

WYOMING TRIP

In early June we traveled to [Laramie, Wyoming](#) to learn about Virginia's new breath tester, the EC/IR II. I was fortunate enough to visit other parts of the state after the conference. My daughter Rachel took some photographs while in Wyoming; one of which took second place in the Rockingham County Fair Photo contest. I have included a picture of Rachel at [Yellowstone](#). Special thanks to [David Penrod](#) who loaned us his travel guide, map and shared his extensive knowledge of [Wyoming](#) and Yellowstone.



Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery, Inc.

I have the privilege of being on the Board of this group that helps brain injured persons in our community find needed resources. [Crossroads](#) is the result of the grassroots advocacy and mobilization led by members of the [Greater Shenandoah Valley Brain Injury Support Group](#). The purpose of Crossroads is to provide case management services. Crossroads began serving survivors in March 2007. Crossroads must supply its own funding as the Commonwealth provides only start up funding; the rest is up to us as a community.

Rachel suggested that we sell copies of our Wyoming photographs to help Crossroads for \$20 a picture. These photographs can be viewed on our website at <http://photo.keeferlawfirm.com>. Mail your photograph choice by indentifying the picture by its number and donation to The Keefer Law Firm, 70 North Mason Street, Suite 120, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Once we receive your donation we will mail you an 8 x10 copy of the selected photograph(s). All proceeds less the cost of the photograph and mailing will go to Crossroads. Please make your tax deductible checks payable to Crossroads in care of the Keefer Law Firm. (Be sure to include your mailing address with your email!)

Everyone Needs a Will (Businesses, Too!)

There is no substitute for planning. Regardless of how much money you have, to protect what you and your family have worked hard to achieve, you need an estate plan. Most successful estate plans have three elements: a will, a power of attorney and an advance medical directive. Sometimes a trust is also desirable, depending on your personal circumstances. Businesses of all sizes need a "will", too. Careful planning will help ensure that businesses thrive as they grow or if the unexpected happens. There is never an ideal time to start an estate plan, but don't be tempted to wait for the "right moment". Take simple steps now that will save money, reduce worry and meet your goals.

Individuals can start by taking inventory. Then consider whom you would want to: (i) serve as guardians for your children; (ii) inherit from you; (iii) handle your financial matters if you are incapacitated; and (iv) make medical decisions for you if you are not able to.

An experienced attorney can help you ensure that your goals are met. Be careful about whom you choose to assist you with this process. Everyone needs a will, but one size does not fit all and not all lawyers can prepare documents that will meet your needs. Before hiring an attorney, you should interview that person and be confident that your goals will be correctly defined and addressed. Poorly drafted estate planning documents are worse than none at all because they give a false sense of security: problems are discovered when it is too late to solve them.

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INCREASED PENALTY FOR "BABY DUI" EFFECTIVE

Known as the Baby DUI law, it's zero tolerance for anyone under 21 years old caught drinking and driving. The new legislation increases the license suspension from 6 months to one year. If you are under 21 years old and have a blood alcohol content between .02 and .08 you are subject to zero tolerance. The clear intent is to have zero tolerance for all drivers, regardless of their age, in the near future.

VIRGINIA'S NEW PROBLEM BREATH MACHINE: The EC/IR II

On April 23, 2008, Virginia entered into a contract to purchase a new breath tester, [Intoximeter's EC/IR II](#). The name EC/IR II implies that the machine will measure the subject's alcohol concentration in two methods: EC (electrochemical or [fuel cell](#)) and IR ([infrared technology](#)). This internal corroboration would give the EC/IR II a distinct reliability advantage over devices utilizing only one technology.

Unfortunately, Intoximeter was unable to coordinate the different analytical methods. Instead, the EC/IR II uses only the fuel cell to measure alcohol and determine blood alcohol content. The IR is employed only to detect mouth alcohol.

Over time, fuel cells change in sensitivity and must be calibrated frequently to retain accuracy. When the electrode microstructure changes it causes drift in the sensor baseline. That drift takes the EC out of sych with the IR detector.

Recalibrations of the instrument every couple of weeks is very time consuming. Some states have resolved that issue by disabling the IR detector entirely. Once the IR detector is disabled the device has no capacity for detecting mouth alcohol. Since the EC/IR II cannot detect mouth alcohol it will give unreliable results just like the [Intoxilyzer 5000](#) it is replacing.

Dusty has done well so far this season. He has 6 races remaining and he is only 1 point from 1st place overall. (Not bad for his first year of racing....) He is pictured with his recent race first place trophy....



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