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## Cooper Hurley to Move Downtown – Help Us Rent Our Ghent Offices

It seems like yesterday when Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers moved to purpose-built offices at 2014 Granby Suite in Ghent. In fact, it was 2013. Three years on, we have grown so rapidly we are moving again.

We are very excited to be moving into our new building at 125 St. Paul's Boulevard in the Downtown area, right across the street from the new Norfolk Courthouse, in December.

Thanks to the support of our friends and former clients, we have been able to help more and more people who have been injured in car, truck, and motorcycle accidents or premises liability or dangerous drugs cases. We have added three new attorneys and additional support staff since our move to 2014 Granby Street.

A major part of the reason we have been able to grow so quickly is the wonderful referrals we receive from our friends and former clients. The team at Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers truly thanks you for referring people you know to us when they have been injured. ...contd. on page 2



Nicole and Stephanie showcase the offices at 2014 Granby Street



Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers' new offices in Norfolk

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### We are Seeking a Tenant for Our Ghent Building

The move downtown means we are looking for someone to rent our current 2,800 square foot office space after we move on or around Dec. 1. The office is located on the second floor of the Wells Fargo Bank building, providing ample free parking and is within walking distance to many of Ghent's great restaurants and shops on 21st Street and beyond, including famous eateries such as Doumar's and Charlie's Café.

If you or someone you know is interested in leasing our current office at 2014 Granby Street, please contact us or Scott Godbout of Carter Godbout & Associates at 757-525-4947 for more information.

## **Support Homeless Kids by Liking us on Facebook**

ForKids has been helping homeless children in Hampton Roads for almost three decades. Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is happy to be supporting the nonprofit via a Facebook 'likes' campaign.

For every new 'like' of our Facebook page, we're donating \$1 up to \$500. We have already gained more than 100 likes since the start of the campaign. You can see more details about ForKids in this video.



[Click here to play the video](#)

Chief Executive Thaler McCormick said ForKids is an organization whose goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children. "Most people don't realize that homelessness impacts children. In Hampton Roads, we have over 2,000 children experiencing homelessness each year," she said.

"Our job is to help them catch up. We help them break that achievement gap in education. We are working on immunizations, making sure they have clothes for school – all of the things they need to succeed. ForKids has been helping homeless families in Hampton Roads for 28 years now, and it's just getting bigger and trying to do more."

It has an annual budget of more than \$6.5 million and aims to raise more than \$3 million every year to help ensure homeless children are supported.

"Getting this job done takes a lot of community resources and we wouldn't get it done without folks like Cooper Hurley putting their shoulder to the wheel with us," McCormick said.

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Tiffany Palmer is the education advocate in Suffolk and western Tidewater. She helps homeless children bridge the education gap with their peers. ForKids provides mediation and homework help. It also helps the children re-build confidence and social skills.

“We try to give them caring and compassion and let them know we are here for them,” Palmer said.

Palmer said homelessness means many children are shuttled from school to school and it erodes their stability.

“I think the need is very large. The children go through a lot. They experience a lot of trauma,” she said.

Virginia Parsons is the Norfolk job coach with ForKids. She said it’s important for the kids to get their parents back into the employment market.

“I provide employment services. Further than resumes and applications, we also explain to our clients how to go through the interview process and how to dress appropriately. We teach them skills as well as helping them directly,” she said.

We hope you can support this cause by liking us on Facebook or getting friends and family members to like us.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has supported many good causes in the Hampton Roads community. Recently, we sponsored the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association golf tournament to raise money for the law library. Earlier this year we supported Brew At the Zoo, an event organized by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads. We supported Bastille Days in Ghent and the South Norfolk Parade on July 4.

## **Dangerous Birth Control Pills and Devices**

At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers, our attorneys represent people who have been harmed by dangerous drugs or medical devices who want to file lawsuits against the large drug companies.

Birth control devices and pills often cause many complications and have been the subject of numerous lawsuits. The latest product to result in a class action lawsuit is Essure.



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Essure comprises two metal coils that doctors implant in the fallopian tube to prevent fertilization. The product's manufacturer Bayer touts it as a non-invasive form of permanent birth control that's totally effective. It causes the development of scar tissue that prevents fertilization.

Thousands of women are disputing the manufacturer's claim. They say the device destroyed their lives and led to permanent injuries including autoimmune diseases, severe pain and perforated organs. There have been reports of more than 20 deaths linked to the product. One Facebook group called Essure Problems has about 27,000 members and is still growing.

Here are some other dangerous birth control devices.

### **1 NuvaRing**

NuvaRing is manufactured by Merck and has been prescribed more than 5.5 million times. It contains etonogestrel and has been linked to heart problems and blood clots.

### **2 Mirena IUD**

Bayer's Mirena is a T-shaped container of flexible plastic that releases continuous doses of levonorgestrel, a hormone that's commonly found in oral contraceptives.

It has led to lawsuits that claim it has caused complications, including life-threatening ectopic pregnancy – when a pregnancy occurs outside the uterus -- perforation of the uterine wall, and a serious condition known as pelvic inflammatory disease.

