

# OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## O'CONNOR LAW

### Celebrating 35 Years of Representing the Injured

#### Halloween Festivities at O'Connor Law



This year, our office went all out for our annual Halloween costume contest! Staff came to work in their best costumes and were invited for lunch and crafts. The crafts, organized by receptionist Patti Brinich and Attorney Mary Kathleen O'Connor, included wreaths and pumpkin decorating. Prizes were awarded for best pumpkin designs and best costume.

Kelly Donchak, paralegal and our resident queen of Halloween, won the contest this year with her homemade E.T. costume! This is her second year in a row taking first place. Amy Bevan took second, and third place was a three-way tie between Echo Matern, Naomi Sadusky, and Vicki Hesse. Office activities like this are a welcome break from a busy work day and are a great refresh for our team. The O'Connor Law staff looks forward to more fun events like this throughout the holiday season.

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## Halloween Giveaway Winners Announced

This year, in celebration of both our 35th anniversary and the Halloween season, we gave away two family packs of Hershey Park Halloween tickets! The family pack includes tickets for four, parking, and a sweet treat. Congratulations to our winners, Tarah Dove (pictured here with her family) and Kim Lulewicz. We hope you had a wonderful time with your families enjoying the scares and sweets! [Make sure you are following our Facebook page](#) so you don't miss out on more giveaways as we celebrate 35 years of O'Connor Law!



## Attorney Steven Yurkonis Rescues Puppy on Highway



In some not-so-scary news, Attorney Steven Yurkonis saved a puppy on his way home from Virginia this month! The dog was running on the road through traffic where he surely would have been hit. Attorney Yurkonis pulled over and was able to get the small white dog into his vehicle. He was very friendly and didn't look to be hurt in any way. The authorities were alerted and the dog's owner was found and reunited. The family is grateful to have their pet home safe and sound and we are grateful to have a caring attorney like Steven on our team!

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**Cancer diagnosis? Thyroid disease? Ulcerative colitis? Here's everything you need to know about PFAS and how to file a claim.**

## **What are PFAS?**

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are known as “forever chemicals” because they don’t break down easily. They are in many products that we use daily.

## **Why are PFAS so harmful?**

The CDC has linked PFAS exposure to several types of diseases, certain cancers, and other health problems.

## **Are PFAS in my drinking water?**

PFAS have been found in several drinking water sources across Pennsylvania. You can find your city on the interactive map [by clicking here.](#)

## **What conditions do PFAS cause?**

Drinking PFAS contaminated water has been associated with the following conditions:

- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Testicular cancer
- Ulcerative colitis
- Thyroid cancer
- Thyroid disease

## **Who can help if I've been affected by PFAS contamination?**

We can. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with any of these conditions, please [contact our office.](#)