

LEGAL SMART

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Featured in this issue:

Pickleball: From Court to Courtroom

Pickleball is the [fastest growing sport](#) in the United States. Lifelong athletes and novice exercisers alike are addicted to the friendly competition and camaraderie the sport provides. Community members are less interested in a friendly volley, however, and more so in their final serve - a lawsuit.

Folks who live in communities near tennis-turned-pickleball courts are slamming players and homeowner associations

with threats of legal intervention. The incessant “pop” of the ball hitting the paddle is creating major headaches for neighbors. Homeowners have not only complained of loud noise, but large crowds and even midnight matches that disrupt their sleep. [Civic associations](#) are struggling to find a middle ground as they explore options for sound barriers, court removals and more. Who will win the match?

Relax... You're Retiring!

Thank you, **Joan Dyer** for an incredible 21 years with Legal Resources.

Thank you, **Sue Johnson** for almost 20 years of unparalleled service.

Please help us celebrate two exceptional Senior Account Managers, Joan Dyer and Sue Johnson, as they embark on a new adventure, retirement. We are eternally grateful for the impact Sue and Joan have made on Legal Resources, our clients, and our members. Their commitment to their colleagues and clients and their caring nature has left an indelible mark on so many.

Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!



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

- Pickleball Lawsuits
- Retirement Announcements
- Password Managers, and much more



#TRENDINGNOW

Legal Implications of ChatGPT

ChatGPT has proven to be the most innovative form of Artificial Intelligence in decades. The writing tool is not only incredibly efficient, but it dictates responses far more intelligently and when necessary, colloquially, than originally anticipated. With its next iteration coming soon, legal experts explore the implications of ChatGPT on users' privacy, copyright infringement, intellectual property issues and more. Check out [Lexology's report](#) on ChatGPT in the workplace.

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Something Different

August is Bursting with Flavor

[National Today](#) publishes unique celebrations for every day of the year. The observances commemorate everything from religious customs and federal holidays to family relationships and health awareness. The month of August is chock-full of National Days, many of which are centered around tasty food and beverages. We've rounded up the top eight observances that are packed with flavor and fun you won't want to miss.

August 2 - National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

August 3 - National Indian Pale Ale Day / National Watermelon Day

August 6 - National Root Beer Float Day

August 10 - National S'mores Day

August 13 - National Filet Mignon Day

August 20 - National Bacon Lovers Day

August 24 - National Burger Day / National Waffle Day

August 30 - 31 - International Cabernet Sauvignon Day

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Password Protection

Sure, storing passwords in a journal or on your phone's notes app is easy, but is it safe? The short answer is, of course, no. Even the "save password" option on your browser isn't to be trusted. As consumers and users, we are inundated with the need for passwords. We vary them slightly to create a false sense of security, but the truth is, if you recycle an old password, you are more prone to a security breach. Creating and remembering a variety of passwords can be tough. That's why cybersecurity experts urge users to install a password manager to help organize and safely guard their login information. Among the best are 1Password, Bitwarden and Dashlane. Read more on [Wired.com](#).

DID YOU KNOW.....

Hurricane season is here. Preparation is key to protecting you and your home from the high winds and torrential rains that accompany the Atlantic storms. In May, NOAA forecasted the arrival of a dozen to 17 named storms, a few of which are expected to form into major hurricanes. Reviewing insurance policies and gathering materials for an evacuation pack are just two ways to prepare. Discover more hurricane protection tips on our [blog](#).

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is the difference between contested and uncontested legal matters?

A: In short, uncontested means that all parties involved in a legal proceeding agree to the terms. Contested matters, on the other hand, mean that one or more parties do not agree to the terms and a settlement or agreement cannot be reached.

Have a question?

Please contact our Member Services Department with questions regarding your plan coverage, or attorney/law firm-related questions at 800.728.5768.



Tip of The Month!

Find Your Routine

Summertime happily disrupts our schedules with travel plans, pool parties and family gatherings. Kids stay up late and parents sleep in. The arrival of August simultaneously marks the end of summer bliss and the beginning of "real life" routines - school, sports practices, business meetings and the like. Set yourself up for success by re-establishing your routine early. Reinstate school-year bedtimes for children and set your alarm clocks for a normal work day.