### **3 Yaz and Yasmine**

These oral contraceptives have been linked to more than 100 deaths and thousands of complications. Warnings were strengthened on the drugs in 2008 to include the elevated risk of serious cardiovascular side effects from taking the pills.

Bayer states that it had settled 8,250 cases for \$1.7 billion by the spring of 2014. More cases are pending in federal and state courts across the US.

If you or a loved one has been harmed by a birth control pill or device, you may have grounds to sue the manufacturer. Time could be running out to make a claim. Call our dangerous drugs and devices team at (757) 455-0077 for a free consultation.

# Cooper Hurley's Great Summer BBQ Give Away Attracted 350 Entrants

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers would like to extend a big thank you to the 350 plus people who entered our great summer BBQ raffle for \$40 Food Lion cards.

The 15 lucky winners were drawn out by members of the Cooper Hurley team in June. You can see the raffle drawing here if you missed it.



[Click here to play the video](#)

The lucky winners were...

Leon Person, Jr.	Jacqueline Switzer
Shanta Jones	Brenda DeJesus
Gavin Napolitano	Andrew Holloway
Jo Jankowski	Barbara Holloman
Devon Paige	Sara Reber
Dale McCoy	Cheryl Wiggins
Melinda Davis	Kimberli Johnson
Sharon Adams	

A special Friend of the Firm award went to Jim Holloman who said he always enters but never wins.

If you didn't win this time, better luck next time. Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers organizes numerous raffles and organizes a fall raffle to help you afford your Thanksgiving turkey.

On the subject of winning, Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers sponsored the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association's golf tournament at Bide-A-Wee course golf in Portsmouth. The team of Griff O'Hanlon, John Cooper and Mike Snellings ended up winning the tournament. Money raised by the tournament went to support the Norfolk Law Library.

# Chiropractor Dr. Brad Robinson Has Worked With Patients for 30 Years

When Dr. Brad Robinson became a chiropractor three decades ago, the profession was seen as experimental and was frowned on by many doctors.

Robinson said the idea was not widely accepted and some patients were afraid to tell their doctors they were seeing a chiropractor. Today chiropractors are an important part of the healing process. Robinson says he has GPs who are clients and they refer their patients to chiropractors.



Dr. Brad Robinson

Robinson entered the profession during its infancy. He became a chiropractor 30 years ago and set up Wards Corner Chiropractic in Norfolk 28 years ago

“We run a family-based wellness practice,” he said. “When patients come to us, most often they are having headaches or back pain, neck pain or some kind of musculoskeletal condition and they stay with us for family and wellness care.”

In the time he has practiced, Robinson has seen more and more chiropractors enter the profession but in recent years things have changed.

“Over the last 30 years I have seen an expansion of the acceptance of chiropractic. More and more people are choosing chiropractic as a drugless, non-surgical approach to helping them with neck and back pain as well as optimizing their overall health and wellbeing through the chiropractic lifestyle,” he said.

Back in the 1980s and 1990s there was an “explosion of chiropractors.” However, Robinson has noticed a leveling off in recent years because third party reimbursement is becoming more of a challenge.

“There’s some concern that we are not drawing enough people into the profession to replace the people that are retiring or dying off or just getting out of the profession,” said Robinson.

Wards Corner Chiropractic is one of the providers Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers works with in helping people who have been hurt in car accidents in Virginia to recover from their injuries.

“We have worked with injury lawyers such as Cooper Hurley and Cooper Hurley’s one of our favorite firms to work with because of the open communication between their firm and our office,” Robinson said.

# A picnic at Indiantown Park Eastville

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has many friends, clients and former clients who live on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

On June 11, we again said thank you by sponsoring a picnic at Indiantown Park Eastville, the same venue as the 2015 BBQ. The event was attended by attorneys Jim Hurley, Griff O'Hanlon and Mike Snellings. Jim brought his son Jimmy along too.

Here are some of the pictures from the successful event. Cooper Hurley has a client meeting location on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and our attorneys often cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to meet clients.



Jim Hurley and John Walker ("Skeeter")



Jimmy Hurley contemplates the meaning of life and hot dogs



Mike and Griff keep their cool



Grilling and chilling



Linda Campbell and Jim Hurley

# Trivia



August in Smithfield, Virginia

There is a little-known reason why August has 31 days and it's based on the egos of Roman emperors. August was named after Augustus Caesar. It has 31 days because the emperor wanted as many days in his month as the great Julius Caesar's month of July had. Augustus borrowed the day from February and it was never returned.

The month was previously named Sextilis in Latin and it was the sixth month of the Roman calendar.

## August Quotes

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"  
- William Shakespeare

"August, the summer's last messenger of misery, is a hollow actor."  
- Henry Rollins



## Joke



Q - Where do eggs go on summer vacation?

A - New York City!

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in August. At Cooper Hurley we like to celebrate the birthdays of all of our clients, former clients and friends. Email us your birthday to [marketing@cooperhurley.com](mailto:marketing@cooperhurley.com) and we'll send you a card in the mail.



## Thank You for Your Referrals

At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers we rely on our friends and former clients to send us new referrals. Many of you refer us new business and we are always grateful.

Unlike some of the big factory law firms, we value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even years after their case is over. We also value all of our friends and business associates in Virginia and further afield.



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