The past couple of months have been full of challenges, opportunities, and time for reflection. As the COVID-19 crisis enveloped us we had to make several drastic changes – and quickly. We were able to change from an onsite law firm to a remote one in a matter of 24-hours. All of our staff came together to implement new processes and procedures to ensure that we continued to give our clients the best service we can, make sure we were communicating with the courts and prosecutors for new dates, and to try and get ahead as much as possible on our clients’ cases.

Lawyers and law firms are generally slow to embrace technological change. Our firm is not. We have been using online practice management software for years. In fact, when I started in 1999, I was an immediate adapter of technology – I used a program called Amicus Attorney, a Palm Pilot, and a Motorola Razr flip phone – boy how times have changed! Now we use a cloud-based program called MyCase and we’re almost exclusively an Apple law firm with iPhones, iPads, and MacBooks. This was a key ingredient in our success in transitioning to remote working.

The one solution we did not have in place was faxing. Many prosecutor’s offices, medical providers, and law firms still rely heavily on faxing. Our office copier is also our fax machine and it does not have any remote access capabilities (at least not any that I could figure out!). We were left with the challenge of implementing a fax solution that worked for us in a remote environment.

We tested four faxing services and decide on one within a week. We chose a company called Sfax. I liked Sfax because of their user interface, account set up, and HIPPA compliance. While our firm is not a HIPPA entity – knowing that the level of security demanded for HIPPA compliance is in place was an important factor in selecting Sfax.

In addition to the challenges we face at work, all of us have had adjustments to our home lives. My family celebrated 6 quarantine birthdays in March and April! We were still able to have virtual birthday parties and enjoy cake but certainly missed out on the normal family gatherings. Several of our staff have school age children and we’ve all been adjusting to home schooling. I would say that my mastery of 4th grade math and social studies is now at an all-time high!

We are all looking forward to things getting back to normal both in our personal and professional lives. We have been hard at work on multiple projects at the firm to not only survive this pandemic but to actually come out stronger than we were when we went in. Hopefully everyone is staying safe and working towards a return to normal. If you ever have any questions or want to discuss a case or issue, please just call!

Sincerely,

Joe
DUI FAQs

What is the difference between DUI and DWI?

DUI, DWI, OVI, OWI or OMVI all mean the same thing. In Ohio, it’s called an OVI (operating a vehicle under the influence). Kentucky uses the term DUI (driving under the influence) and Indiana uses OWI (operating while intoxicated). Our firm serves Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

What are the penalties I could be faced with?

DUI’s have harsh penalties, the severity of which depends on the details of your case. Generally speaking, you’re looking at license suspensions, fines, court costs, potentially getting the yellow plates on your car and potentially having to have an interlock device installed on your car. All of these are things that can come out of even a first offense charge.

Do I need an attorney for a DUI?

It’s not mandatory but it’s best to have an attorney to represent you when you go to court. Not only can a skilled attorney help you avoid a conviction and achieve a favorable result, they can assist with getting you back on the road while your case is pending.

Personal Injury

How we can serve you

Personal injury cases have always been an important part of the Suhre & Associates practice. When Joe Suhre started in 1999, his practice was limited to civil cases with an emphasis on personal injury. At the time, he was both a lawyer and a police officer, so handling criminal cases wasn’t an option. Joe left the police department and over the next 20 years, he built a successful criminal and DUI defense practice. Personal injury cases were and still are an integral part of the firm. We have experience in handling wrongful death, auto accident cases, dog bite cases, premise liability (slip and fall as well as negligent security), and other types of civil cases. We also have relationships with some of the largest and well-known firms in the nation to partner with regardless of where an injury occurred. We have a dedicated civil case manager, Nicole Ross. Look for an employee spotlight on her in an upcoming newsletter!

GRADUATION

May and June are typically the months when most American colleges, universities and high schools hold their commencement ceremonies. While most graduations have been rescheduled due to COVID-19, we still want to celebrate all of the grads!

Our very own, Allyson, graduated this past December from Heidelberg University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology and minor in Psychology.

Recipe Roundup

Broccoli Tots from the Suhre Family

- 1 bag of broccoli
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 3 ounces of bread crumbs
- ½ red or white onion
- 2 eggs
- ¼ teaspoon of salt
- ¼ teaspoon of pepper
- Pinch of fresh parsley

STEP 1
Boil 1 bag broccoli for about 1 minute until it “greens up” a bit. Place into cold water.

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In separate bowl mix together the following: 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 3 ounces bread crumbs (can sub gluten-free and dairy-free options), ½ red or white onion chopped, couple pinches of parsley chopped and salt & pepper.

STEP 3
Chop broccoli into fine pieces

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Hand mix into the bowl (from step 2): broccoli, 2 eggs

STEP 5
Form into “tots.” Bake in oven at 350-375 degrees for about 20 minutes or until browned.

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Stay at home spa.
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Custom coffee mug
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Giveaway!

We will drop a “Wellness Wednesday” post on Instagram on May 20, 2020. It’s up to you to complete the rules to enter for a chance to win a $25 Amazon gift card!

**RULES:**
1. Follow @suhreandassociates
2. Like the “Wellness Wednesday” post on May 20
3. Comment how you’re committing to wellness
4. DM us “completed all steps” and your name will be entered

You have until May 27, 2020 to enter.

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**Memorial Day**

which is celebrated on May 25, honors service members who have died in military service to the nation. We celebrate, honor and remember on this day.

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**Podcast**

Joe and the crew started a video podcast a little over a year ago. The topics vary depending on the day and who is a guest on the podcast. You can tune in to the podcast on Facebook and on our YouTube channel. If you’re interested in a specific topic or want to be a guest – give us a shout at newsletter@suhrelaw.com.