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LESSONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

How One Teacher Shaped My Future

Each May, we celebrate National Teacher Day and National Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to recognize the educators who shape our lives in ways we can never fully repay. Even for those of us who have long left the classroom, their influence stays with us. I think we all have that one person who saw something in us before we could see it in ourselves. For me, that person was Ms. Weingart.

As a child, I wasn't the most focused student. I wasn't disruptive, but I struggled to pay attention. Many of my teachers assumed that meant I wasn't keeping up. The school administration even believed I wasn't fit for mainstream classes and wanted to transfer me to the remedial track — a decision that could have altered my academic and professional future.

But Ms. Weingart refused to let that happen.

She saw beyond my distraction and recognized I wasn't struggling because I lacked ability. I simply needed guidance, patience, and someone who believed in me. She personally evaluated me, uncovered my potential, and fought for me when others were ready to give up. Ms. Weingart was also my advocate. She ensured I stayed in my mainstream class but didn't stop there. Ms. Weingart spent extra time tutoring me after school to make sure I didn't just stay in class but also excelled.

And because of her, I did. I went on to graduate college with high honors, earn a law degree, and build a successful career helping people who, like me, just needed someone to fight for them.

The Lesson That Made Me a Better Lawyer

Reflecting on my work as a personal injury attorney, I realize what Ms. Weingart did for me is much like what I do for my clients every day. Many of the people who come to me after an accident feel like the system is against them — and for good reason. Insurance companies try to minimize their injuries, delay their claims, or deny them compensation altogether. Just like my school was willing to put me on a lower track without realizing my full potential, these corporations dismiss hardworking people who have suffered real harm.

But just as Ms. Weingart fought for me, I fight for my clients.

I know firsthand that having just one advocate who refuses to back down can change a person's future. So, when I take on a case, I strive to do



more than just represent a client. I want to ensure their voices are heard, their struggles are acknowledged, and their rights upheld.

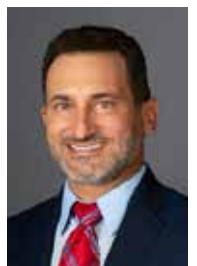
Celebrating the Teachers Who Shape Us All

In honor of National Teacher Day, I encourage you to take a moment to think about the teachers who have influenced you. You may have had a teacher who saw your potential before you did. Maybe you were also fortunate enough to have a teacher who fought for you so you could reach your full potential and lead a successful, rewarding career.

An educator's impact often extends beyond the classroom, which was undoubtedly true of Ms. Weingart. Her fight didn't just change my life — it also indirectly helped change the lives of thousands of clients. The justice and compensation they received resulted from one teacher who believed in me.

If you or a loved one has been injured and feels like the system is working against you, know that you don't have to fight alone. Everyone deserves a fair chance. Sometimes, it just takes the right advocate to make all the difference.

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The Ultimate Mother's Day Breakfast Plan

TREAT MOM TO A MAGICAL MORNING

We should all show appreciation for the moms in our lives year-round, but Mother's Day is the perfect opportunity to do something extra special. For many busy moms, a relaxing, stress-free breakfast in bed is the ultimate treat. But Mother's Day breakfast doesn't have to be an over-the-top display or super complicated to prepare. A little planning, a few thoughtful details, and helping hands make all the difference.

Start with a menu she'll love.

Mother's Day breakfast in bed should be simple but meaningful. Breakfast go-tos like pancakes and French toast are delicious and easy to make, and you can add a parfait or fresh fruit and a cup of freshly squeezed juice for a special touch. If she loves eggs and toast, go in that direction. Preparing Mom's favorite dish or incorporating ingredients that remind her of a family tradition can take the meal to the next level.

Present it beautifully.

You can elevate even a simple breakfast with a few thoughtful additions. Ditch the disposables and use real plates, silverware, and linen napkins. Deliver the breakfast with care on a lovely tray accompanied by a small vase of flowers. Keep everything organized neatly, and include a handwritten card or note to add a heartfelt message to the meal.

Make it a team effort.

Get the whole family involved — minus Mom, of course! Even young kids can pitch in by spreading butter, arranging fruit, or folding napkins. Older kids can help out more with the actual cooking. To make Mother's Day morning stress-free for everyone, do prep work the night before. Chop fruit, prepare the coffeemaker, and pre-mix the pancake batter. And don't forget the cleanup. Working as a team to wash dishes and put things away will ensure a



dirty kitchen doesn't ruin Mom's special day when she gets up.

Remember, you don't have to prepare the perfect meal to make Mother's Day memorable. It's all about showing your love and appreciation. The holiday is an opportunity to bring the entire family together to create a special moment for the most important woman in your life.

Words From Those Who Know Us Best
SEE WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING

"I am so grateful to Marc Shapiro and his team for all their help with my accident case. When the police claimed no fault, I thought my case would simply close, and that would be the end of it, but they fought for me and got me money back and everything. Thank you so much! Definitely recommend."

—Meagan K.

"Marc Shapiro's office was especially professional. Greta was a pleasure to work with. She was professional and walked us through the process in great detail. I would highly recommend this office."

—Lisa R.

