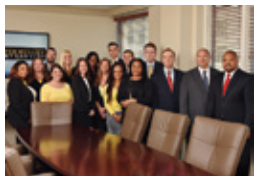




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## Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Launches Distracted Driving Awareness Scholarship

Distracted driving is one of the leading menaces on the roads of Virginia. Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is raising awareness of the dangers and giving students a chance to help with their course fees in our 2018 Distracted Driving Awareness Scholarship.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers will award three scholarships of \$2,000 to 2018 graduating seniors in schools in the Tidewater and Eastern Shore area.

For years, the personal injury lawyers have been supporting good causes in our community and taking on young people as interns. Now we are happy to be able to help them during their studies.

We are also using our scholarship program to raise awareness to the dangers of distracted driving, one of the most significant causes of accidents involving teens.

### Criteria for Entering the Distracted Driving Awareness Scholarship

You must be a graduating senior at a public or a private school in one of the following cities and counties in Virginia.

- Norfolk
- Suffolk
- Portsmouth
- Chesapeake
- Virginia Beach



Katie Maguire's graduation from Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake

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## Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers....

- Newport News.
- Hampton
- Isle of Wight
- York County
- Poquoson
- Northampton County
- Accomack County
- James City
- Surry County
- York County
- Williamsburg

You must have a confirmed offer to study at an institute of higher education and have a letter of recommendation. You will be required to send us a copy of your acceptance to enter our scholarship program.

The cash prizes will be awarded in the form of a check made out to the school you will be studying at in 2018.

### **How to Enter**

Please submit an essay of 500 to 1,000 words about the dangers of distracted driving and how you think the problem should be tackled. We are looking for fresh ideas and vibrant presentations. Great images, infographics, posters, art and video will gain you extra points. Please limit audio or video in your presentations to 2 minutes. Send information to [scholarships@cooperhurley.com](mailto:scholarships@cooperhurley.com) or attach them to the scholarship contest application on our website.

We will start accepting entries on Jan 1, 2018. The deadline for submitting entries is May 1, 2018.

Our selection committee will consider your background and submission looking at its originality, creativity and depth of research. We will announce the awards on May 15, 2018

Successful applications will be expected to visit Cooper Hurley's main offices in Norfolk to be presented with their checks during a ceremony which will be videoed and photographed for marketing purposes.

### **How to Apply**

Please visit our scholarship page and submit the form. Good luck. Please read our distracted driving resources to help you gain ideas.

# Cooper Hurley Client Hit by a Truck Awarded \$1.15 Million



John Cooper



Jim Hurley

A 60-year-old mother and grandmother was outside her car dealing with a flat tire when she was hit by a commercial truck in Hampton Roads.

She was standing outside her minivan when she sustained serious injuries, including fractures of her left leg, a broken bone in her neck, and a broken nose. CT testing at the hospital emergency room also showed bleeding on the brain indicative of a traumatic brain injury.

The injuries left our client facing a long stay at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and then at a rehabilitation facility. Her medical bills exceeded \$100,000.

The woman hired Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers after the accident. The extent of a brain injury proved to be important to the case. Traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) are a challenge because the person may appear outwardly to be fine, although their head injury persists. Lawyers for the commercial insurance company covering the tanker truck disputed the traumatic brain injury as a permanent impairment.

Attorneys John Cooper and Jim Hurley pointed out the serious impact the traumatic brain injury had on the woman's life. She was no longer able to return to her job as the foreman of a warehouse, losing employment worth \$25,000 a year. The traffic accident and injuries forced her to go on social security.

Photographs of the woman's bloody and swollen face in the emergency room proved to be important evidence in the case.

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Attorneys for the at-fault company claimed our client was partially responsible for her injuries. Contributory negligence is a total bar to recovering in Virginia personal injury lawsuits. The defense lawyers claimed the woman was in the wrong for changing a flat tire partly in the right lane of a highway at the time that she was hit, rather than pulling off the road. There was no useable shoulder. What was reasonable under the circumstances would have had to be decided by a jury.

