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COMAIR CRASH

As this issue of *The People's Voice* newsletter is going to press, I am preparing to serve as a member of the Plaintiffs' trial committee for the Comair Flight 5191 crash. For those who do not remember, Comair Flight 5191 crashed at takeoff from Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, KY in the early morning hours of August 27, 2006, killing 49 people onboard—everyone except the copilot.

As trial quickly approaches, the magnitude of this tragedy to those who perished and the families they leave behind continues to grow. This was a tragedy that easily

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could have been avoided and did not have to happen. Blue Grass Airport has only two runways. The flight crew on Flight 5191 went down the wrong one...a wrong runway that had no lights on in the darkness and that was only half as long as needed for the jet plane to takeoff.

Numerous simple, common sense safety precautions could have prevented this tragedy, not the least of which would have been simply checking the actual directional heading of the plane prior to takeoff to make sure it lined up with the heading of the proper runway. The Comair pilots on Flight 5191 did not do this, however, before starting to takeoff down the wrong

runway. Unfortunately, this is just one example of the grossly negligent actions by Comair and its flight crew that caused this horrible crash.



The trial is expected to be a long and involved one and it certainly figures to be a trying and highly emotional time for the loved ones of all who perished. I ask that you keep the victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

-B. Keith Williams

WORKERS ENTITLED TO MEDICAL CARE

As I noted in the last issue of *The People's Voice*, one of the most difficult challenges that injured workers are facing is receiving proper medical treatment. As an injured

worker you have the right to receive medical treatment that is related to your work injury.

The medical treatment you are entitled to receive is supposed to restore you to as

close to your pre-injury health condition as medically possible. The goal for your medical treatment is to return you to work and restore your health.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Auto Accidents
- Aviation Accidents
- Commercial Aviation Liability
- Construction Accidents
- Dangerous Products
- Medical Malpractice
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Nursing Home Abuse
- Personal Injury
- Trucking Accidents
- Vehicle Rollovers
- Workers' Compensation
- Wrongful Death

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RECALLS—SPORTS AND RECREATION

You can visit www.cpsc.gov for more specific information about these and other recalled items.

A Few Summer Safety Tips

- Wear a helmet and other appropriate safety gear, including when biking, skating, skateboarding, and when riding scooters, ATVs and horses.
- Make sure "Hide and Seek" remains a safe childhood game: Childproof your property and any old appliances, and warn kids not to play in them—numerous suffocation deaths have been reported of children crawling inside old chests, latch-type freezers and refrigerators, iceboxes in campers, clothes dryers and picnic coolers.
- Never bring a charcoal grill inside, as burning charcoal—in addition to being a fire hazard—releases deadly carbon monoxide.
- Use layers of protection to prevent swimming pool tragedies—including physical barriers completely around the pool to prevent access, using door and pool alarms, closely supervising children, and being prepared for an emergency.

With summer here and in full swing, it's the time of year for enjoying some fresh air, playing sports and experiencing the great outdoors, particularly here in Tennessee.

As always, it is important to be sure the equipment you are using when having fun is safe and free from any known hazards. It's therefore always a good idea to check for recalls before going outside and using potentially dangerous equipment. While it is not a complete list, here are a number of the most recent items that have been recalled for various reasons.

E-Z-Go RXV Golf Cars sold nationwide between January 2008 and June 2008.

KYMCO ATVs, 2008 model year Mongoose Youth ATVs.

KAWASAKI ATVs, 2008 Model Year KFX 50 and KFX 90 Youth ATVs.

Youth Model ARCTIC CAT ATVs, Model Year 2008 Arctic Cat 50cc and 90cc ATVs.

POLARIS ATVs, various models sold between July 2004 and January 2008.

RAWLINGS Batting Helmets, sold nationwide between July 2007 and November 2007.

Air Pistols distributed by Umarex USA, Inc. and sold nationwide in sporting goods and gun stores between July 2006 and February 2008.

HONDA ATVs, Model Year 2008 Honda TRX500 ATVs.

Twister Hammerhead Dune Buggies, imported by TJ Power Sports LLC and sold nationwide from July 2004 to December 2004.

Kawasaki KLX140 Off-Road Motorcycles, sold at dealers between January and February 2008.

Trek MT220 Girls Bicycles, sold at authorized dealers between April 2004 and June 2007.

Cannondale Bicycle Corporation "Scalpel" Bicycles, 2008 model year.

