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## Jennifer Porter Law Newsletter! 🍊

### Hello friends & clients!

Welcome to our spook-tacular Halloween edition! As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, we're excited to share with you some fun and festive content. In this edition, we'll highlight upcoming Halloween events happening in our community, give you a behind-the-scenes look at how each member of our team celebrates the holiday, and provide some helpful tips to stay safe during this spooky season.

We hope you enjoy this fun, fall-filled newsletter and have a safe and happy Halloween! Read on for all the details!

### Did You Know? True Crime & Spooky Halloween Lawsuits Edition 🍊 ⚖️

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## MAZE TERROR

### LAWSUIT



Gracie Gail Durmon encountered a chainsaw-wielding man dressed as Jason Voorhees in a scary corn maze and fell, breaking her leg on muddy ground. Durmon sued the maze's owners for negligence, but the court found in favor of the defendants.

They argued that the muddy conditions were obvious, and participants were aware that the maze aimed to scare them, absolving the owners of negligence.

## JOHNSON & JOHNSON

### LAWSUIT



Frank Ferlito and his wife Susan attended a costume party dressed as Little Bo Peep and her sheep. Frank's sheep costume, made from Johnson & Johnson cotton balls, caught fire when he lit a cigarette, leading to burns. The couple sued Johnson & Johnson for not providing warnings, but the court ruled against them, as they knew the product was flammable, and Susan did not claim that a warning label would have changed their use of the cotton balls.

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## THE CANDY MAN

### TRUE CRIME



In 1974, 8-year-old Timothy O'Bryan died after ingesting a cyanide-laced Pixy Stix given to him by his father, Ronald, who had poisoned the candy to collect life insurance money. This tragic event is a key reason why parents still check their children's Halloween candy for tampering today.

## How We Celebrate Halloween 🎃 👻

Get to know our team's favorite Halloween activities and traditions! From pumpkin patches to spooky movie marathons, each team member shares a

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Season 5 is in and see how we are bringing  
the Halloween spirit to life!



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## Stephanie Himel-Nelson

Each year, Stephanie Himel-Nelson and her family look forward to attending a fun-filled Trunk or Treat event hosted by their local swim club. While her youngest eagerly participates in the activities, her teens have reached that stage where they prefer to do their own thing when it comes to Halloween or other party-based holidays.

Nevertheless, it's a special tradition that brings her family and community together for some festive fun! 🎃

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## Jennifer Porter

In 2015, Jennifer began a beloved tradition in her neighborhood: the annual Halloween Parade and Community Gathering. While her kids have since aged out, Jennifer has passed the reins to other young moms in the neighborhood and now happily participates in the Trunk or Treat portion of the event. It's a wonderful way to bring the community together and celebrate the festive spirit of Halloween!

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## Allison Alvey

Halloween is in full swing at our house! We've already put up our Nightmare Before Christmas yard decorations, and we had a fantastic time at our county's annual Fall Festival. Next up, we're planning to visit a pumpkin patch, and we might even make our way to Kings Dominion for some more Halloween fun. Of course, The Nightmare Before Christmas is on constant replay, and the soundtrack is always in the background

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## Maria G

Halloween at our house is all about cozy traditions and spooky fun! I always make sure there's plenty of pumpkin pie, and candy corn is a must-have for me. My husband, who's a big fan of Jack Skellington, loves joining in on our true crime, mystery, and horror-paranormal movie marathons. We even dress up our cats and our family's chihuahua to get them in on the festive spirit. There's nothing better than spending Halloween at home, enjoying all the spooky vibes together! 🎃



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## October Shoutouts & Awareness

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### NATIONAL BOSS DAY

A big round of applause to our fearless leader, Jennifer! 🎉 Your unwavering support and dedication inspire us daily. We couldn't ask for a better boss—thank you for everything you do!

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### NATIONAL PARALEGAL DAY

Shoutout to our incredible paralegal, Allison! You're the glue that holds everything together, and our cases would crumble without your hard work and expertise. We appreciate you more than words can say! 🍌👛

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### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is all about awareness and action. Make sure to schedule your regular checkups and consider donating to local fundraisers to support breast cancer research and prevention. Together, we can help make a difference! 🧡❤️



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Join us for an informative and relaxed evening where we'll explore estate planning essentials and taste some California wines. Learn your estate planning options, how to provide for loved ones, and ensure your wishes are honored, all in a casual setting designed to simplify the complex.

**Location: Total Wine at the Marketplace at Hilltop**  
**1744 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454**

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# UPCOMING HALLOWEEN EVENTS

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October 20

[Halloween Cookie Decoration @GreenBrier Farms](#)

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October 23

[Halloween Parade @Vienna](#)

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October 25-26

[Halloween House and Trick or Treat Trail @Walker Nature Center- Reston](#)

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October 26

[Trick or Treat @Mount Vernon](#)

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October 26

[Halloween Pumpkin Carving Bash @Potomac Overlook Park- Arlington](#)

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October 27

[Halloween Harvest Festival @Chrysler Museum- Norfolk](#)

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October 30

[Dave & Boo- Ster's @Fairfax](#)



Stay spooky, stay safe, and have a fang-tastic Halloween! 🎃

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