, was named by the National Trial Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in West Virginia for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. See www.thenationaltriallawyers.org

Mr. Humphreys also made the Super Lawyers list of attorneys in West Virginia for 2011 and 2012. Attorneys are selected for Super Lawyers through a rigorous process of peer nomination, independent research and evaluation, and peer review within the candidate's primary area of practice. See www.superlawyers.com

Mr. Humphreys was also selected by a group of defense attorneys at the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon as one of the Top 75 Plaintiff's Lawyers in the U.S. This list was based on interviews with defense attorneys, in-house counsel and individuals involved in civil justice reform. The survey entitled "Trial Lawyers Kingpins" was published in Am Law Litigation Daily. See amlawdaily.typepad.com/files/shookhardylist.pdf

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