

# PASS IT ON!

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Noteworthy news and information from Hardison & Associates



## Let the Summer Fun Begin

I hope everyone is having a great start to the summer this year. As you know, we kicked off the summer on June 6th with you, our clients, in Dunn, North Carolina at the annual Hardison & Associates Client Appreciation Day. I'd like to thank everyone who came out and spent some time with us. On behalf of everyone at the firm, we enjoy holding this event each year and enjoy meeting you, our clients, face-to-face. In the era of cell phones and e-mail, it was great to do it the old fashion way. We hope all who attended had a great time and we'll hopefully see you again next year at this event.

We all know the summer is a great time to get outside and enjoy many outdoor activities, but we want you to be safe. If you're outside working in the yard, make sure to stay hydrated and take breaks when you are starting to feel overheated. If you take your family to the pool, take sunscreen and make sure everyone knows



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the safety rules around the pool. If you take to the waterways of North Carolina on a boat, make sure there are enough life jackets for everyone and operate your vessel safely. Take these steps to ensure that the summer of 2010 is a great one.

Until next time,

Ben



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## Thank you...

A referral from a former client or friend is the greatest compliment our firm can receive. We are grateful for every referral - below is a list of the people who recently referred a friend or family member to our firm. We would like to publicly thank each and every one of them by listing them in our newsletter. And again, we say, "Thank You!"

Hope Baker-Elliott  
Janine Barefoot  
Kendel Baskett  
Bill Bauer  
Victoria Brooks

Jerome Bryant  
Rodney Callahan  
David Chamberlain  
Robert Eason  
Don Grantham

Brent Hardison  
Ponchita Heggie  
Michael Hodges  
Courtney Hudson  
Penny Huff

Cornell Lide  
Tiffany McDaniel  
Tieshia Pulley  
Chris Smallwood  
Gary Stephenson

## We're Getting Around North Carolina

In the last edition of our newsletter, we mentioned how we enjoy getting out and meeting the folks of North Carolina. In the past two months, we've been on our own little "mini-tour" of the Tar Heel State. Stops have included the North Carolina Pickle Festival in Mount Olive, the Blooming Festival in Nashville and a Jazz Concert in Pinehurst. We took hundreds of pictures and a few videos and you can check them all out on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lawyernc](http://www.facebook.com/lawyernc). Here are a few pictures from our travels:



Sara Dew and Dew Point Rising entertain the Pickle Festival crowd with present and past country hits. Check them out at [www.saradew.com](http://www.saradew.com).

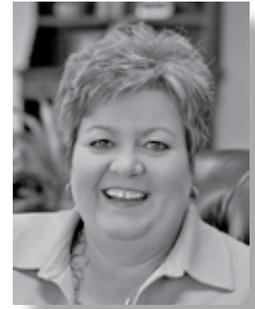


The Grand Marshall of the Blooming Festival rolls through in a sharp Corvette Stingray.



Bill Campbell (right) is pictured with Fayetteville, NC born Jazz Saxophonist Reggie Codrington (left) at the Pinehurst Jazz Concert. Reggie put on an amazing show for the crowd that day. Check out a video of his solo on our Facebook page.

## What's Cooking In Marilyn's Kitchen?



### DRUNKEN CHICKEN

#### Ingredients

- 1 (3-pound) chicken
- Seasoned salt
- Paula Deen's House seasoning, recipe follows
- 1 (12-ounce) can beer
- 1 sprig rosemary

#### Directions

Preheat a charcoal grill over high heat. When the coals are hot and glowing, carefully push them over to the sides of the grill, leaving an open space in the middle of the grill. Wash and drain chicken. Coat the chicken inside and out with seasoned salt and House Seasoning. Open the can of beer and carefully insert a sprig of rosemary. Then, place the beer can into the body cavity starting at the rear of the chicken. Carefully place the chicken on the center of the grill, facing 1 of the banks of the coals, making sure not to spill the beer. Cover the grill and cook until chicken is done, approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour, turning the chicken as necessary. The chicken is done when the juice runs clear. Serve chicken with favorite BBQ sides.

#### House Seasoning:

- 1 cup salt
- 1/4 cup black pepper
- 1/4 cup garlic powder

Mix ingredients together and store in an airtight container for up to 6 months.

## 5 Questions With: Michelle Haag



### Q1. What is your favorite movie?

*The Hangover is my favorite recent movie. Moonstruck is my favorite older movie.*

### Q2. Where is your favorite place to eat in North Carolina?

*Seaboard Restaurant in Raleigh.*

### Q3. What is a website you visit daily?

*The Animal Rescue Site ([www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com))*

### Q4. What's the best summer vacation you've ever been on?

*I visit the beach every summer. It's hard to say which year was the best!*

### Q5. Do you have any pets?

*I have 2 Dalmatians, an outdoor stray cat that came to my door and a fish pond full of goldfish.*

## WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES

With summer around the corner, there is no doubt there will be more motorcycles on the roadways in North Carolina. Many motorcycle accidents occur because the driver of a car or truck just simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Help get the message out! WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES!