Gorilla Inc. Pullover Style Full Body Safety Harness, included as accessory to Gorilla 2007 ladder stands sold between April 2007 and October 2007.

Specialized Bicycle Helmets, manufactured by Specialized Bicycles and sold between July 2007 and October 2007.

Oceanic and AERIS Scuba Regulators, certain models sold or repaired between May 2006 and October 2007.

Eclipse 1175e Elliptical Trainers, sold nationwide between September 2006 and October 2007.

Nautilus Bowflex Ultimate 2 Home Gyms, sold between June 2005 and August 2007.

"Power Bolt" Y-Frame and "Power Bolt" Ultimate Y-Frame Adjustable



Pitchbacks, sold by Dick's Sporting Goods. The "Power Bolt" Y Frame Adjustable Pitchback was sold between November 2002 and July 2007; The "Power Bolt" Ultimate Y Frame Adjustable Pitchback was sold between February 2005 and July 2007.

BAJA MOTORSPORTS Youth ATVs, including the Baja 90, Baja Wilderness 90 and Baja Wilderness 90u models sold between November 2004 and July 2007.

Nike Football Helmet Chin Straps, sold between April 2006 and October 2007.

Cybox or Trotter Treadmills, various models sold between September 1993 and October 2001 and previously repaired in connection with an October 2003 recall.

- **Jim Stocks**

In the next issue, also look for the first in a series of articles I will be writing about how to pick insurance coverage that will best protect you and your family when involved in an accident.

Jim Stocks

WLG OPENS NEW OFFICE IN NASHVILLE

Due in large part to referrals from friends and former clients like you, we have seen our practice grow tremendously. As the WLG has continued to grow, we have also begun expanding our physical locations.

In order to fully meet the needs of our expanding practice, we are pleased to announce that as of April 1, 2008, the WLG now has an office in Nashville, Tennessee.

Located on Union Street in the Nashville City Center in downtown Nashville, the WLG's new office provides the WLG attor-

neys with a location central to clients, the courts, and the Tennessee legislature.

We continue to primarily serve counties to the east of Nashville in Middle Tennessee, including Wilson, Smith, Trousdale, Putnam and Macon counties and therefore our Lebanon office remains our primary office. However, many of our cases bring us into Nashville for various purposes, and as the Legislative Chair for the Tennessee Association of Justice, I am frequently in Nashville during the legislative session fighting for important legislation from the perspective of our clients.

The Nashville office provides us with a central location to more fully service our clients and work on cases requiring our presence in Davidson County. Among other conveniences the Nashville office will provide is the ability to meet with our clients, experts or opposing counsel, to hold depositions, and to conduct other important aspects of our cases when Nashville provides a more convenient and beneficial location.

-B. Keith Williams



WLG's Nashville Office

A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY: HARTSVILLE'S HISTORY OF NATURAL DISASTERS

Trousdale County was unfortunately included in the many Tennessee counties hit by the devastating tornados earlier this year.

Trousdale County is no stranger to natural disaster, however. The Hartsville area has seen many fires and floods over the years.

In fact, Trousdale County's

Courthouse was lost to fires in 1900 and 1904, and very few county records predate 1906, with records having been destroyed in 1874, 1900 and 1905.

-Jim Stocks

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Unfortunately, this goal is too often not achieved when employers and insurance carriers decide that saving money is more important than your health. With that in mind, there are five important things to remember about receiving medical treatment as an injured worker:

1) The law requires the employer/carrier to provide you with a list of a least three physicians and you may choose one;

2) Be honest and truthful with your physician and make sure to share information regarding all aspects of your injuries. Tell what body parts are injured and how and when you experience pain;

3) Remember the employers and/or insurance carriers are not

your friends! Always tell the truth, but to do not feel as if you have to share information you are uncomfortable sharing or that you are uncertain about; it is o.k. to say "I do not know" or "I do not feel comfortable sharing that information."

4) Be careful how you word things when speaking with the workers compensation physician; everything you say is subject to being written down by the physician and will become part your permanent medical file.

5) Make sure to go to all of your appointments on time; failure to attend without advanced notice can jeopardize your medical benefits. Insurance carriers will attempt to terminate your medical benefits if you do not comply with physician's

orders and recommended treatment. This includes attending your appointments.

The laws have become complex and employers and insurance carriers are looking for ways to make profits. Do not allow them to make a profit at the expense of your health or by withholding medical treatment you need and deserve.

-Jason G. Denton



