

# LEGALSMART

March 2024 Edition



*Featured in this issue:*

## St. Patrick's Day Safety

Green is the name of the game on March 17. Since the United States adopted St. Patrick's Day as a holiday in 1737, we have embraced the day as one to imbibe frothy brews, guzzle green milkshakes and indulge in a plethora of Irish fare. While celebrations are encouraged, drunk driving is not.

According to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest days of the year. Nearly 40% of all car-related fatalities that occurred over St. Patrick's Day weekend in 2020 involved a drunk driver. Don't let that drunk driver be you.

Should you or an eligible dependent need representation for a substance-related driving incident, Legal Resources has you covered. While your membership fully covers your first offense, repeat DUI or DWI offenders incur additional expenses related to court and attorney fees.

So, this St. Patrick's Day, kiss the Blarney Stone and do the Riverdance, but pass your keys to someone who can get you and everyone else on the road home safely.



### THE MISSION

The mission of Legal Resources is to provide high-quality legal services to our members, enabling them to lead lives free of major legal expenses.

### THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- St. Patrick's Day Safety
- Ladies in Law
- Navigating Online Sportsbooks, and much more!



### #TRENDINGNOW

#### **Emerald Rivers**

Does the jingle sound familiar? The river is...green? That's right! A host of U.S. cities invite luck and good 'ol Irish fun to their ports by dyeing their waterways green for St. Patrick's Day. The most lauded celebration takes place along the windy city's Chicago River, followed by smaller, yet equally jubilant festivals near canals, rivers and fountains in Indianapolis, Tampa, San Antonio and Savannah.

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## Something Different

### Ladies in Law

To celebrate Women's History Month, we've rounded up some of the most noteworthy women in legal history. Since **Arabella Mansfield** stepped onto the legal scene as the first female to be admitted to the United States' bar in 1869, women have made waves in the legal world.

**Belva Lockwood** is an especially noteworthy trailblazer. As a qualified female attorney, she sought admission to the Supreme Court Bar, an association exclusively for male professionals in the 19th century. She drafted the Lockwood Bill arguing for female acceptance and was later admitted in 1879 following the ratification of her bill by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Several decades later, **Constance Baker Motley** (top photo) followed in her footsteps by becoming the first black woman to argue before the United States Supreme Court.

Other leaders include first female United States Attorney General **Janet Reno**, first Native American attorney **Lyda Burton Conly** and the late women and gender rights advocate **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** (bottom photo).



## CYBER CORNER

### Safe Sports Betting

March Madness is here! As you place wagers on upcoming games, make sure you aren't gambling away your personal information. Online Sportsbooks are popular hunting grounds for identity thieves. Whenever you place your bets, make sure you are using a vetted website and refrain from sharing your login information with others. Should you strike gold, be wary of verification requirements when withdrawing your winnings. Most Sportsbooks should be able to deliver funds without collecting all of your credit card and banking information multiple times.

## Did You Know...

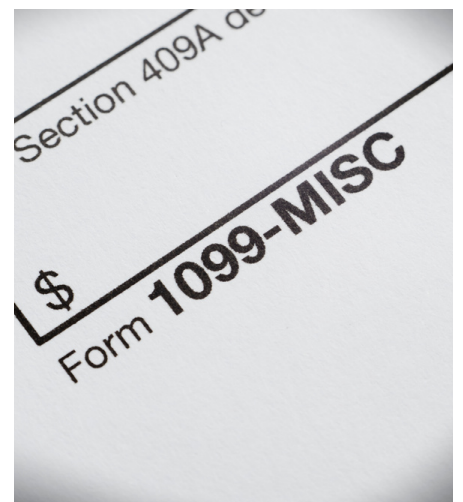
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## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q:** Does dependent coverage include stepchildren?

**A:** Yes. According to our Master Plan Contract, unmarried children, including adopted, step and foster children, are eligible for coverage. Specifically, the plan extends coverage to unmarried children up to 19 years of age who reside at the same address as the Primary Member, or up to 26 years of age who are dependent on the Primary Member for support and maintenance, and who are enrolled full-time at a recognized high school or college.



## Tip of The Month!

### It's Tax Season

W2, 1099-MISC, 1098-T. When these forms start filling up our mailboxes, we know it's tax season. Tax Day is April 15, and while this deadline may seem like a distant worry now, it will be here sooner than you think. Filing beyond the deadline may result in fines or require you to apply for an unwanted extension. Set aside a few hours this month to tackle your finances and file.

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