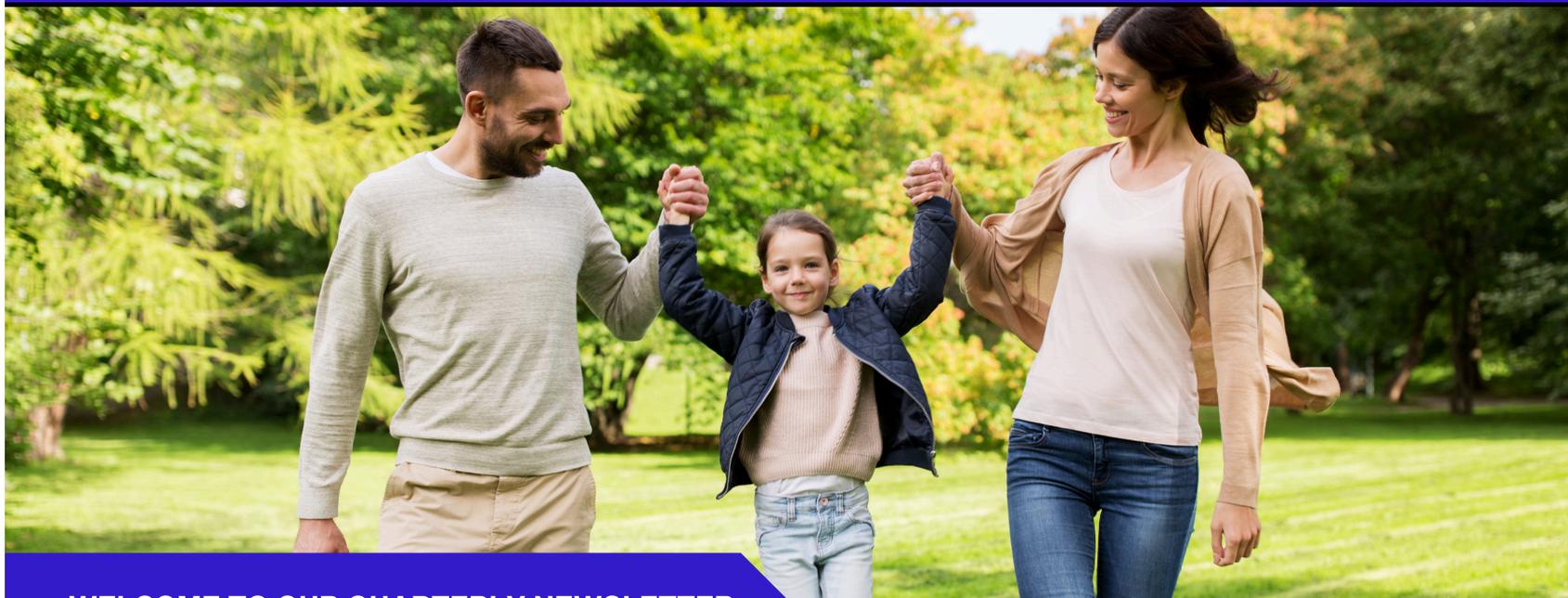


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WELCOME TO OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## Perenich Law Injury Attorneys Welcomes Laura Simon, Esq.

We are proud to welcome attorney Laura Simon to the Perenich Law Injury Attorneys team!

Laura is a dedicated litigator with a remarkable background in both public service and private practice. After earning her law degree from Stetson University College of Law and receiving the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award, she built her career as an Assistant Public Defender and Assistant State Attorney, passionately advocating for her clients inside and outside of the courtroom.

Before joining our firm, Laura worked as a defense attorney for major insurance carriers, gaining valuable insight into the tactics used to deny injury claims — experience she now uses to fight for those who have been wronged.

Beyond her legal work, Laura is deeply involved in the community through volunteer efforts with Lawyers for Literacy and Guardian ad Litem, and she shares her passion for justice

through speaking engagements at local schools and universities. Please join us in giving Laura a warm welcome to the Perenich Law family as she continues her mission to serve and protect the injured with empathy and dedication.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS
- MEET OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS
- FLORIDA'S STRANGEST LAWS
- LEARN ABOUT THE KIMBERLY HOME
- GENERATIONAL FAMILY COOKIE RECIPE



At Perenich Law Injury Attorneys, we're proud to support the **Straz Center for the Performing Arts** in Tampa for the third year in a row. We believe that the arts have the power to inspire, connect, and uplift our community. By supporting the Straz Center, we help introduce children to the arts and create opportunities for the

youth to experience the joy of music, theater, and dance. Together, we're building a stronger, more vibrant Tampa Bay for generations to come.

## ARE YOU SIGNING AWAY YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT?

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS

Arbitration agreements are becoming more common in everyday contracts—even in places you might not expect, like subscription service Disney+. Hidden in the fine print of user agreements, these clauses can significantly limit your legal options if something goes wrong.

#### What Is an Arbitration Agreement?

It's a clause in a contract that requires disputes to be resolved outside of court through a private process with a neutral third party (an arbitrator), rather than a judge or jury in court. While arbitration is often described as faster and less expensive, it can come with serious downsides for consumers, namely the company asking for arbitration seeks to pay less than what full justice requires.