The insurance company and lawyer also claimed our client was at fault because her vehicle was not in a good condition. However, anyone can have a breakdown, and our client did what she thought was right after the emergency happened including turning on her flashers during the attempted tire change. The hazard lights should have been seen by a professional driver. Our firm found a key independent witness who was able to safely pass by before the crash occurred.

Attorneys John Cooper and Jim Hurley highlighted factors that led to the failure of the trucker to see the woman by the roadside. The trucker had a history of untreated insomnia. Fatigue is a massive issue in the trucking industry and our attorneys have previously drawn attention to serious problems like chronic sleep apnea among truckers.

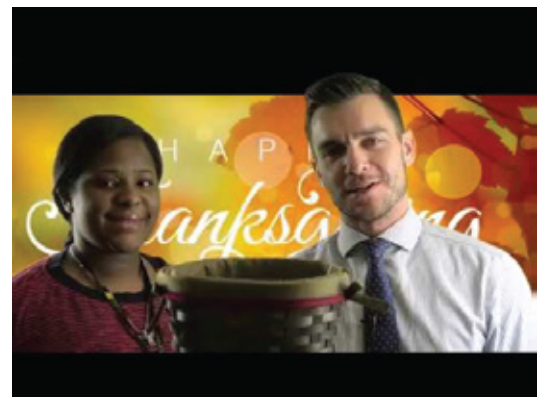
As well as facing lost wages and high medical bills, the grandmother faced high potential future medical costs including in-home care for her traumatic brain injury symptoms. A life care plan was developed by our lawyers and experts to know what her future health costs might be from the wreck.

The case was settled for \$1,150,000 at a lengthy mediation between the parties. See our website for more details about recent case results.

## More than 400 People Entered Cooper Hurley's Great Thanksgiving Give Away

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers' Great Thanksgiving Give Away was more successful than ever before in 2017. More than 400 people entered the raffle to compete for a \$50 Food Lion gift card.

Being a winner allowed some of our entrants who would not otherwise have afforded a turkey and the trimmings to have a great Thanksgiving.



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The winners were as follows. Cooper Hurley employee Nicole McLean was also drawn out as a winner. While Nicole received her gift card, we pulled out an extra name.

Congratulations to.

- Saint Clair Perry Jr.
- Katie Shifflet
- Nicholas Jankowski
- Beverlee Celestin
- Daphne Nickens
- Loucretia Holdsclaw
- Nicolai Grise
- Thelma Barton
- Loretta Walsh
- Tammy Mcgee
- Ronnie Hobbs
- Rhonda Moore
- Megan Tilley
- Judy Brooks
- Deborah Davis

## Legal Administrator Daniel Jarman Joins Cooper Hurley

Daniel Jarman joined Cooper Hurley after years of working in the insurance industry. By knowing how the insurance industry operates, he is able to apply his vast knowledge to help our clients.

Daniel came to Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers in 2017 with 19 years' prior experience in the insurance industry.

"I'm very familiar with the insurance industry and how to negotiate and to handle claims," he said.

Daniel is a resident of the city of Virginia Beach. He grew up in Portsmouth where his mother was a teacher.

He negotiates files and helps with the legal management of the firm. ....continued on page 6



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“My background in the insurance industry has helped me see both sides of the picture so I know how they think and I know what to expect,” Daniel said.

He helps Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyer clients to obtain the best settlements possible while also maintaining great relationships throughout the insurance industry. In his spare time, Daniel likes to kayak, hike and take pictures in the Great Outdoors.

“I love working for the firm. I love the people. It’s a very relaxing, family-type atmosphere and very different from working for a large corporation,” he said.

## Where to Find the Holiday Fun in Hampton Roads

The Holidays are here! Christmas is a great time to spend with family and friends. If you need a break from your nearest and dearest, here are a few of Cooper Hurley’s favorite places to visit in Hampton Roads:

**Dickens Christmas Towne** | December 8th- December 31st

1 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

\$5/person • Kids 2 & under are FREE!

