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**Our thoughts are with those that are defending this great nation. We wish their speedy return to their families and loved ones.**

## RBR - "We Ride Too"



Like most who ride, we enjoy getting out on our motorcycles every chance we get. Mike Phillips rides a fat boy, and Rick and Phil both ride a soft tail deluxe.

As enjoyable as riding is, it also can be very dangerous. It seems that most motorcycle accidents occur as a result of inattentive operators of automobiles. So make sure you watch out for the "other guy" when enjoying your

bike on a beautiful Oklahoma country road.

For those that are interested, the 11th annual Oklahoma Motorcycle show and swap will be held on February 23 & 24 at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. Doors open to the public at 10:00 a.m. on the 23rd and at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th. General admission is \$10 per person per day or you can purchase a 2 day pass for \$15 per person. Have fun and be careful!!

## RICK BISHER RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM MILLION DOLLARS ADVOCATE FORUM AND OKLAHOMA SUPER LAWYERS.

The firm is proud to announce that Rick Bisher, presently a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, the most prestigious group of trial lawyers in the United States, which membership is limited to attorneys who have won million-dollar verdicts and settlements, has now been accepted to the *Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum*. Less than 1% of U.S. Lawyers are members. Forum membership acknowledges excellence in advocacy.

Rick was also nominated as one of only 5% of the lawyers in this state to be listed in the *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* magazine. The *Super Lawyers* selection process includes peer nominations, a blue ribbon panel review and independent research of candidates. The *Oklahoma Super Lawyers Magazine* and the *Oklahoma Magazine* contains the listing of *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* and was published in November 2007.

Congratulations Rick!

## INFANT CRISIS TOURNAMENT

RBR helped sponsor a golf tournament at Gaillardia to raise money for the Infant Crisis Center. This organization helps thousands of mothers and children

across the state, and we were honored and proud to help sponsor an event that helps raise money for needy mothers and their children in Oklahoma.

## PARTNER'S - "JUST A THOUGHT"

Mathis Brothers took out a full page ad in the Daily Oklahoman as a "small business owner" supporting tort reform and requesting the Governor to sign the one sided tort reform bill (better called the take your rights away bill). The Mathis' definition of a "small business owner" is unique based on their reported revenue and the number of stores "the brothers" operate.

The ad had a picture of a mom, daughter and husband sitting on a sofa (presumably one that is sold by Mathis Brothers). All were smiling, awaiting the passage of the medical/business/insurance sponsored tort reform bill.

If the Governor had not vetoed the bill, there would be no smiles. Mom, presumably a homemaker, would have had her non-economic damages (pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of daily activities, emotional distress, permanent disability, etc.) capped at \$300,000 if she was rendered a paraplegic by the actions of a drunk driver if the bill passed. Since mother is a homemaker, she would not have "economic" damages (lost wages) and therefore her total damages would be limited to \$300,000.00 for having to live the rest of her life in a wheel-

chair. Daughter would have the same result. Not something to smile about, or promote.

Would Mr. Mathis really ask the Governor to sign such a bill if his company (and him personally) did not earn millions of dollars each year from the very Oklahomans that he asked the Governor to ignore? One can guess that the Mathis Brothers monthly *advertising* budget alone is more than most "small businesses" earn in a year. Perhaps the brothers can afford the economic effects of tort reform, but the rest of us who do not deposit millions of dollars a year in our banking accounts sure can't!!

Perhaps if Mr. Mathis had to perform all of his business, social and pleasure activities from a wheelchair just for one week his views may be different. Maybe he should try such a challenge for just a week before he hops on the tort reform band wagon again. He may think differently if he can't drive his Mercedes to make his regular tee time at the club (didn't one of the brothers uncle buy Oak Tree?), or stand in front of a camera holding his daughter in one of his commercials. Just a thought.

Rick Bisher

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## NEW PRACTICE AREAS

RBR wants to remind all of our clients that we now handle family and criminal law matters.

If you are experiencing a family law problem, let us help you. Call John Langford, who will be happy to assist you with your child custody, divorce or other family related matter. John's dedication to resolving family law matters will successfully help you succeed in this difficult and emotional type of litigation.

Sometimes circumstances cause us to run afoul of the law, if that should occur, rest assured that RBR is here to help you. Criminal matters are serious, and John Langford is ready to devote the time and resources required to ensure that you are provided the best possible defense.

## DID YOU KNOW?

J. Robert Hunter, director of insurance for the Washington, D.C.-based Consumer Federation of America and a former Federal Insurance Administrator under former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, at a recent press conference gave us some true statistics versus the false facts touted by Doctors, insurance companies and corporations. Compiling information from credit-rating firm A.M. Best Co. and other reliable sources, Hunter determined the insurance industry as a whole paid out in losses only 67.5 cents on every dollar collected in premiums in 2005, reporting an industry-wide **profit of \$48.8 billion.** Oklahoma insurers did better than the national average, with a 55.2-percent loss ratio in 2005. Meanwhile, these companies scream for "tort reform".

**Want to know more about the firm, go to [www.rbrlawfirm.com](http://www.rbrlawfirm.com)**



**EXPERIENCE, SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE TIPS THE SCALE IN FAVOR OF OUR CLIENTS.** We get results, it's just that simple! RBR has collected over \$500,000,000.00 for our clients. We do our best to obtain successful results each and every day for our clients!!

## NEW RBR WEBSITE

The firm recently committed a significant amount of resources to upgrade our computer system to better serve our clients. Not only did we expand and upgrade our current computer system as well as our data storage capacity, but we also completely redesigned our webpage. The new webpage will hopefully provide clients with up to date information about the firm's specific practice areas. We would like to hear from you if you have suggestions about improving the site, so check out our new webpage.

## RBR ROWS AT THE OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL REGATTA

Team members of RBR gave their all at the Oklahoma Centennial Regatta Festival held in Oklahoma City on October 11, 2007. RBR acted as one of the corporate sponsors of the regatta and entered an eight person team in the Corporate Rowing Challenge. This was the first rowing event for the RBR team. Incredibly the RBR novices missed a spot in the finals by less than two seconds, but fun was had by all.

Approximately twenty other corporate teams participated and over 2,000 spectators witnessed the competition. In addition to the corporate

teams, RBR acted as a silver sponsor of the entire festival which included the country's first USA World Rowing Challenge featuring top international teams competing in preparation for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. RBR also sponsored the OCU Head of the Oklahoma races which included over 100 male and female collegiate rowers from over 50 college teams. It was quite an experience and team RBR is already making plans for next year's competition vowing to bring home the gold. Hope to see you there!



## HUNGRY?

**CARMEL ROLLS:** 2 tubes Big Country Biscuits; 1/2 cup brown sugar; 1/2 cup whipping cream; chopped pecans (optional). Spread brown sugar over bottom of a 9" pie pan. Sprinkle with pecans. Cut each biscuit into quarters and place on top of the brown sugar. Pour whipping cream over top of biscuits. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Turn onto serving platter. For larger crowds change recipe to fit a 9x13 pan. Enjoy.

## COMMENTS

We would like to hear your comments/suggestions regarding our newsletter or how we can better serve you. Send us an email or drop us a line. Or, if you have a story or other event you wish us to publish in the Newsletter, we would like to hear from you.

We at RBR would also like to thank our clients for making RBR one of the largest personal injury firms in the state, and we wish everyone a happy New Year.