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Client Connection

Being a Better Lawyer: The Inspiration of a Good Father

The jury sat still, all eyes transfixed on the lawyer standing before them in a navy blue pinstripe three-piece suit and regimental striped tie. “Ladies and gentleman,” he continued . . . “my client will forever suffer, each day of her life, every waking minute, from the time she awakens in the morning until her eyes close each night her head rests on her pillow.”

The lawyer turned away from the jury, now focusing his full attention on his client seated behind the dark mahogany table with a tabletop sign reading, Plaintiff’s Counsel. And as their eyes locked together between lawyer and client, tears streamed down her cheeks before she could wipe them away. The lawyer continued with his gaze still upon her and began walking toward her, “Never will my client have real joy in her life, never will she be able to give the kind of joy she promised her husband on the altar of their wedding day 18 years ago, or to her 5 children the good Lord blessed her with over the years . . . now she just battles to get through each day, fighting the relentless foe that attacks her body, the foe that never relents, that never retreats, that never ceases to surrender . . . her eternal enemy on earth which possesses her frail and weak body, and kidnaps her mind and spirit with an evil force stronger than any demon . . . her never ending pain.”

The lawyer was now standing directly behind his client with his palms resting on top of her shoulders, and looking back toward the jury and the judge seated



GUY N PERENICH MARCH 24, 1925 – MAY 11, 2018

behind the bench rhetorically asked, “And the law’s justice, what does the law tell us to do, tell you the jury of her peers what you must do? Isn’t this the same justice that exists in the heart of every man and woman who knows the difference between what is right and what is wrong? Indeed, the law’s justice in this courtroom cries out for this mother, this wife, this servant of the almighty and living God in Heaven, that she must be made whole, made new, made to be fully remediated and restored in every possible way the law so allows and indeed demands for every deserving citizen of this land. Ladies and gentlemen, it is the only just, true and rightful verdict for her.”

That lawyer in the courtroom was my father. A father who not only inspired me to become a lawyer, but to become a lawyer willing to sacrifice every ounce of passion and energy for his clients . . . even those without the means to fight and speak up for themselves. A lawyer willing to go to war in the courtroom against billion dollar insurance companies, big corporate interests and anyone who would try to avoid responsibility for harming others.

I was in the courtroom that day so many years ago to hear my father’s closing argument to the jury. I was only 12 or 13 years old, but it made an impact on me that I’ll never forget. I knew at that



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Perenich the Law Firm was built upon the foundation of values and principals that Guy Perenich taught his sons. Today, Greg, Tim, and Terence carry on their family's legacy to bring justice to all members of our Tampa Bay community.

moment then, as much as I now know after being a lawyer for over 30 years, that all the values and core beliefs embodied by my Dad: his tenacity, creativity, wit, dedication, compassion, love, and most of all his unshakable belief in himself and your clients, made him a great lawyer and a person his clients knew beyond all doubt that they were not alone and that he would walk with them each and every step of the way as their unshakable advocate.

Guy Perenich passed away on May 11, 2018 after a long illness. He was 93 years old. He raised 9 children. He instilled in each of his kids all the good and decent qualities a father should teach his children. He taught us to love and respect each other, to forgive those that transgress against us, to share our joys, talents and possessions with others, and to give and abundantly serve others less fortunate with our time, talent and treasure.

Today I am proud to say that those core values my father instilled in me make me who I am today, and the lawyer my clients know me to be. My two brothers, Tim and Terence, also share the same core beliefs, which is why we became partners nine years ago. Together, we carry on his legacy through our law firm.

My Dad will be dearly missed. He touched the lives of many people, including his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and of the clients he had the honor and privilege of representing. Thank you, Dad, for all that you gave me and for all of your prayers. Thank you for teaching me by your example the most important things and how to be a better lawyer and better person in my life. I cannot wait until we are reunited again together in Heaven.

Greg J. Perenich, Esquire

Local Summer Events

June 8-10
Opa! Palooza
Greek Festival
Tarpon Springs
Sponge Docks

June 15
St. Pete Street Food &
Craft Beer Fest
Albert Whitted Park

June 16-17
Powerboat P1 Races
St. Pete Beach

June 24
St. Pete Pride Festival
Grand Central District

July 1
The Independence Run
5K and 10K
Al Lopez Park

August 11
Mid-Florida Summer
Home Show - Plant City
Florida Strawberry
Festival Grounds

The Importance of Uninsured Motorist Insurance

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist ("UM") coverage protects you if you are involved in an accident and the at-fault person doesn't have adequate insurance to cover your injuries. UM is probably the most important coverage to have because it protects YOU when someone else was negligent. UM is not required by law. The only insurance required by Florida law is Personal Injury Protection ("PIP") insurance. Up to certain limits, PIP covers medical expenses and lost wages that you might incur after an auto accident. Generally, PIP pays only up to \$10,000. With the high cost of medical treatment that continues to increase, \$10,000 doesn't go far. UM can cover expenses beyond the initial \$10,000 of PIP coverage.

Sometimes, we hear from clients that they don't want to file claims because they worry their insurance rates will increase. However, the entire purpose of insurance is to provide a pocket of recovery in the event of an accident.

Sometimes an insurance agent may try to sell you a policy by finding the lowest cost. This isn't always in your best interest, especially if your policy doesn't include UM. When upgrading or renewing your policy, make sure you have a frank conversation with your agent as to the importance of UM. Ordinarily, UM doesn't cost much more than a policy without it. For a few dollars more, you can have peace of mind that YOU will be protected in the event of a serious injury.

If you have any questions about

your policy and what it covers, we at PERENICH The Law Firm are happy to provide you with a free policy review.

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Seasonal Recipe Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Ingredients

1 cup white sugar 1/2 cup all- purpose flour 1 pound fresh rhubarb, chopped 2 pints fresh strawberries 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie 2 tablespoons butter 1 egg yolk 2 tablespoons white sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F
2. In a large bowl, mix flour and sugar. Add strawberries and chopped rhubarb. Toss with sugar and flour and let stand for 30 minutes.
3. Pour filling into pie crust. Dot top with butter, and cover with top crust. Seal edges of top and bottom crust with water.
4. Apply yolk to top of pie, using pastry brush. Sprinkle with sugar. Cut small holes in top to let steam escape. 5. Bake at 400 degrees F, for 35 to 40 minutes, or until bubbly and brown. Cool on rack.

Here We Grow!

We are excited to announce our newest employees that have joined our team! Welcome Sarah and Carrie to Perenich the Law Firm!

Carrie joined us in January and is our new Director of Operations and Business Development. Sarah joined us in April and is our newest personal injury paralegal!

Welcome Sarah & Carrie to our growing team!



Sarah



Carrie

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