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- WORKERS COMPENSATION
- WRONGFUL DEATH
- POLICE MISCONDUCT
- SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

When Life Gets Ugly Justice is Lovely



**NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Movember.** An annual event featuring the growing of moustaches to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. The charity event is run by the Movember Foundation, on the web at Movember.com. The goal of Movember is to "change the face of men's health."

**National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, Nov. 3-9.** National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week recognizes shelters that provide care and bridge the gap to adoption for many abandoned and stray animals. Get to know your local animal shelter, and learn the types of support it needs to continue to provide services to the animals and community it serves.

**Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.** Gather around the table, and be thankful for family, friends, and good food.



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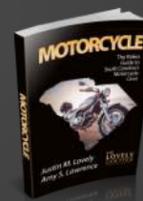
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**Grateful to Help Horry County Kids!**

We were honored to team up with Medieval Times and WBTW to help with "Treats for Special Kids." This event gives special needs children a safe, barrier free environment to go trick or treating. Members of our staff chose to dress up as Crayons. (Except Roberto!) The kids loved it. Medieval Times put on a few mini shows for the kids as well.

Anytime we can give back to the community we are happy to do so!

~Justin M. Lovely

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## WHERE & WHY WE SPEND TIME ON SOCIAL MEDIA

How much time do you spend on social media every day? An infographic from FameMass.com reports that the average person spends two hours and 23 minutes a day on social media, up from one hour and 30 minutes in 2012.

Where are they spending their time each day?

Facebook	58 minutes
Instagram	53 minutes
YouTube	40 minutes
Snapchat	35 minutes
Twitter	3 minutes

Why are they on social media?

Stay up to date with news	40%
Stay in touch with friends	39%
Find entertaining content	38%
Fill spare time	37%
Network	33%
Share photos or videos	32%
Research products	31%



*A Special Thank You!*

Thanks to everyone who referred us a case in the month of October

We are glad to help you and honored to be your trusted legal advisor.

~Justin M. Lovely

## THE NEW YORK CHILD VICTIMS ACT

Recently, **New York** passed a law that addresses sexual assault cases where the statute of limitations has expired called the **Child Victims Act**. This law extends the statute of limitations for filing civil sexual assault claims against the perpetrators and also allows claims that have already expired to be filed during the next *one-year period*. Sexual assault victims who were abused as children in New York and who live in South Carolina need to be aware of this new law so they can exercise their rights and hold their abusers accountable for their actions.

*What is the New York Child Victims Act?*

The Child Victims Act or CVA is a law that was passed in early 2019 by the New York legislature. Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed it into law on [Feb. 14, 2019](#). The Act, [SB 2440](#), amended the New York Criminal Procedure Law at § 3010(3)(f) to extend the statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions so that it does not begin to run until the victims reach age 23 or from the date when the offense is reported to law enforcement officers. The Act also changed the civil statute of limitations to allow victims more time to bring civil lawsuits against their abusers and the institutions for which they worked.

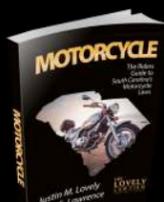
The extension of the statute of limitations in the Child Victims Act means that child sexual abuse survivors who were abused in New York have more time to report what happened to them so that criminal charges can be brought. The victims also have more time to file claims for monetary damages. The law also allows victims to file claims against institutions such as orphanages, foster homes, churches, and schools that may have played a role in their abuse. Judges who hear these cases will be provided with specialized training in how to handle child sexual abuse cases under this new law.

On Aug. 14, 2019, the date that the Child Victims Act became effective in New York, [hundreds of lawsuits](#) were filed against alleged abusers and institutions. The law means that thousands of people who were abused as children while they were in New York could have the right to file claims. Even if people no longer live in New York but were sexually abused as children in the state, they can file civil sexual abuse lawsuits against those who were responsible for their abuse within the next year. Because of the anticipated onslaught of new cases under the CVA, each judicial district in New York has designated judges who will handle nothing but these claims.

*What to do if you are a victim of child sexual abuse that happened in New York*

If you were the victim of sexual abuse in New York **when you were a child**, you may have the right to file a civil lawsuit against the perpetrator and the public or private institution that played a role in your abuse even if you currently live in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While the look-back period allows **your claim to be filed up until Aug. 13, 2020**, you should talk to an experienced civil sexual assault lawyer as soon as possible instead of waiting. This can give your attorney more time to investigate your claim so that he or she might present the strongest case possible on your behalf. Contact attorney Amy Lawrence at The Lovely Law Firm to schedule a consultation by calling

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## 10 YEARS OF THE LOVELY LAW FIRM OVER \$17 MILLION RECOVERED FOR INJURED CLIENTS

November marks ten years of The Lovely Law Firm. The firm was started in November of 2009 when I passed the bar exam. Amy was working for another lawyer in Conway, SC. The recession was in full effect in the Myrtle Beach area and no one was hiring. With a leap of faith, and my last \$350, I decided to hang my shingle and rented a small 8 x 10 office in Conway, SC. Amy joined the following month and The Lovely Law Firm was formed. We have been blessed to be able to grow and service our clients and the Myrtle Beach community.

**OUR MISSION & PHILOSOPHY**

- To be a firm that is enjoyable to work for and rewarding to work with.
- To contribute to the Myrtle Beach community and the profession to which we belong.
- To continually grow as a law firm, but never to lose the family atmosphere that is the foundation of our practice.
- To ALWAYS do the right thing by our clients, our employees, by our peers.
- To understand that bad things happen to good people, that the voices of victims need to be heard, and that any injury can turn someone's life upside down. We are their advocate and voice.

## IMPROVE YOUR SELF DISCIPLINE

Success in any endeavor is a matter of self-discipline. If you can't stay focused on your goals, you'll never achieve them. The Ladders website shares this list of tips for improving your self-discipline:

- **Start on Monday.** Begin working on your goals on the first day on the week. Researchers say this can help you follow through.
- **Write down the reasons behind your goals.** Positive affirmations can solidify your goals in your mind and help you stay focused.
- **Visualize the benefits.** Think about what you'll gain as you work toward your goals and eventually achieve them. They'll become more real in your mind and help you work past obstacles.
- **Plan for temptation.** You'll sometimes want to abandon your goals, or at least set them aside. Think about how you can respond—"If I want to quit early, I'll work 10 more minutes before making a final decision."
- **Combine needs and wants.** For example, if you have to go to a networking event, concentrate on meeting old friends as much as on making new contacts. Or plan a reward once you've completed a particular step toward your goal.
- **Don't make snap decisions.** A quick decision can easily lead you down the wrong path. Teach yourself to analyze information and consider your options before going ahead on a new move.