"The Law Offices of Marc L. Shapiro, P.A. assisted me in my car accident. It was a very stressful time for me and my daughter. They were compassionate, professional, and helpful throughout the entire process. I would highly recommend and will use again."

—Julie S.

"The Law Offices of Marc L. Shapiro, P.A. went above and beyond to help me with my case. It could not have been a smoother process. If you are looking for a lawyer who will keep you

informed and make you feel comfortable during your case, I highly recommend this office!"

—Michelle S.

"The best experience ever; they took care of all the work. Very professional, very accommodating ... actually cared about our family and our needs."

—Maria R.

"I am extremely pleased with the services. I was never left in the dark, and whenever I had a concern, I was quickly reassured. Patrick was AMAZING! He helped guide me and never led me astray. I recommend everyone who needs help check this office out. Marc L. Shapiro is the best in town!"

—Shelby D.

"I have gotten to know Marc and several of his staff over the past year in a professional capacity. Each interaction has reconfirmed to me their compassion for and their commitment to their clients and their community. I would wholeheartedly refer anyone I cared about in need of a personal injury lawyer to Marc and his team!"

—Melissa E.



Injured on Vacation?

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

Summer is just around the corner, meaning the vacation season has arrived. Whether by plane or car, traveling is fun and exciting, but an injury can quickly turn all that excitement into a stressful experience. Getting injured out of state can make the situation more difficult and create confusion about how to move forward. If you find yourself injured in another state, here's what you need to know.

Take Action Immediately

No matter where an accident occurs, the first steps are the same. Call 911 and report the accident to ensure it's documented. If possible, take photos of vehicle damage and injuries at the scene. Collect contact and insurance details of the parties involved and any witnesses of the accident. However, your health should be the top priority. Be sure to seek medical attention even for seemingly minor injuries, as they can worsen later.

File a Claim

One of the biggest questions people have after an out-of-state accident is where to file a claim. Just as you would document and report the injury to authorities in the state you are injured, you must also file the claim in the state where the accident occurred. This means if you are visiting Florida and injured in an accident, your case must be handled under Florida law. It's important to note that you can receive medical treatment in your home state while your legal team handles your case.

Find the Right Legal Representation

Because you must file your claim in the state where the accident occurred, you must also work with an attorney licensed to practice there. A local attorney understands local personal injury law and is best qualified to handle your case. If your case goes to trial, the trial will also take place in the state where the



accident occurred. However, most personal injury cases settle before trial, so travel is rarely required.

What to Do Next if You're Injured Out of State

An out-of-state injury can leave you wondering what to do next, but you don't have to do it alone. At The Law Offices of Marc L. Shapiro, P.A., we've helped clients nationwide who were injured in Florida, and we can connect Florida residents with trusted attorneys across the U.S. Contact us today for a consultation.



Silky Chocolate Mousse

Ingredients

Inspired by TheKitchn.com

- 1 1/2 cup heavy cream, divided
- 1 cup milk chocolate or dark chocolate chips (6 oz)
- Optional Garnish: Grated chocolate, crushed nuts, toffee, or brittle

Directions

1. In a microwave-safe bowl, put 1/2 cup of cream in the microwave for 1 minute.
2. Stir in chocolate and let sit for 5 minutes, then whisk until smooth.
3. In a separate bowl, beat the remaining 1 cup of cream with a hand mixer or whisk until soft peaks form.
4. Set aside 1/2 cup of whipped cream for topping, and continue whipping the remaining cream until stiff peaks form.
5. Gently fold whipped cream into the cooled chocolate mixture in batches, mixing until combined but still light and fluffy.
6. Spoon into four ramekins or glasses, and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.
7. Top with reserved whipped cream and garnish if desired.

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STRAY DOG OUTSMARTS FATE AND SAVES HER PUPPY'S LIFE

When our furry friends get sick, it's up to us to bring them in for a veterinary appointment. It's part of the responsibility of being a pet owner, but stray animals have no owners. Who takes care of them when they most need it? Sadly, help is beyond their reach in many cases. However, some dogs won't let anything stand in their way, especially if it's a difference between life and death.

In January 2025, a stray mother dog noticed her puppy stopped moving and jumped into action. Without an owner to guide her, the mother brought her baby to a local veterinarian clinic in Istanbul, Turkey. The staff saw the dog standing outside their door, so they checked on her and noticed the lifeless puppy. The pup was freezing cold, and the vet wasn't even sure if it was still alive!

The vet could not hear the puppy's heartbeat with a stethoscope, so he checked it with a

needle, which provided promising results! The dog was alive but had a very slow heartbeat. The vet used a blow dryer to warm the puppy up, and before long, it was awake and moving again. All the while, the mother was at the puppy's side with her head perched on the examination table.

So, how did the puppy's mother know where to take her baby? This wasn't her first encounter with this vet clinic; the same doctor was already treating the puppy's littermate after good Samaritans brought her to the same clinic a few days earlier. Both puppies have been reunited with their mother and are all under the close eye of the clinic.

Whether discussing humans or dogs, parents are willing to do whatever it takes to ensure their children survive and thrive. However, dogs might have to be more creative with their efforts.