#### The Disney+ Case: A Real-Life Example

A recent wrongful death lawsuit involving Disney+ drew attention to the power of arbitration clauses. The victim's family tried to hold Disney accountable in court, but the company pointed to its arbitration clause and pushed for a private resolution. The family had accepted Disney's terms and conditions on their Xbox when attempting to watch Disney+. Disney later argued that this arbitration agreement prevented the family from bringing a lawsuit for the incident that occurred in the park. Like many consumers, the family hadn't realized they were agreeing to that when they signed up for the service. Disney sought to dismiss the wrongful death lawsuit over a guest's fatal allergic reaction by



invoking arbitration clauses tied to its services but reversed course after public backlash. The company waived its arbitration rights, allowing the case to proceed in court, citing the need for compassion.

#### WHY THIS MATTERS FOR INJURY VICTIMS

Arbitration clauses can prevent you from filing a lawsuit, joining a class action, or appealing a decision—even when serious harm has occurred. And because arbitration is private, there's often less transparency and fewer protections for individuals.

#### How to Protect Yourself

- **Read the fine print** when agreeing to terms and conditions.
- **Ask questions**—especially when signing contracts involving medical care, services, or employment.
- **Consult an attorney** if you're unsure.

At Perenich Law Injury Attorneys, we believe you should always know your rights. If you've been injured and are worried an arbitration clause might affect your case, we're here to help you navigate the process.

**Stay informed. Stay empowered.** Your right to justice shouldn't be hidden in the fine print.

Michael Perenich, Esq.



Sheena Adams is our newest Pre-Litigation Paralegal at Perenich Law Injury Attorneys. Sheena has over 25 years of experience in the legal profession. When she is not working, Sheena enjoys traveling, shopping, and visiting diverse eateries.



Victoria Asztalos is our new Marketing Director at the firm. A 2024 University of South Florida Graduate, she has had the opportunity to gain vast marketing experience throughout her educational career. In Victoria's free time, she loves going to the beach and trying new foods.



### Supporting Moms, Families, and Our Community

At Perenich Law Injury Attorneys, we're proud to support The Kimberly Home, an incredible organization in Clearwater that offers life-changing assistance to pregnant women and their children. From pregnancy testing and ultrasounds to maternity supplies and emotional support, The Kimberly Home provides essential services to women at one of the

most vulnerable times of their lives. What makes The Kimberly Home truly special is its holistic approach to support. Beyond immediate needs, they also offer life skills education, parenting classes, and transitional housing, empowering women to build brighter futures for themselves and their children. Through their thrift stores in Clearwater and Dunedin, they also create job opportunities and raise funds to support their programs.

One of our own attorneys, Greg Perenich, is honored to serve on the Board of Directors and volunteer with this extraordinary organization. His passion for their mission is a testament to the positive impact The Kimberly Home has on both the individuals it serves and the community as a whole. We encourage you to learn more about The Kimberly Home and consider supporting their vital work. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of mothers and children in our community.

### Florida's Strangest Laws: What's Still On The Books?

#### Beauty Sleep or Bust!

Ladies, did you know that it is illegal for you to fall asleep beneath a hair dryer in Florida? Salon owners may even be fined if they let their clients doze off in the chair. So next time you are on your way to your hair appointment, make sure you have had your beauty sleep the night before!

#### No Politics at Thanksgiving!

Did you know that there is actually a law against being annoying? It states that, "All nuisances that tend to annoy the community, injure the health of citizens in general, or corrupt the public morals are misdemeanors of the second degree." Next time, tell your cousin to save the political ramble for another day!

#### Balloon Bonanza Banned!

Happen to be planning a balloon release for an upcoming baby shower? You might want to rethink that! In Florida, it is illegal to release 10 or more balloons at once, unless they're biodegradable or for a scientific project, of course.

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0800-0899/0823/Sections/0823.01.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0800-0899/0823/Sections/0823.01.html)

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2012/379.233>



### Tabitha's Ultimate Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies

We're excited to share a special treat from one of our very own team members, Tabitha! This cherished dessert recipe has been passed down through three generations in her family. Growing up, Tabitha fondly remembers enjoying these cookies—they've always reminded her of home, love, and the warmth of family gatherings. Now, she's passing the tradition along to you!

#### Ingredients:

- 3/4 C. Crisco butter flavor
- 1 1/4 C. firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 C. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1 (6 oz.) pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Beat shortening, brown sugar, milk and vanilla in large bowl with mixer on medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg.
3. Combine flour, salt and baking soda. Mix into shortening mixture until just blended. Stir in chocolate chips.
4. Scoop tablespoonfuls of dough and place 3 inches apart onto baking sheet.
5. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool 2 minutes. Remove from baking sheet and place on a piece of aluminum foil to cool completely.

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## Your Legal and Lifestyle Update from Our Family Firm

What's Inside This Issue:

We'll explain how arbitration clauses can affect your legal rights and share ways to protect yourself. We also take a fun look at some of Florida's most unusual laws—because sometimes, the truth really is stranger than fiction! Plus, we're excited to share a signature recipe passed down through generations from one of our team members, and highlight our efforts to give back to the community. We'll also introduce the newest faces on our team.



### TAMPA BAY FUN: EVENTS YOU'LL LOVE

#### **Third Fridays in Safety Harbor**

First Thursdays, 2025 (Come visit us there!)

#### **Hope in the Park/Back 2 School Bash**

August 3, 2025

#### **Gulfport GeckoFest**

August 30, 2025

#### **Tampa Bay Food and Wine Festival**

September 12-14, 2025