What a great quote to kick off the month of October! We’ve touched on the topic of “new normal” and pivoting during challenging times in previous issues of our Suhre & Associates newsletter. And while we (as a firm) are growing each day, each week and implementing new initiatives month over month, it’s important to not lose that momentum.

Leaves begin to change from their rich green hues to more of the vibrant orange, rust and brown colors that paint a picturesque scene across neighborhoods in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana area. We want to take this opportunity of changing the seasons to acknowledge a few new things changing at our firm.

Our team of attorneys and support staff is growing!

Earlier last month, we welcomed Amber to our team. As we evaluated our intake process and ways we could improve our internal processes with current clients, we realized we had a need for a new team member. Amber is our intake and client relations specialist. She has a background in the court system and understands the importance of being greeted by a friendly voice on the other end of the telephone. You can also learn more about her on page 2.

We also have exciting things happening at one of our office locations. Lexington, Kentucky is centrally located in the Bluegrass state. While we have served this area for many years and continue to serve clients in the Lexington area, we are adding a new attorney to the mix. We will share more about his experience and what drives him to do what he does each day in our next newsletter. Stay tuned.

Our hope is that as we all transition from summer to fall, you are also transitioning your business to achieve your 2020 goals – even if they look a little bit different. Until next time.
Amber Worthen, client relations and intake specialist, joined the Suhre & Associates team last month! She jumped right in and attended our “Vision Day” with Crisp and had the opportunity to participate in the integral details of what makes our firm unique. She will be serving on the frontlines communicating with prospective clients and fostering the client relationship throughout their representation with us. Learn more about Amber in this month’s staff spotlight!

Who inspires you and why?
My grandmother inspires me, she’s the kindest person I know, who truly believes and shows through her actions that even if someone has wronged you, you don’t have to get even with them...it’s not your job to do so. Just live the best way you know how, take care of yourself and those who are in need, and everything else will fall into place.

What was the best concert you ever attended?
I have only attended a few concerts in the past, however, to choose one artist over the other or to even say I have a favorite, is such a difficult task...I’m like a jukebox. Anything from R&B to 90’s & 2000’s pop, Reggae, etc... I have tons of songs from various artists that I love. I can’t choose just one!!

Where’s your favorite place in the world?
Hmmm I’d have to say...the beach...so far....My son and I took our first cruise to the Bahamas and it was absolutely amazing!

What’s your favorite movie? And why?
Favorite movie...just like songs....too many to count. My family would probably say Adventures in Babysitting from the 80’s. But I love action, comedies, dramas.

What is something that most people don’t know about you?
What don’t people know about me...hmmm...I’m such an open book if you ask, I’ll tell you. Fall is my favorite season, winter, then summer. Spring is my least favorite. I can never figure out what to wear!

Do you have a favorite family tradition? If yes, what is it and why do you love it?
My favorite family tradition is Sunday dinners. I love cooking for it and all of the laughter and drama that comes along with it!
Christmas is my favorite holiday, I love cooking and decorating the house, having all the family under one roof and opening gifts on Christmas morning.

What’s your favorite recipe?
It really just depends on how I’m feeling. However, I will say the most important ingredient you can have is love, that makes everything taste better!!! :)

Have you picked up a new hobby or TV show since COVID-19 shut down in March?
Since COVID, my son and I have actually been getting along better. We have weekly movie nights now but before we sit down for a movie, we’ve started cooking a meal beforehand (teaching him how to cook!!). We’ve also taken to picking up my grandmother, getting a Wendy’s chocolate frosty and driving around to help jog her memory of places we used to go!
Q: Can you get a DUI on a bicycle?

A: It is possible to get a DUI on a bicycle. A lot of the times people would think that if they go to the bar or out with friends and they ride their bike, that they can’t get in trouble, even if they’re intoxicated and driving home, and that’s simply not true. Anytime you ride a bicycle on a public roadway, you are subject to the traffic laws in the state of Ohio. One of those traffic laws is, in fact, you can’t operate that bicycle while under the influence of alcohol. With Halloween coming up, don’t let your spooky season turn sour and be sure to plan for a safe, sober ride home.

Protect Yourself as a Pedestrian

Pedestrian accidents are usually in the category of ‘serious’. Anytime a pedestrian is hit by a car, there’s the potential for injury or death. As Halloween is approaching, we need to be thinking about pedestrian safety and also the laws that cover right-of-way.

From a safety perspective, if a sidewalk isn’t available, it’s always best to walk toward traffic as opposed to with traffic. This allows you to not only hear cars as they are coming towards you, but also to see them. And remember, just because you can see them that does not mean they can see you. Always wear bright colored clothing, preferably reflective. If it’s before dawn or after dusk, you should also wear something that illuminates – like a safety vest, flashing light, or headlamp.

Ohio’s pedestrian laws can be found in chapter 4511 of the Ohio Revised Code. They require the use of the sidewalk where available and control who has the right-of-way. It’s not as simple as saying that pedestrians always have the right-of-way, because they don’t. The law prohibits pedestrians from walking on the freeway and it requires them to obey all traffic control devices (like walk signals and signs). It requires cars to yield to all pedestrians on sidewalks but requires all pedestrians to yield to traffic when crossing the street outside of a crosswalk.

Common sense goes a long way when it comes to pedestrian safety. Regardless of who has the right-of-way, any accident that involves getting hit by a car is serious. Please be safe this Halloween!

THE LAWYER’S TABLE

Our top reviews and recommendations for local establishments in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

WUNDERBAR
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

“Wunderbar is one of my favorite restaurants. It’s a funky little neighborhood place with great casual atmosphere that’s centered around German fare, craft beer, and house made sausages and pretzels. It’s located at 1132 Lee Street in Covington. There are several menu staples that are made daily, but there are some items on the menu that are switched up daily to add a little variety to the menu. My personal favorite is the turkey, bacon, and goat cheese sandwich with a side of brussel sprouts. The burgers are not easily outdone with their homemade buns and fresh toppings, and the sausages and pretzels are second to none. Everything is made in house and I’ve loved everything I’ve had there. Go hungry, the portions are no joke!”

– Miranda D. Holbrook, Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati Attorney

Recipe Roundup

Spiced Caramel Apple Cider

Ingredients

• 4 cups apple cider
• ¼ cup caramel topping
• 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
• 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Instructions

Bring apple cider, caramel topping and apple pie spice to a simmer in a medium saucepan. Stir in vanilla extract.

Pour into serving cups and top with whipped cream, additional caramel topping, if desired. Enjoy!
Trivia GIVEAWAY!

What was the first state?

A. New York  
B. New Hampshire  
C. Massachusetts  
D. Delaware

If you answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a $25 Amazon gift card. Submit your answer to newsletter@suhrelaw.com.

Testimonial Corner

"Joe was great. He got me a deal that him and myself were both happy with. After talking to him for a few mins on the phone I felt comfortable in my decision as choosing him as my attorney. He was very knowledgeable of the laws, procedures, and people. Joe made everything as easy as it could be considering the circumstances. Would definitely recommend Joe Suhre & Associates to anyone."

- Former Client, Jeffrey D.