Go to our website ([www.lawyernc.com](http://www.lawyernc.com)) or give us a call at 1-800-600-7969 and request up to 5 Hardison & Cochran WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES bumper stickers for your car or truck. We'll send them out as soon as we receive the request. If you're a motorcycle rider, keep the shiny side up.



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## NEW ARRIVALS



**Jack and Annie**

Attorney Jack Hardison and wife, Nancy, welcomed Ann (Annie) Elaine Hardison into the world on April 14th, 2010. At birth Annie was 7 lbs. 3 oz.



**Will and Zack**

Attorney Will Owens and wife, Samantha, welcomed Zachary David Owens into the world on February 24th, 2010. At birth Zack was 7 lbs. 6 oz.



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## Hardison & Associates Employee Spotlight

### Karen Collins Workers' Compensation

Karen Collins literally took her job to the next level. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the State University of New York at Potsdam, she took paralegal classes and began her law career soon thereafter. After her work became



very interesting, she attended Pace University School of Law in White Plains, NY while working as a paralegal. While attending Pace, she earned a spot on the Dean's List and won an American Jurisprudence Communications Law Award. Upon her graduation from law school, she was admitted to the New York State Bar and began her career as an attorney in the State of New York.

Mrs. Collins moved to North Carolina in 2006 and joined Hardison & Associates' Workers Compensation Division in 2008. She enjoys representing injured workers and making sure all their needs are met in a situation which can be confusing and difficult due to the pain and financial burden that follows.

## Referrals

**We want you to think of us as your law firm.**

If you have a legal matter that needs attention, let us know. If we can't handle the matter, we will refer you to a firm that can. Please feel free to refer us to your friends and family for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.

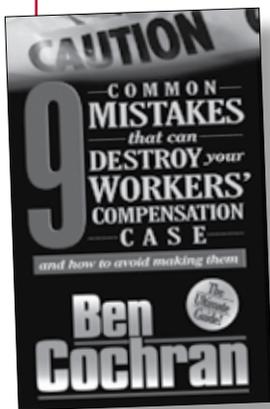
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## The Law Firm with The Client Bill of Rights

We believe as our client you have the:

- 1) Right to talk to your attorney the same day you call.
- 2) Right to be updated regularly and in a timely manner as to the progress of your case.
- 3) Right to our respect.
- 4) Right to expect competence from our firm and all who work here.
- 5) Right to know the truth about your case.
- 6) Right to prompt attention from us.
- 7) Right to have your legal rights and options explained in plain English without legal mumbo jumbo.
- 8) Right to a fair written fee agreement with our firm.
- 9) Right to a fair fee for the work we do.
- 10) Right to make the ultimate decision on your case.

## Hardison & Associates Books For FREE



Ben has written a new book that the insurance companies hate - 9 Common Mistakes that can Destroy your Workers' Compensation Case and how to avoid making them.

You can get your FREE copy by calling: 1-800-600-7969 and give them your name and address and it will be mailed to you.

**We guarantee you will learn something new by reading this new book!**

## Summer Prize Pack Give-A-Way

It's almost summertime. It may feel like summer outside already, but it doesn't officially begin until June 21st. In the last newsletter, we mentioned that spring is the time to start coming out of the house. Well, the summer is when everyone is fully appreciating the outdoors. Be it ocean, lake, water park or pool, people love to gather around water when the temperatures near triple digits. To help with the sunny, hot days we've put together a Summer Prize Pack for this edition of the "Back Page Give-A-Way." The Summer Prize Pack includes:

- 4 Tickets to a Minor League Baseball game of your choice
- 2 Beach Towels
- 2 Hardison & Associates Beach Balls
- 2 Beach Chairs
- 1 Beach Tote Bag
- 1 Cooler
- Assorted Sun Screens and After Sun Products
- Assorted Light Snacks

As always, there are two ways you can enter the raffle:

1. Dial 1-800-600-7969 and let us know you are calling for the "Summer Prize Pack." You will be sent to a voice mail. When prompted, leave your name, telephone number and please give us your thoughts, good or bad, about our website ([www.lawyernc.com](http://www.lawyernc.com)).
2. Send us an e-mail at [wsc@lawyernc.com](mailto:wsc@lawyernc.com) and place "Summer Prize Pack" in the subject line. In the body, place your name, telephone number and please give us your thoughts, good or bad, about our website ([www.lawyernc.com](http://www.lawyernc.com)).

On July 23rd, we'll put all the names into a hat and Ben will draw out one random lucky winner. The winner will be contacted moments following the drawing.

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