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Bachus & Schanker Cares Foundation



In order to better serve the many non-profit and charitable causes that Bachus & Schanker, LLC supports, founding partners J. Kyle Bachus and Darin L. Schanker have established the non-profit **Bachus & Schanker Cares Foundation**.

Mr. Bachus and Mr. Schanker have always felt an obligation to give back to the community and help others who are facing hardship. In the past, Bachus & Schanker, LLC has made, in addition to their monetary contributions, the contribution of not only their personal time, but the time of their families and staff as well.

Some of the organizations that have benefited from Bachus & Schanker include Mothers Against Drunk

Driving, Habitat for Humanity, Alive at 25 through the Brandon & Paul Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Light the Night for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The Pikes Peak Challenge for The Brain Injury Association of Colorado, The Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic and Dolls for Daughters.

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Bachus & Schanker Launches New User-Friendly Web Site Redesign

In order to provide our visitors, potential clients and existing clients a better web site experience and provide the most up-to-date information, we've redesigned and revamped our web site incorporating the latest technology, expertise and

creativity so that you may quickly and easily learn about our firm and find information on the latest news, hot topics and updates concerning personal injury and consumer protection laws.



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Medpay Supplements Colorado Auto Insurance Policies

Medical Pay Now Mandatory On All Colorado Auto Insurance Policies

When no-fault insurance coverage was eliminated in 2003 by Governor Bill Ritter, the need arose for a medical coverage safety net for auto accident victims. To meet this need Governor Ritter has supported Senate Bill 11. As of January 1, 2009, Senate Bill 11 protects drivers and passengers that need medical attention due to an automobile accident by making limited medical insurance coverage (Medpay) mandatory for all auto insurance policy holders, unless the insured decides to opt out in writing.

Prior to January 1, 2009 accident victims might have felt pressure from the insurance companies to settle their case prematurely because of mounting medical bills. Accident victims had to pay expensive co-payments or deductibles from their own pockets. It's possible for these medical bills go unpaid or for medical expenses paid out of pocket to be reimbursed for up to two years as they waited for a settlement from the insurance company. Meanwhile the victim's medical expenses continue to pile up and the medical providers are threatening to turn the account over to collection agencies. Additionally there are many accident victims who would choose not to have their injuries treated because they lack health insurance and cannot afford treatment.

What Senate Bill 11 means for Colorado consumers is insurance companies

Bachus & Schanker, LLC is pleased to congratulate Dawn Rozecki on completing her fifth year with the firm.

For Dawn, life is not a sprint, it's a marathon. As the Office Administrator of Bachus & Schanker, LLC, Dawn participates in strategic planning to ensure successful ongoing firm management and operation in our Denver, Colorado Springs and Fort Collins offices.

Dawn is a Colorado native who obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Northern Colorado and a Paralegal Certificate from Denver Paralegal Institute. In Florida, Dawn worked for the lead attorney for the State of Florida in landmark litigation against the Tobacco Industry. The case not only resulted in a multibillion dollar settlement with Big Tobacco, but established protections against youth smoking and placed major restrictions on tobacco advertising. The Florida decision was a major catalyst for a national settlement that was based



are now required to offer the option of a minimum of \$5000.00 in coverage per person involved in an automobile collision to cover medical expenses accrued as a result of that collision.

This Medpay coverage can be used to pay deductibles not covered by your existing health insurance. Additionally, those without health insurance can use Medpay to pay their medical expenses. You may also choose your own health

care provider with Medpay and the insurance company can not be reimbursed out of your final settlement for your Medpay benefit.

While your insurance company may try to talk you out of taking advantage of this new benefit in order to save a few dollars, the truth is you can get the minimum coverage of \$5,000 for an average of \$5 per month. In the long run, \$5 per month is a small price to pay for the additional protection you receive.

For more information on Senate Bill and how it affects your rights as a consumer visit our web site at: www.coloradolaw.net