Visitors walk through a magical Victorian village filled with strolling carolers, Father Christmas, sweet treats, unique gifts, games, holiday activities, and crafts. An impressive train display, lighted sailboats, and the Teddy Bear Express trackless train on Saturday and Sunday evenings combine to make this a memorable experience.



Find your winter wonderland

**Virginia Stage Company’s A Christmas Carol** | December 8th- December 24th

**The Wells Theatre**, 108 E. Tazewell St., Norfolk, VA 23510

*Prices vary.*

Experience the childlike wonder of this heartwarming story that follows the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future as they take Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of redemption where he learns the power of kindness and compassion.

**Norfolk Botanical Gardens for the Garden of Lights** | December 1st- December 31st  
6700 Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk, VA 23518

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\$25 (Monday – Thursday)  
\$30 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Norfolk Botanical Gardens is transformed into a winter wonderland where you will enjoy a 2-mile drive through a million sparkling lights bringing the four seasons to life. This attraction was voted the eighth best lights display in the country in the USA Today/10 Best contest in 2014.

**MacArthur on Ice** | November 18th- January 15th

At the corner of Monticello Avenue and Freemason Street

The center's 200-square-foot outdoor ice rink is the place for good times this winter. Throughout the season, enjoy public skating sessions, ice hockey clinics, figure skating exhibitions and more.

\$7 for skating, \$7 for skate rental.

**Winter Wonderland in Portsmouth** | December 12th – December 31st

420 High Street, Portsmouth, 23704

The famous animated Coleman Collection of Christmas figures has enchanted children for generations in Portsmouth. From Victorian scenes of animated skaters and carolers to an enchanted forest of deer, bears and Santa's workshop, the displays are housed at Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center on the High Street.

Other activities include face-painting, crafts, tasty treats, performances including plays, music and song, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

Winter Wonderland costs \$3 admission or you can buy a holiday pass to the Children's Museum as well for \$12 per person.

**A Celebration of Lights** | November 23rd – Jan 1st

Newport News Park, 13560 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23603

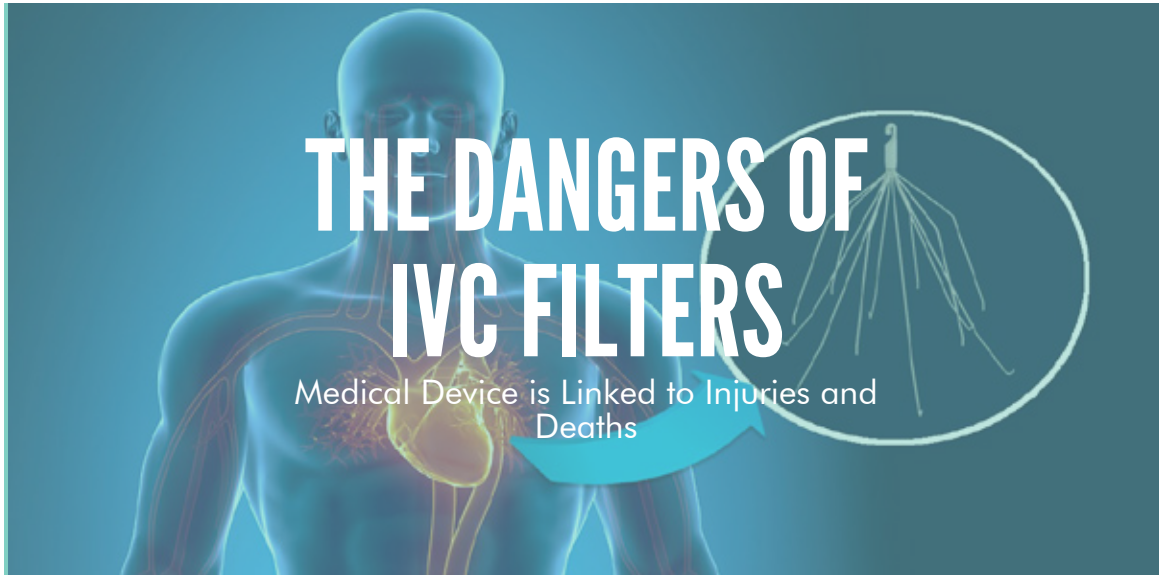
The Celebration of Lights at Newport News Park is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Visitors drive through two miles of lights. In the anniversary year, the organizers have added two giant screens with ever changing colored LED lights.

