





We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy new year and we hope that your holiday season was memorable. For most of us, it is back to that daily grind and we at the Knox Law Center want you to know that we are with you working around the clock to protect and advocate for your interests. Please take a moment to read our most recent edition of “The News You Can Use” to see what our firm was up to in December and for some interesting facts and current events that have been included for your reading enjoyment.

- **Facebook Woes-Should I really post that photo/video? Update my status? Make that comment?**

There are few people out there who have not subscribed to the online world of social media in some form or another. Social media sites have exploded over the last few years and people of all ages are participating whether they are tweeting, updating their Facebook status every five minutes, or posting a video of their child's last piano recital to youtube. Go ahead and admit it- we won't judge you!

But we caution you to be wary of what you post! If you are involved in any sort of legal action where you are a party or a witness, these seemingly innocent status updates, photos, and videos could cause irreparable harm to your case. Did you know that your facebook page, twitter account, text messages, youtube account, etc. are all discoverable? That means that the opposing party in a lawsuit can and will request that you disclose all of these accounts in an effort to try and undermine the integrity of your case.

So remember: only discuss your case with your attorney with whom all of your communications are protected by the attorney-client privilege and therefore are not discoverable to other parties. No facebook, youtube, or tweeting about your case. If the urge is simply too strong, then you may even want to consider suspending these accounts until after your case has been resolved.

- **Online Ratings and Review Services for Professionals—Google and Avvo.**

In today's world where information can be accessed in seconds with the strike of a key, ratings and reviews of both products and services have become increasingly important in the consumer economy. With that being said, we want to hear from you. Let us know how you feel about your experience with our firm.

We want each of our clients to be confident and proud to refer their friends and family to us.

If you would like to write a review about your attorney or read reviews from past clients, there are a couple of services that we would like you to consider:

1. **www.avvo.com**

Follow the link above, click on "Find a Lawyer" and input your attorney's name. Remember: ratings through this online service are based upon many factors, not least of which, is the number of client reviews. So if you see that your attorney has few reviews and you want to increase their score, take a few moments and review their services.

2. **<http://maps.google.com/maps>**

In the search bar, enter Knox Law Center. You will see several duplicated listings that Google has for our office that we are working to have combined into one listing under "Knox Law Center;" therefore, please enter your reviews for the listing under "Knox Law Center".

- **Eddie Knox- Lincoln County's Small Businessman of 2011- YouTube Video**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMWEZwpvUjs>

We were so happy to see that The Carolina Scoop of Lincoln County posted this video to YouTube so that we could all watch (for a second time) Eddie Knox receive this award. And now all of you can as well. Click on the link above!

- **Check out what we were doing in December...**

During the month of December, our firm collected toys for the USMC Toys for Tots campaign in an effort to help those parents and providers who may have fallen victim to the poor state of the economy. We hope to make this an annual tradition at the Knox Law Center and thank all of those who participated.



Kathy Fain and Shannon Whitaker holding the Toys for Tots collected at the Knox Law Center in Charlotte during December, 2011

We also delivered 29 dozen donuts from Dunkin Donuts to the staff of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse in Charlotte as a token of our appreciation to the employees at the Courthouse for all of their hard work and assistance throughout the year.



Extreme Makeover Home Edition's Last Stop-Lincolnton, NC
Episode to be aired in March, 2012





For those of you who have not yet heard, ABC's Extreme Makeover Home Edition chose a family in Lincolnton to receive a new home constructed by Bellamy Homes. Through generous donations from both businesses and individuals throughout the area, the "Friday" family (bottom right) consisting of Devonda and James Friday and 30 foster children will be featured along with hundreds of volunteers on a 2 hour episode airing in March of 2012 on ABC.

We wish all of you success and happiness in the year 2012.

And remember: Should you need us, we will be here for you!

We welcome your comments! Just send us an email at knoxbrotherton@knoxlawcenter.com.

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