Dawn Rozecki Celebrates 5 Year Anniversary at the Firm

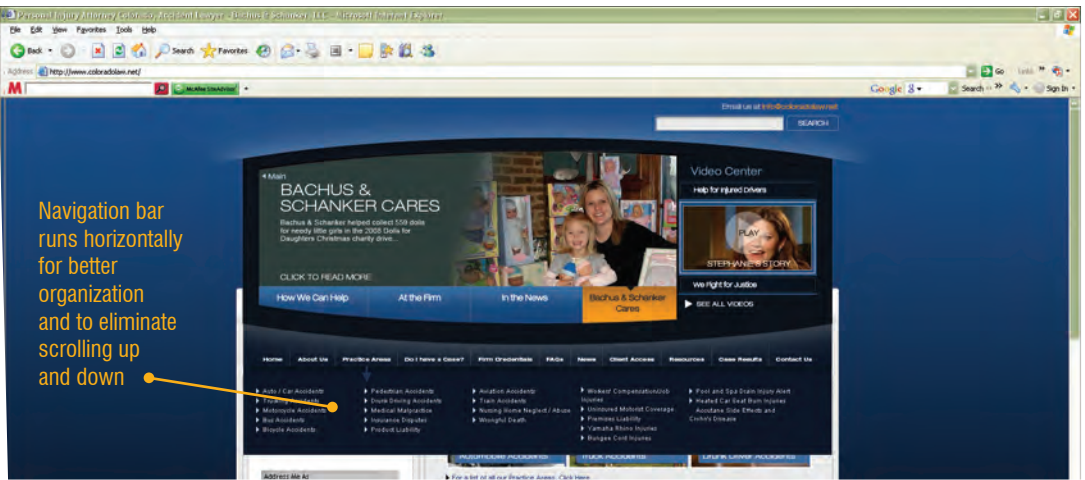
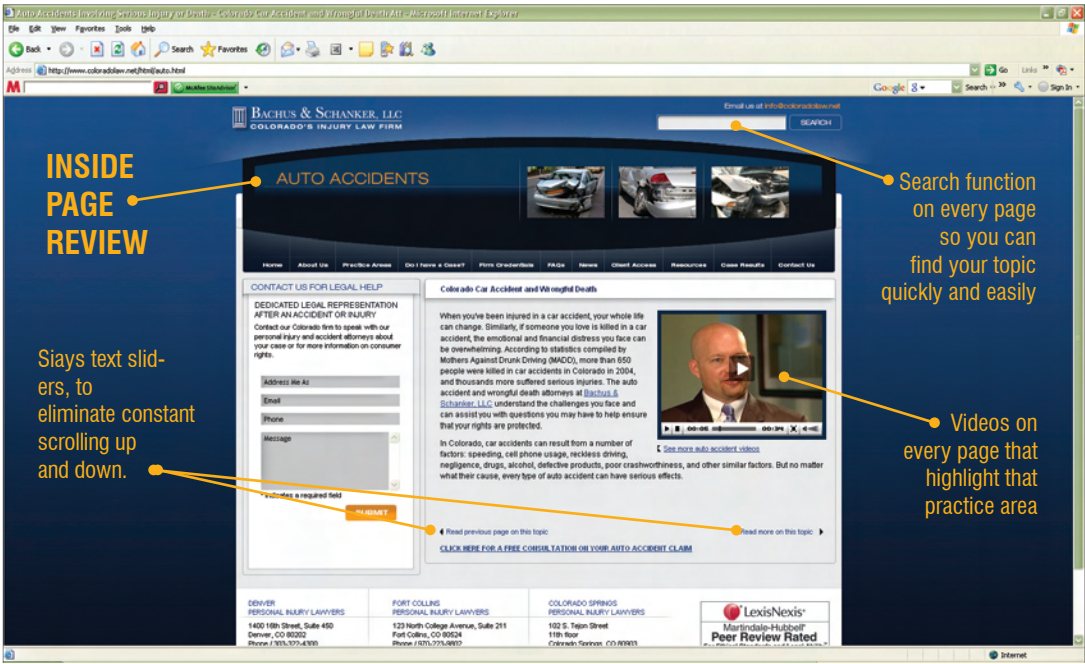
on the Florida model. Dawn moved into her current position as Bachus & Schanker, LLC's Office Administrator in March of 2004



Dawn administers firm business policies, establishes procedures and best practices, and develops guidelines for Bachus & Schanker, LLC's attorneys and staff. She is integral to all decisions regarding the firm's long-term operation, general management, including strategic planning and daily operations; financial management, information technology, human resources, and management of equipment, facilities, and office services.

During her free time, Dawn enjoys camping in the great Colorado outdoors and spending time with her husband and two young sons. She can often be found at Coors Field watching the Colorado Rockies or on little league fields in Fort Collins with her oldest son's baseball team.

New Web Features (cont'd)



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WHAT: Keeping It Real with Kendall B TV Show

WATCH: Tues, Feb 3, 2009 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

WATCH: Sat, Feb 7, 2009 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Denver KWHd Channel 54

Colorado Springs KWHS Channel 51

or see it online at: www.coloradolaw.net

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) partners with Bachus & Schanker on 2009 Colorado Statewide Sponsorship.

Bachus & Schanker, LLC is proud to announce it's partnership with MADD by becoming MADD's first Colorado statewide sponsor. In addition to sponsoring the Walk Like MADD event and participating in other programs such as Tie One On For Safety, Bachus & Schanker is

honored to extend their sponsorship to a statewide level in order to help MADD promote its effort to eliminate drunk driving. In 2007, 226 people were killed in Colorado in alcohol-related traffic crashes. Through legislative efforts, law enforcement support, public awareness campaigns, and underage drinking prevention, MADD Colorado aims to stamp out drunk driving in our state and end this 100% preventable loss of life. Bachus & Schanker's statewide sponsorship helps MADD provide services at no cost to almost 1,200 victims and survivors including support from trained advocates and a network of peers, guidance through the judicial process, one-on-one support, and a 24-hour help line.