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Lee-gal News

Nathaniel Lee

We are excited to announce that **Nathaniel Lee** was nominated for “2007 Trial Lawyer of the Year”!

It is true that Mr. Lee is an outstanding trial lawyer and that he has numerous favorable jury trial verdicts to his credit. The last few years have been remarkable in that most notably he received a \$17 million dollar verdict in the Shipp v. Hobbs jury trial in April, 2007.

Also, Nathaniel Lee holds credit for the largest personal injury verdict in Howard County, Indiana, when a jury returned an award of \$507,000.00. He also received a settlement of \$600,000.00 in Wayne County, Indiana. Mr. Lee has also received the dis-

tingtion of “Super Lawyer” for the last four (4) years!

Because many cases are resolved prior to trial, Mr. Lee has at least five (5) recent settlements for over \$1 million on cases in which his clients were severely injured or resulted in death.

Regardless of whether your case goes to trial or not,

having Nathaniel Lee and his litigation team on your side is security that your case will be handled properly, diligently and with the intent of obtaining the best recovery possible.

Congratulations Mr. Lee! Your firm is behind you 100% and you are the best candidate for the “2007 Trial Lawyer of the Year”!



Circle City Classic 2008

Fall in Indianapolis means it is time for the Circle City Classic and we hope you were able to enjoy the fun and festivities associated with the CCC held this year. The highlight of the 25th anniversary Classic was the football game with

Alabama A&M University and Tuskegee University.

The morning of the parade was chilly and Lee Cossell Kuehn & Love provided donuts, bagels, juice and coffee for the parade goers. Thanks to everyone who came by and said “Hello”!



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LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have any ideas for articles or information you would like to see on our website or in this newsletter? Call us! We would love to hear from you!

Please provide your current address, telephone number(s) and e-mail address for future publications.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE, NOVEMBER 4, 2008!

FIDUCIARIES

THINGS TO KNOW & UNDERSTAND IF YOU ARE ASKED TO BE A POWER OF ATTORNEY

Someone has asked you to be their “Power of Attorney” and you are honored that they have the trust in you to assist them. However, there are some simple terms that you should understand. A Power of Attorney document gives you the right to act for another person (the “principal”). You are called an “attorney in fact”.

Also, it is important to understand *how* you can act on behalf of the other person. Your authority is limited to those ways written in the Power of Attorney document. You are not required to exercise the powers granted under a Power of Attorney or assume control or responsibility for the principal. However, once you do exercise such power, by acting on the principal’s behalf, your role as Family Member or Friend ceases to exist. When exercising such power, you are a “fiduciary” and are required to act only for the benefit of the principal.

In order to handle your duties properly, the following is a brief overview of guidelines that you should follow:

1. Never exercise your power in favor of yourself.
2. Keep all receipts and documentation when you exercise authority.
3. Keep a log of all times you exercise authority under the Power of Attorney.
4. Write the letters “POA” beside your signature when exercising your power.
5. File Power of Attorney with county Recorder’s office when handling real property transactions.
6. Your authority to act can be revoked by the principal.
7. Your power and authority ceases at certain times.
8. It is important to know if the principal is mentally competent.

This list is not exhaustive, but meant to give you an understanding that fiduciary responsibilities are serious and guided by Indiana law at Ind. Code 30-5-1-1. Please contact our office if you need further information.

LEE, COSSELL, KUEHN & LOVE, LLP JOINS WITH THE LEE FOUNDATION IN COMMUNITY ACTION!

Once again this year, the Lee Cossell Kuehn & Love, LLP and the Lee Foundation have co-sponsored many summer events and programs. We were able to increase our summer programs to include several churches and youth programs, including, but not limited to, Olivet MBC, Pike Track Club, Warren Track Club, Beginning Steps Day Care and Child Ministry, Devine Duration Christian, Light of the World, and Cosmo Knights. Upcoming events for the fall are the Annual Halloween Candy Give-a-Way and the Christmas Adopt-a-Family (*see page 3 for more information on these events*).

The Lee Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that uses its resources to assist children and families in Greater Indianapolis and surrounding communities. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the Christmas Adopt-A-Family. If you are interested, please contact Kate Kuehn at (317) 631-5151.



Esperanza Alonzo joined the firm in 2008 and has been assisting our clients in matters related to criminal defense, personal injury and civil litigation. She is a 2005 graduate of Indiana University– Indianapolis School of Law. However, prior to coming to the United States, Ms. Alonzo was an Attorney licensed to practice in Mexico. Thus, her years of experience in both the United States and Mexico make her a valuable addition to our firm. She speaks fluent Spanish and has assisted our firm in helping numerous persons who do not speak English, but need legal help. She also acts as an interpreter for several courts and agencies throughout Indiana.

On September 20, 2008, Ms. Alonzo represented the firm with a booth at Fiesta Indianapolis. Please be sure to welcome her to our firm!

Congratulations Laura Crowley!

Lee, Cossell, Kuehn & Love, LLP, is pleased to announce that Laura Crowley has been named a Partner in the firm. Ms. Crowley joined the firm as a law clerk in 1998. She was later hired as an attorney in 2000. Ms. Crowley is a 1981 graduate of SUNY Downstate College of Nursing and has worked as a surgical, emergency room and operating room nurse for many years prior to obtaining her law degree. Ms. Crowley has been working with Nathaniel Lee in our Medical Malpractice area for many years and it is precisely her nursing experience and exceptional attention to detail that makes her an asset to our firm and a great lawyer! Please join us in congratulating Ms. Crowley!



IN OTHER NEWS. . .the firm has had several recent noteworthy verdicts. Mr. Lee obtained a \$313,651.45 verdict in Marion County, Indiana on the Estate of W v. MP. This is a maximum recovery as Indiana law only allows \$300,000.00 plus funeral expenses in a wrongful death case where there are no dependant children. Also, Bob Feagley and Jamison Allen obtained a \$25,000.00 verdict in Allen County, Indiana, in June, 2008. The case involved an automobile collision with connective tissue injuries, with the last offer by the insurance company at \$2,000.00.

Halloween Candy Give-A-Way

October 31, 2008 7:00p.m.

We love Halloween and seeing everyone dressed up in their favorite costumes! Once again, our firm will be hosting a "drive by" candy give-a-way on Friday, October 31, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The giveaway will be held at 127 East Michigan Street (front of the law office), with cars lining up on Michigan Street, outside the firm front doors. We expect to have members of the Indianapolis Colts football team available, including

but not limited to Bob Sanders, Reggie Wayne, Robert Mathis and others, on hand for the giveaway. There will also be surprise gifts given away.

Thanks for your support of this event in the years past and we look forward to seeing everyone again this year!

Drive safely!



Christmas Adopt-A-Family

In December, Lee Cossell Kuehn & Love, LLP joins with The Lee Foundation to once again assist needy families and individuals with Christmas assistance. For over ten (10) years, the Christmas Adopt-A-Family has assisted hundreds of families by providing gifts of clothing, toys and bicycles to children, and food and utility assistance to adults. We desire that more families are able to experience the joy of Christmas this year.

We are searching for those families that are most in need and concerned there will be no Christmas for their children. Written nominations, which state why the family is in need, should be no more than 100 words and include childrens' names, ages, SS#, clothing sizes, parents' names, address, phone number and SS#, as well as the name, address and phone number of the person nominating the family.

Nomination and questions should be submitted to:

"Christmas Adopt-A-Family"

ATTN: Kate Kuehn, Esq.

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by **Friday, December 5, 2008.**

REMINDER: Please provide updated address, phone and e-mail address for future publications.



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