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## Kimberly Peters Joins Perenich Law Injury Attorneys

Please welcome our newest employee, Kim Peters! Kim has 17 years of experience as a Nurse Paralegal specializing in Complex Medical Malpractice Litigation and Personal Injury in both State and Federal courts, as well as 13 years of nursing experience.

Welcome aboard, Kim!

## KID'S COLUMN – 6 TIPS FOR SWIMMING AT THE BEACH

Annual beach trips filled with boogie boarding, sand-filled lunches, and sunburns are some of the most memorable vacations. But, while beaches can mean refreshing drinks and breathtaking sunsets, they also pose several dangers.

Here are six safety tips for swimming at the beach:

1. Teach children that swimming in open water differs from swimming in a pool. Be aware of situations unique to open water, such as limited visibility, depth, uneven surfaces, currents, and undertow. These potential hazards can make swimming in open water more challenging than swimming in a pool.
2. Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating or participating in water activities: Choose a life jacket that fits your child's weight and water activity. Weak swimmers should wear life jackets when they are in or near water.

3. Use designated swimming zones and recreational areas whenever possible: Look for posted signs about open water hazards. Also, look for signs that say when lifeguards are present.
4. Watch kids while in or around water without being distracted: Keep young children and weak swimmers within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time.
5. Use sunscreen: The sun's rays are most damaging in or near water, so make sure your child wears waterproof sunscreen to protect their skin.
6. Stay hydrated: Swimming in salt water can dehydrate the body, so make sure your child drinks plenty of water before and after swimming.





## CLEARWATER BOATING ACCIDENTS COMMON ACCIDENT INJURIES

The Tampa Bay region, including Clearwater, features some of the most amazing waterways in the state. Though fun and adventure are ever-present in local waters, there is also a risk of injury and even death in the event of a boating accident.

Florida experiences roughly 800 boating accidents a year. Half of those accidents result from a boat colliding with another vessel or structure.

The most common injury sustained in a Florida boating accident is a laceration. Lacerations are cuts to the skin because of contact with sharp objects such as broken glass or boat propellers. While these injuries commonly heal with minimal medical treatment, lacerations can result in scarring and the need for skin graft surgery.

Other types of injuries that are common to Clearwater boating accidents include:

- Broken bones: can result in chronic pain, limited range of motion, and the need for surgery.
- Head injuries: including traumatic brain injuries that can result in permanent disabilities. Other types of head injuries include damage to the eyes, nose, or teeth, fractures to the bones in the face, burns, or cuts.
- Back injuries: including spinal cord injuries, can also result in permanent disabilities. Other back injuries can be fractured spinal vertebrae or ruptured, slipped, or herniated discs.
- Internal injuries: can result from the penetration of an object into the abdominal cavity or bumping the abdomen against a boat railing during an accident. The most threatening risk caused by internal



injuries is uncontrolled bleeding, known as hemorrhaging, which can result in a dangerous loss of blood volume, organ failure, and even death.

- Burns: resulting from contact with flames or caustic chemicals. Burns can cause permanent scarring and an infection.
- Limb amputation: If a person's body hits a boat's propeller.
- Hypothermia: results from falling overboard into cold water and waiting to be found.

## FLORIDA PASSES HOUSE BILL 837 – WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

On March 24, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 837. House Bill 837 changes the statute of limitations for personal injury claims in Florida from four years to two years and significantly impacts the legal landscape.



Florida was a pure comparative fault state before the passage of HB 837, which means if you were involved in an accident and found to be partially at fault, you could still recover damages from the other party based on the percentage of fault attributed to them. For example: If you were involved in a car accident and found to be 25% at fault, you could still recover 75% of your damages from the other driver. In a courtroom, juries are to determine fault and personal injury damages. If a jury determined your damages to be \$100,000, and your fault is 60%, you would recover \$40,000 under pure comparative negligence.

Under the modified system, if a plaintiff is more than 50% at fault for an accident, they cannot recover any damages from the other party. In the above example, the Plaintiff would recover nothing.

The other significant change you can expect from HB 837 is it reduces the statute of limitations for personal injury claims from four to two years. So, if you are involved in an accident and want to pursue a personal injury claim, you must do so within two years of the accident date.

In conclusion, follow these tips after an injury: First, gather as much evidence as possible. More is always better. If you're going to the hospital, ask someone else to get photos and names of witnesses, which will aid in a liability dispute. Do your homework and find a reputable attorney after an accident so they can investigate the claim.

## Perenich Law Injury Attorneys Hosts Client Appreciation Day at Clearwater Office

Perenich Law Injury Attorneys hosted a Client Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 1st, 2023. Clients and staff enjoyed an afternoon of free food and drinks, music, and fun. The event featured a DJ, a face painter, a caricature, and an ice cream truck.

The event also featured a gift raffle. The prizes were Apple AirPods, Fresh Market gift baskets, a flat-screen TV, and a JBL Bluetooth Speaker.



## PERENICH LAW INJURY ATTORNEYS ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICE LOCATION IN TAMPA BAY

Brothers Greg, Tim, and Terence Perenich are pleased to announce the opening of their new Tampa location. The new office address is:

2511 West Columbus Dr. | Tampa, FL 33607

"We're excited to announce the official opening of our Tampa office. The new office will be fully operational on June 1, 2023. We plan to have a fully staffed office to meet all our clients' needs. My brothers and I will be meeting clients there and working on files. Our paralegal, Gladys Cortez will head this office and handle prelitigation and litigation cases. Our law firm is constantly growing, and we are blessed to be able to grow with the Tampa community", says Attorney Greg Perenich.

We welcome all our friends and clients, old and new, to visit us in this exciting new location. If you have any questions, please, email us at [contactus@perenichlaw.com](mailto:contactus@perenichlaw.com) or (727) 699-2828.

