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# The Dangers of Rideshare Accidents



Rideshare services like Uber and Lyft make getting around easier, but accidents can still happen. When they do, injuries can be serious, and figuring out who is responsible can be confusing. Rideshare accidents can be different from other car accidents because insurance coverage may depend on what the driver was doing at the time. Was the driver waiting for a ride request, driving to pick someone up, or carrying a passenger? These details can affect which insurance policy may apply.

If you are hurt in a rideshare accident, get medical care as soon as possible. Some injuries may not cause pain right away. Take pictures of the vehicles, the accident scene, and any injuries. Get contact information for witnesses and save your rideshare trip information. This may include the driver's name, trip details, and other information from the app. These details can become important when trying to understand what happened and what insurance coverage is available.

A rideshare accident can leave you dealing with pain, medical bills, lost time at work, and many questions. Insurance companies may also ask questions that could affect your claim. You do not have to handle this process alone. An experienced personal injury attorney can help you understand your rights, determine what insurance may apply, and protect your interests. If you have been injured in an Uber or Lyft accident, taking the right steps early can make a big difference.

## Personal Injury Word Search

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## Brooks Law Employee Spotlight
## Mark Mohammed



This fall it is our privilege to highlight Mark Mohammed! Mark has been one of our brilliant attorneys in our Tampa office for two years!

Mark spends his days navigating the chaos of the legal world, dealing with depositions, mediations, and court hearings, but he always finds time to check in with a few of his clients every morning. His favorite part about being an attorney is when he is able to over-deliver on his promises and get his clients more money than they expected.

In his free time, Mark's life is all about his family. He is very involved in the lives of his children and supports them in their athletic pursuits. He coaches baseball and helps coach football and lacrosse.

Mark's favorite part about working at Brooks Law Group is the team. He loves the friendly, yet competitive atmosphere of the firm, and loves being a part of a team of good people, driven to make a difference. We are so thankful to have Mark on our team!

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



**Brought to you by:**
**Teresa**

## Teresa's Charro Beans

- 1 lb dried pinto beans
- 8 cups water, plus more as needed
- 8 oz bacon, chopped
- 6–8 oz smoked sausage or wieners, sliced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 2 jalapeños, chopped
- 1/3 cup jalapeño juice from a jar of pickled jalapeños
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt, then adjust to taste
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- 2 cups chicharrones, broken into bite-size pieces
- ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- Optional: ½ cup pickled jalapeño slices for extra heat

### PREPARATION

***Prepare the beans:*** Rinse and sort the pinto beans. For faster cooking, soak them overnight, then drain.
***Cook the beans:*** Add beans and about 8 cups of fresh water to a large pot. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook until tender, about 1½–2 hours. Add more water if needed.
***Cook the bacon:*** In a separate skillet, cook the chopped bacon until browned. Leave about 2 tablespoons of bacon grease in the pan.
***Add the sausage:*** Add the sliced sausage or wieners and cook for about 3–4 minutes until lightly browned.
***Sauté the vegetables:*** Add onion and jalapeños. Cook for about 4 minutes. Add tomatoes and garlic and cook another 2–3 minutes.
***Season:*** Stir in cumin, chili powder, black pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder.
***Combine:*** Pour the bacon, sausage, and vegetable mixture into the cooked beans. Add 1/3 cup jalapeño juice and stir well.
***Simmer:*** Let everything simmer together uncovered for 20–30 minutes so the broth becomes rich and flavorful. Taste before adding additional salt because the bacon, jalapeño juice, and chicharrones are already salty.
***Add the chicharrones:*** Stir in 1½ cups of the chicharrones during the last 5–10 minutes. They will soften and add flavor to the broth.
***Finish:*** Stir in the cilantro. Top each bowl with the remaining ½ cup crispy chicharrones right before serving.

## Happy Birthday!

Lucas | Grace | Teresa
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## Happy Work Anniversary!

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# Steve & Beach's Corner

### *Steve's Corner*
### *What Shaped Me?*

### *Part 5:*
### *Building Brooks Law Group and Looking Ahead*

When I started Brooks Law Group in nineteen ninety-two, my vision was simple. Treat every client like family. Make sure people who walked through our doors felt heard, valued, and protected. Over time, my brother joined me, and together we built a firm grounded in compassion, professionalism, and results.

From the beginning, we chose to do what was right, not what was convenient. We took the difficult cases. We fought for the injured when others would not. We insisted on high standards, consistent communication, and a personal connection with the people we served. As the firm has grown, those values have remained constant.

When I look back, I can see how every part of my life contributed to this path. My family's legacy taught me service. Winter Haven taught me community. My mentors taught me responsibility. The law gave me a way to bring those lessons together.

As I look toward the future, my mission remains the same. To serve with heart. To lead with integrity. To help people in their moments of need. And to always take the long view, just as generations before me did.

Thank you for reading, for supporting our firm, and for being part of this community.

### *Beach's Corner*
### *The Best Part About Being An Attorney*

The best part of being an attorney is helping people. Most attorneys choose this profession because they want to make a difference in the lives of others. While winning cases is important, the real reward comes from helping people through some of the hardest times in their lives.

I remember closing a case for a client who received a large settlement. As we finished the paperwork, he began to cry. At first, I thought he was emotional because of the money. Then he told me the real reason. For years, he had been working hard to support his family who lived overseas. Because of the settlement, he finally had enough money to buy a home and bring his family to live with him.

That moment stayed with me. It reminded me that every case is about a real person and a real story. Helping people build a better future is what makes being an attorney so rewarding.

## Client's Bill of Rights

Attorneys will tell you that it is impossible to offer a guarantee in the legal business. WRONG! We say that law firm clients should settle for nothing less! Remember, your attorney works for you – not the other way around.

At Brooks Law Group, our belief is promising our clients quality service with personal attention and that as our client, you are entitled to have the:

1. Right to loyalty to you and your case.
2. Right to be updated regularly and in a timely manner as to the progress of your case.
3. Right to our respect.
4. Right to expect competence from our firm and all who work here.
5. Right to know the truth about your case.
6. Right to prompt attention from us.
7. Right to have your legal rights explained in plain English or Spanish without legal mumbo jumbo.
8. Right to a fair written fee agreement with our firm.
9. Right to a fair fee for the work we do.
10. Right to make the ultimate decision on your case.

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