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ATTORNEY WILLIAM A. KOVALCIK, JR. AND ATTORNEY DEBRA A. MATHERNE OF MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES EARNED CERTIFICATION ACKNOWLEDGING THEM AS WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW SPECIALISTS

Frackville, PA - July 2013 It is with great pride that the attorneys at Michael J. O'Connor & Associates, LLC announced that Attorney William A. Kovalcik and Attorney Debra A. Matherne have been certified as specialists in the area of workers' compensation law by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Law Section Certification Committee.

Attorney Kovalcik and Attorney Matherne both received a passing grade on the certification examination in March 2013. The certification is effective for five years.

The process and certification of lawyers in the area of workers' compensation was put into effect by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ronald D. Castille in January. The order granted accreditation to the Pennsylvania Bar Association workers compensation law section as a certifying organization in the area of workers' compensation law. By taking the exam and receiving a passing grade, an attorney can refer to him/herself as certified as a specialist in the practice of workers' compensation law by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Section on Workers' Compensation Law as authorized by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

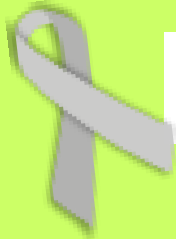
Attorney Kovalcik was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1985 and is also a member of the Northumberland County Bar Association. Attorney Kovalcik is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School and handles cases involving workers' compensation.

Attorney Matherne currently serves as the second vice chair for the American Association for Justice, Workers' Compensation and Workplace Injury Section. Attorney Matherne has an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™ which is the highest rating given. Legal ability ratings are based on performance in legal knowledge, analytical capabilities, judgment, communication ability and legal experience. Attorney Matherne is admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, and she is also a member of the Schuylkill County Bar Association and the Dauphin County Bar Association. Attorney Matherne is a graduate of Villanova School of Law and handles cases involving workers' compensation and social security disability.

Attorney Kovalcik spoke at his first workers' compensation seminar as a certified workers' compensation attorney at the Workers' Compensation Conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Industry in Hershey, PA, in June 2013. Attorney Matherne was also in attendance at the conference. The attorneys at Michael J. O'Connor & Associates frequently attend conferences and seminars to stay on top of new, current information and law changes. If you have any questions regarding a work related injury call Michael J. O'Connor & Associates today for your free consultation at 1-800-518-4529.



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MJOC Staff Celebrates Elder Abuse Awareness Month

The attorneys and staff at Michael J. O'Connor & Associates took part in the Schuylkill Elder Abuse Prevention

Alliance's Elderly Abuse Awareness Month. Our main office, located in Frackville, PA, Schuylkill County, was decorated with large silver ribbons. The staff wore small silver ribbon lapels on May 17, 2013 to show their support. The fight against elder abuse is something that should be supported all year round. It should also be taken very seriously. If you have a loved one who is being neglected in a nursing home, or know someone who has a loved one who is being neglected in a nursing home, please call us today at **1-800-518-4529** or visit us on the web at **www.OConnorLaw.com**.



Staff of Michael J. O'Connor & Associates Take Part in First Ever Yuengling Light Lager Jogger 5K



On Saturday, April 13, staff from Michael J. O'Connor & Associates laced up their running shoes to participate in the first ever Yuengling Light Lager Jogger 5K run/walk in Pottsville. Sponsored by America's oldest brewery, Yuengling, the run/walk attracted 2,500 participants as well as hundreds of spectators. But it wasn't just a chance to run or walk the race route - part of the proceeds from the participant registrations were donated to Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages with snacks, entertainment items, and personal letters of appreciation addressed to individually named U.S. service members deployed in hostile regions, as well as their children left behind, and to Wounded Warriors, veterans, and first responders. After the race, letter writing stations were set up so participants and spectators could write notes to be included in the care packages. It was a great community event that we were proud to take part in.



Top Picture: Friend, Mary Jo Link; Settlement Paralegal, Lorianne Link; Legal Administrator, Kathy Wagner; Personal Injury Paralegal, Bridget Burke; Blogger and Editor, Peggy Kellar

Bottom Picture: Marketing Coordinator, Samantha Cody; Legal Administrator, Kathy Wagner; Settlement Paralegal, Lorianne Link; Personal Injury Paralegal, Bridget Burke.

MJOC Summer Giveaway

FREE TICKETS!

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It's time for the next Michael J. O'Connor & Associates giveaway. This time we want to send you to a Lehigh Valley Iron-pigs baseball game for **FREE!** You can win 4 tickets and \$40 in park credit. All you need to do is submit a picture of who you think is the cutest summer kid, to be entered into the Cutest Summer Kid Contest. The picture will be uploaded to the Summer Kid Contest album on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mjoclaw). The person who submits the picture with the most votes ("Likes") will be the winner of the 4 tickets and \$40 park credit! Share the Michael J. O'Connor & Associates page with all of your friends and have them vote for the picture you submitted! You can send your picture to SamanthaC@oconnorlaw.com or mail it to 608 W. Oak St., Frackville, PA 17931. The contest will end on August 1, 2013. All contestants must be PA residents.



Cutest Pet Contest Winner

In March, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates launched their Cutest Pet Contest. People had the opportunity to send in pictures of their pets to receive votes on the Michael J. O'Connor & Associates Facebook page. The person who submitted the picture with the most "likes" by May 1, won an iPod mini. Boudreaux is the dog who received the most votes. Jill Strunk, of Pottsville, is the owner of the 140 pound, St. Bernard puppy. He is a very playful and outgoing puppy. Keep a lookout for more contests and giveaways from Michael J. O'Connor & Associates on our website, www.OConnorLaw.com, or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mjoclaw.



Flip Flop Fridays



The MJOC team kicked off Flip Flop Fridays in the office at the beginning of May. Employees donate at least \$1 every Friday in order to wear flip flops or sandals for the day at the office. All of the money raised at the end of the summer will be split and donated to the American Heart Association - Schuylkill County HeartChase and the Hillside SPCA Animal Shelter. We hope our group effort will help these two great organizations.

If you no longer wish to receive correspondence from Michael J. O'Connor & Associates and would like to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at: (570) 874-3300 or email us at samanthac@oconnorlaw.com.

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