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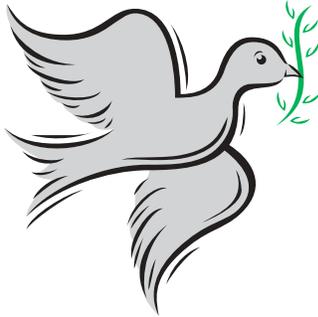
FOR THE RECORD

Fall 2003

Best Wishes For A Joyous Holiday Season

And A

New Year of Peace



Martye Cohen Dennis Feeley

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In the spirit of the holiday season and in lieu of gifts, we have made a \$5,000 charitable donation, on behalf of our clients, colleagues and staff. The ten benefiting charities were selected by our associates and staff, and include The Alliance For Children & Families Of The Lehigh Valley, American Cancer Society-Lehigh Valley Chapter, Good Mews Animal Shelter, Life Choices Inc., March Of Dimes, National Eating Disorders Association, National Kidney Foundation of Delaware Valley, Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation, The Salvation Army, and Shriners Hospital For Children.

COHEN & FEELEY RECOVERS OVER \$1.4 MILLION FOR INJURED VICTIM

A student suffered injuries during an athletic practice. Due to improper treatment, the student will continue to require future surgeries and is limited in his activities. This case was resolved for \$1,450,000.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Craig Pijut joined the firm in 1991 as the Office Manager. Craig is a Certified Paralegal and worked in various areas of law, prior to joining Cohen & Feeley. He resides in Palmer Township with his wife, Nancy, also a member of the firm. Craig has three sons: Jason 23, Jeremy 21, and in May, he and Nancy welcomed their new son, Joseph Tristan Pijut. Craig is active in his church and likes to spend free time with his family - Joseph keeps him very busy.

CARING ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Bowling Attorneys

In March, the firm's partners, Martye Cohen & Dennis Feeley, along with their families, gathered sponsors and participated in Bowl For Kids' Sake 2003 which raised funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A Lasting Impression



For the second year, Cohen & Feeley was proud to sponsor a booth at Kidsfest for the Bethlehem Police Department. In addition, the law firm purchased and donated a portable fingerprinting station, so that more families could partake of this service. The police and Cohen & Feeley staff fingerprinted children and supplied their parents with Child Identification cards. Martin Cohen stated, "We are pleased to support this important community service, but certainly hope the families never need to use it".

Lehigh Valley's Best

Cohen & Feeley's Best Of The Best program provides college scholarship assistance to one student from each of the twenty-five high schools in the greater Lehigh Valley and also donates funds to each of the students' charity of choice. Scholarship applications are reviewed and the awards are based upon academic achievements, extra curricular activities, leadership roles, community service, and special circumstances, such as any obstacle the student has overcome. Of all twenty-five scholarship recipients, one female and one male student are selected as "the best of the best" and awarded a higher level of scholarship.

Charities, to which Cohen & Feeley have contributed on behalf of the 2003 Best Of The Best students are Adult Literacy Center of the Lehigh Valley, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Amnesty International, Autism Society of America, Blind Association of Northampton County, Boys & Girls Club of Allentown, Childrens' Leukemia Research Association, Holy Family Catholic Church, Holy Family Manor, Ixtatan Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Lehigh Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center, The Nature Conservancy, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, September 11th Fund, Shriner's Hospital, Special Olympics, Tandala Hospital Congo, Tracy Elementary School Library, and Twin Pines Camp & Retreat.

On May 17th, at the eighth annual Breakfast Ceremony, students and parents, as guests of the law firm of Cohen & Feeley, enjoyed advice and words of wisdom from the Northampton Court of Common Pleas President Judge, Robert A. Freedberg, after which, Marciela DeGrace and Joseph Ronca were honored as this year's "best of the best".



Marciela, a senior at Parkland High School is a National Merit Commended Student and a National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalist. She was selected to attend the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Agriculture Science. Some of her many other awards include Advance Placement Scholar, First Place Biochemistry at the Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Fair and Second Place for Historical Paper at the Regional History Day Competition, which qualified her for the state competition.

DeGrace has been a Girl Scout for thirteen years and has received her Silver Pin and Leadership Pin. Last year she was chosen to participate in the Girl Scout National Outward Bound Program and a "Leader in Training", where she helped co-lead troop #198. DeGrace is viola section leader and librarian of the school orchestra and a member of the

Community Service Club. She has received three varsity letters as a member of the Varsity Swim Team. As a member of the Math League, DeGrace represented Parkland High School in the American Math Competition. She is the Head of Internal Causes for the Grass Roots Organization and established a school program to recycle ink cartridges and toner to accommodate all school computers, copiers and fax machines. DeGrace is also a member of the Performing Arts Club, Strolling Strings and the Stage Crew.

Marciela is the daughter of Madeline DeGrace of Allentown. She works as lifeguard and swimming instructor and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, Wildlands Conservatory, the Girl Scouts, Musikfest, Mayfair, and Special Olympics. She will be attending Carnegie Mellon University, majoring in biochemistry.



Joseph Ronca, a senior at Pen Argyl High School is President of the Student Government and a representative of the Student Forum. For the past two years, he has participated in the Bloomsburg University Math Competition. During the summer of 2002, Ronca attended the National Youth Leadership Forum in medicine at Villanova University and "Making The Link"-Science & Medicine in Pre-Medical Science at Brown University. He was a scholarship winner at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Summer Honors Program and won for biochemistry and genetic engineering. Some of Ronca's other awards include Humanities & Social Science Award from the University of Rochester, Ressler Mathematics & Science Award, Elks Legacy Award, Pen Argyl Alumni Association Award, and Wendy' High School Heisman & Express-Times/Lafayette College Academic All-Star.