Admission costs \$12 per car or \$60 per bus.

# Were You Harmed by an IVC Filter?

More than 5,800 people have filed lawsuits against the manufacturers of IVC Filters. Inferior Vena Cava Filters are medical devices that are inserted into the vena cava vein to protect patients against blood clots and other complications.

In recent years, increasing numbers of patients claim IVC Filters migrated and caused potentially deadly complications. See our infographic for more information.



IVC filters are Inferior Vena Cava Filters. They are placed in the largest vein of the human body, the vena cava. They are used to prevent blood clots from breaking off and migrating to vital organs like the brain, the heart, and the lungs where the clots can be deadly to patients. IVC Filters have fragmented and migrated, causing serious health problems and even deaths.



## IVC DEADLY SIDE EFFECTS

IVC filters are known to fragment and migrate to other parts of the human body.

Legs and struts from the filters have blocked blood vessels and vascular channels.

Infections are reported in the devices.

Blood clots have formed in the legs of patients because the IVC filters have migrated.

The filters have perforated vital organs such as the heart and lungs.

In some cases, IVC filter fragmentation is linked to death.

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### IVC MODEL DANGER LIST

- The Bard G2 Express Filter
- The Bard G2 Filter
- The Bard Recovery Filter
- The Cook Select Filter
- The Cook Gunther Tulip Filter



### DANGER SIGNS TO WATCH FOR



A retrievable filter remains fitted after 54 days



Bruising or swelling of the legs



Abdominal or back pain linked to a filter perforating a vein



Pain in the calf, foot or leg associated with deep vein thrombosis



Talk to your doctor if you have symptoms after an IVC filter is fitted



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# Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Holds First Holiday Party

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers held its first annual holiday party at the Town Point Club in Norfolk on Dec. 8. Thanks to Griff and Candace for organizing it. The event was so successful, we're already talking about next year's.



## Trivia

Forget too much turkey. Hundreds of years ago the month of December was associated with the fear of starvation.

Death was common as winter set in between January and April. The midwinter festival that later became Christmas was the last feast before the cold set in. Most cattle were slaughtered so they would not have to be fed during the winter. It was just about the only time of year when a supply of fresh meat was available.

December was also a time when wine and beer was fermented and became ready for drinking.



Christmas in Portsmouth

## Quote

“There must be something ghostly in the air of Christmas — something about the close, muggy atmosphere that draws up the ghosts, like the dampness of the summer rains brings out the frogs and snails.” "Jerome K. Jerome"

## Joke



Q: Who is Santa's favorite singer?

A: Elf-is Presley.

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in December. At Cooper Hurley we like to celebrate the birthdays of all of our clients, former clients and friends. Email us your birthday to [marketing@cooperhurley.com](mailto:marketing@cooperhurley.com) and we'll send you a card in the mail.



## Thank You for Your Referrals

At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers we rely on our friends and former clients to send us new referrals. Many of you refer us new business and we are always grateful.

Unlike some of the big factory law firms, we value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even years after their case is over. We also value all of our friends and business associates in Virginia and further afield.

By receiving our newsletter, you will have the chance to take part in raffles. In the past we have raffled flat screen TVs, iPads and entertainment centers to lucky winners. You can also receive free copies of publications such as The Best Book About Virginia Car Accidents and Injuries and the Top Twenty Tips for Car, Truck or Motorcycle Accidents. Contact [marketing@cooperhurley.com](mailto:marketing@cooperhurley.com).



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