

Dear Friends:

We hope this first edition of “News You Can Use” finds you well. In this media age, it seems we all want our information in real-time and at our fingertips. To that end, we have decided to send our clients and our friends periodic updates regarding legal trends, important cases recently decided, and things happening down at the courthouse or in the legal community. Without further adieu:

- In January, the new North Carolina Child Support Guidelines were released, and they are now being used in every child support case. If you are paying or receiving child support, you should take a look and see how these new Child Support Guidelines may affect your situation. Take a look at the following website: <https://nddhacts01.dhhs.state.nc.us> or contact an attorney at our firm to discuss your situation.
- In November, several new judges were elected in Mecklenburg County. As you may know, judges are elected (not appointed) in North Carolina, and this process is controversial as it sometimes results in the election of judges who may not be as qualified as the judges they are replacing. In any event, it is important to “know your judge” before you appear before him/her. Of course, we can assist you in providing some important information about the Judge who will be presiding over your next case.
- Anyone see where the former Mecklenburg County District Attorney has been sued by a former assistant DA for his firing last year? The fired DA later ran for Judge and won the election. So now a District Court Judge is the Plaintiff in a case against the former District Attorney. You don’t see that every day.
- Did you know that you can check out online who has been arrested recently in Mecklenburg County? Take a look at <http://arrestinquiryweb.co.mecklenburg.nc.us/>.

In closing, we value our relationship with you, and please keep us in mind in the event a legal issue arises in your life. In addition, thanks in advance for referring our firm to your friends and associates. If you have any questions regarding personal injury cases, medical malpractice, separation and divorce, child custody, criminal or traffic-related issues including DWI, business law or small business issues, please don’t hesitate to give us a call.

Thanks and take care,

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