

From the Desk of Mark Blane



Happy New Year, and welcome to my first newsletter of 2021! For this month's book review, I decided to go with a work of fiction— *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde. In this book, Wilde paints a colorful portrait of Victorian England through his main character, Dorian Gray, as he plays with themes of morality, vice, and decadence.

First published in the July 1890 issue of *Lippincott's Monthly Magazine*, the story was so controversial that the magazine deleted roughly five hundred words without Wilde's knowledge—a betrayal of literary trust. So, what did Oscar Wilde do? He republished the book with his famous "Preface" on "art being art for art's sake." In other words, he simply adapted and moved on to continue his work. [Watch my video](#) to hear my thoughts on this book and why I think it should be on your 2021 reading list.

But how does this book relate to injury cases today? Well, in Victorian times, etiquette, morality, and the notion of vice shaped the way people interacted with each other. It was a unique time to be alive. We are also living in a unique time, as the global pandemic has shifted the way we interact with each other, from largely in-person meetings to virtual gatherings.

This change has also led to decadence on the part of insurance companies as they attempt to exploit COVID-19 as a negotiation tactic on injury claims. Some adjusters are telling people that civil jury trials will be delayed until 2022 in an effort to get them to settle for less. It is important to recognize this tactic for what it is and understand that there are many options for resolving your case. As your attorney, I will adapt, move on, and continue my work to obtain justice for you.

If you have questions about your injury case or how it may or may not be impacted by the pandemic, I invite you to contact me anytime at **619.813.8955**. I answer

questions like yours every single day, and I would be glad to help you.

—Mark

P.S. Don't forget to scroll to the bottom of this newsletter for my monthly smoothie recipe—it's healthy and delicious!

[Watch My Book Review](#)

Success Story

Excellent Outcome for a Two-Time Car Accident Victim

I represented a 34-year-old restaurant manager who was injured in two separate car accidents that happened about 9 months apart. The first crash was a major front-end collision that occurred when another driver exited out of an "entrance only" parking lot. The second crash was a rear-ender that affected the injuries and treatment from the first collision. To make matters even more confusing, the second accident was a workers' compensation claim.

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A rollover car accident is one of the most tragic collisions that you and your family can experience. Although they account for a small percentage of all auto crashes, they cause approximately 35 percent of all fatalities. To protect yourself and your family, here's what you need to know about the causes of these crashes and your right to injury compensation under California law.

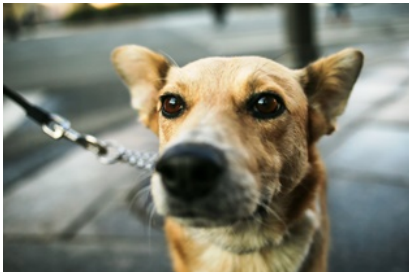
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Smoothie of the Month



Matcha Green Tea Smoothie

This easy 5-ingredient matcha green tea smoothie is fruit and veggie packed, cold, double-thick, smooth, creamy and utterly delicious! Recipe courtesy of [Loving It Vegan](#).

Ingredients:

- 1 large mango (fresh or frozen)
- 2 frozen bananas
- 2 large handfuls baby spinach
- 2 tsp. matcha green tea powder
- 1 cup (240ml) light coconut milk

Instructions:

- Add the coconut milk to your blender, followed by the matcha green tea powder and spinach. Blend.
- Add the mango and frozen bananas and blend until creamy and smooth.

Enjoy!

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"The attention to detail, his responsiveness, the overall outcome of the case, and the settlement that I received speaks volumes to Mark's abilities as a lawyer."

-Joshua Benz

