

From The Desk of Mark Blane



Book Review: Dead Wake - Erik Larson

It is time for another Law Office Book Review for the Monthly Newsletter! I simply could not put down "**Dead Wake,**" by **Erik Larson**, "The Last Crossing of the Lusitania," and so I thought I would share with you my quick book review.

As Erik Larson points out in his introduction, "*it is a story that many of us think we know but don't*" about the sinking of the Lusitania just prior to the US entry into World War I. It is a thrilling tale of switching between the hunter (German U-Boat 20), and the Hunted (Lusitania) all the while painting a portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era.

What I like about this book is that you get to see the historical context of the sinking told through the eyes of actual crew members, and passengers, including the Lusitania's ship Captain Turner, and the U-Boat Captain Schwieger who brought her down just 11 miles off the Coast of Ireland. Even Woodrow Wilson is a character but it is Non-fiction book, and Larson bases all character activities through real world documents such as letters and other historical evidence.

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The 5 Big Benefits of Having Medical Pay on Your Car Insurance

Medical Pay in California is available under your automobile insurance in California as a "voluntary add-on." This means it is not required by California law, but rather elective by you. I ALWAYS recommend a person to have medical payments under their car insurance because it is like having extra health insurance under your car insurance that will pay for medical bills that require payment right away, to help to protect your credit. Sometimes your private health plan does not pay for everything, or you have co-pays that are owed. Yes, you will get a settlement at some future point, but sometimes your medical bills need payment right away.

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My client, a passenger in a work truck, was seriously injured in a 10-vehicle interstate pile up caused by the driver of a Ford F-650. EMTs transported him by ambulance to the ER, where he underwent evaluation and testing. He followed up with his workers' comp doctor, who prescribed physical therapy. My client continued to have severe pain and eventually underwent spinal surgery, followed by weeks of additional physical therapy and chiropractic care.

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Even a small slip and fall accident at a business or another property can cause you to suffer serious injuries that require expensive medical treatments and a long time off work without pay. Under California law, you're entitled to be compensated for medical bills, lost wages, and pain and suffering if egregious actions by the property or business owner caused your injuries. However, it can be confusing to pursue your legal rights, especially if you never had to do so before.

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SMOOTHIE OF THE MONTH



Dairy-Free Pumpkin Spice Smoothie

This dairy-free pumpkin spice smoothie is perfect for the season. Recipe courtesy of [All Recipes](#).

Ingredients:

- ¾ cup almond milk, or more as needed
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ½ frozen banana
- 2 tablespoons vanilla protein powder
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Instructions:

- Place almond milk, pumpkin puree, banana, protein powder, and pumpkin pie spice in a blender. Blend until smooth, 15 to 30 seconds. If mixture is too thick, add more almond milk or water to achieve desired consistency.

Enjoy!

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Robert Romana

"Mr. Blane represented me very well without any pocket expenses for me that I was unable to provide. He guided me extremely well and was comfortable in every step of the way. He helped see me through my medical process, he took care of me like that. My experience with Mr. Blane was superb. Thank you Mr. Blane."