Joseph plays first violin and is a quartet leader in the school string quartet. He has been concertmaster for all four years of high school. Joseph also plays drums in the concert and jazz band and last year, won The Instrumentalist Magazine Musicianship Award for drums and percussion. He is a member of the Tri M Music Honor Society and the Music Director for the school television station, WPAHS. He has varsity letters for baseball, golf, and student athletic trainer, and is a member of the American Legion All-Star Baseball team. Joseph is also a tour guide for Freshman Orientation and a member of the Freshman Big Buddy program.

Ronca is the son of Joseph and Joan Ronca of Pen Argyl. He will be attending Villanova University in the fall in their pre-med studies program. Throughout the summer months, Joseph works as a Recreation Counselor at Weona Park in Pen Argyl and is a self-employed violinist. He is on the special Latin Mass Team and is an Altar Boy at St. Roch Church. Joseph also volunteers his time, providing area nursing home residents with musical entertainment.

In closing the Best Of The Best awards ceremony, Dennis Feeley partner of Cohen & Feeley Attorneys At Law, stated, "standing before these amazing teens, I cannot help, but be in awe of their academic accomplishments and dedication to the community. I know that they will achieve greatness at college and after graduation. It is a privilege to honor these outstanding students and Cohen & Feeley is pleased to assist them with their educational endeavors and wishes them continued success as they enter college or university". Detailed scholarship program materials can be found by visiting www.cohenfeeley.com.

Making It Bearable

For the third year, Cohen & Feeley is proud to be the title sponsor of Soft Rock 100.7 radio station's Feel Better Bears community program and will also donate 100 teddy bears to kick off the promotion. Through December 12th, radio listeners will be encouraged to drop off a new teddy bear at participating locations. The bears will then be distributed to sick children in area hospitals during the holidays and also given to the Pennsylvania State Police, who use them to calm children at the scene of accidents. In 2002, nearly 2,000 new teddy bears were collected and distributed.

Additional details and drop off locations can be found by calling the radio station at (610) 266-7600.

NEW & IMPROVED - WWW.COHENFEELEY.COM

The law firm of Cohen & Feeley is pleased to introduce its newly designed website, which can be found by visiting www.cohenfeeley.com. View staff bios and photos, browse through our practice areas where recent case settlements and verdicts are highlighted, and read past issues of our newsletter, *For The Record*.

ALERTS & THE LAW...PROTECT YOURSELF

Statue Of Limitations

In Pennsylvania, generally, the Statute Of Limitations in personal injury claims is 2 years from the date of the injury, however, there are many exceptions. For example, claims against government agencies require that certain notices be provided within 6 months of the date of injury, or you may lose the right to sue. Additionally, with regard to most injuries involving minors, the right to bring suit on behalf of the minor extends to 2 years after their 18th birthday. However, the parents still need to bring suit within 2 years to obtain reimbursement of any expenses they paid on behalf of the child or for any injuries, which the parent may have suffered.

Because there are such exceptions, it is extremely important that when you have been injured through the negligence of another, you immediately contact Cohen & Feeley so that all of your rights may be explained and preserved. Failure to do so, may result in a denial of your right to recover for your injuries!

Full Tort vs. Limited Tort

Full Tort versus Limited Tort - Simply put, Full Tort is the right to sue an at-fault driver for all of your compensable injuries. By agreeing to Limited Tort coverage, you are agreeing that you do not have the right to sue for non-economic damages (pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life) unless you sustain serious permanent injury. For example, if you have a strained back as a result of a negligent driver and you are out of work for 6 months, but you fully recover, you can only sue for your actual unpaid medical bills and lost wages. We recommend that all Pennsylvania drivers purchase Full Tort coverage. Other states such as New Jersey have similar provisions. Please call Cohen & Feeley for details.

FEELEY RE-ELECTED TO PATLA BOARD

Dennis F. Feeley was recently re-elected to a fourth term, serving on the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors for the Eastern District, which represents clients and victims across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In this capacity, Feeley meets regularly with legislators and attorneys, in an effort to prevent erosion into the rights of injured victims within Pennsylvania.

ATTENTION FORMER & PRESENT CLIENTS

The Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association is continuing its search for victims of medical malpractice. Former clients, current clients and their families can assist in protecting the rights of the injured. The debate in Harrisburg over medical malpractice reform continues and there is still an effort to place caps on the right to sue for injuries suffered. Your voice, the story of the injury and the daily struggles that you or your loved one encounters, will make a difference as legislative leaders wrestle with this important issue.

If you are interested in joining our lobbying efforts and would be willing to write letters to or speak with legislators, please contact Dennis F. Feeley at (610) 258-0111. Your help is indispensable in winning the battle to protect the rights of the injured.

ABOUT OUR FIRM

Cohen & Feeley represents clients in the following areas:

- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Birth Injuries
- Defective Products
- Catastrophic Injuries
- Major Commercial Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Slip & Fall
- Drug Injuries
- Bad Faith Insurance
- Nursing Home Injuries & Abuse

AARP LEGAL SERVICES NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Cohen & Feeley is pleased to announce that the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) recently screened and accepted Martin D. Cohen as a participating attorney and member of the AARP Legal Services Network. Program details can be obtained at www.aarp.org/LSN or call 1-800-424-3410.

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