

From The Desk of Mark Blane



Book Review: Tried By War - James Mcpherson

"**Tried by War**" is written by Pulitzer Prize Winner James McPherson, and it is about our esteemed US President Abraham Lincoln during both of his administrations which was beset by a turbulent Civil War. From the moment he took office, he faced the fateful decision of the Fort Sumter matter, and until his assassination, both of his administrations were in the throes of a deadly war. Even though there was a surrender by Robert E. Lee a few days before his assassination, there were still confederate armies in the field. There has been no US President since that had to face that challenge while leading our country in the midst of it all.

I picked this book because Lincoln was someone I looked up to growing up, and he was one of my inspirations to become a lawyer - a people's lawyer. I was inspired about how he "read the law" to become a lawyer as opposed to going to a traditional law school. How he came from nothing and became something great. Also, sometimes I feel like I am "tried by war" when I take an injury case to jury trial. While we are not using ammunition or cannons, we are using our pens, legal briefs and critical thinking skills as our weapons for our injured clients.

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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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\$1 Million Settlement for Korean War Vet

My client, an active and independent Korean War vet, came back from a trip, dropped off his rental car, and took an Avis shuttle to Old Town—he planned to take the Trolley home from there. He got off the bus and started walking, but unbeknownst to him, the bus driver had stopped too close to the tracks. The Trolley crossing arm came down on the shuttle and became wedged between the bus and the side mirror. The driver panicked and backed up, causing the crossing arm to break and crash down on my client's head.

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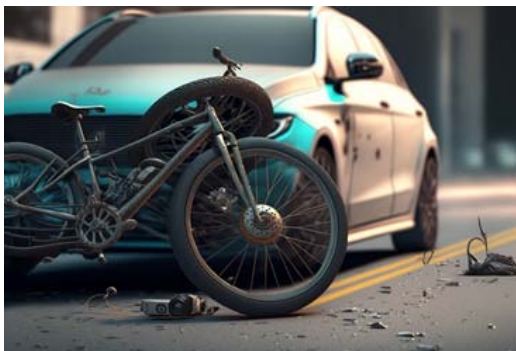


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SMOOTHIE OF THE MONTH



Dairy-Free Peach Smoothie

This dairy-free peach smoothie is a combination of recipes allowing for your pick of individualized ingredients. This recipe is non-dairy, egg-free, gluten-free, grain-free,

nut-free, peanut-free, soy-free, vegan, and vegetarian. Recipe courtesy of [Go Dairy Free](#).

Ingredients:

- 1 cup frozen peaches
- 1 ripe banana (frozen for thicker shakes; see link for banana-free options)
- 1½ cups vanilla dairy-free milk beverage
- 2 tablespoons shelled hemp seeds / hemp hearts (see link for other options)
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cinnamon or ginger (optional)

Instructions:

- Add the peaches and banana to your blender. Pour in the milk beverage, and add the hemp seeds and spice (if using). Blend until smooth and creamy.
- Divide the smoothie between two glasses and serve.

Enjoy!

What Clients Have to Say About Working With Us

Katia Callahan

"Mark is an excellent attorney with years of knowledge and experience. This is what you need when you want to win your case. I was very impressed with his service and outcome."

