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MADD CANADA’S 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR VICTIMS OF IMPAIRED DRIVING
Victims, survivors and industry professionals came from across the country to support one another by sharing their experiences and honouring those who have been killed or injured as a result of drunk driving. As a proud sponsor of MADD Canada, the member firms of PIA Law hosted a workshop for victims on what benefits they have available and how to improve their entitlements. McLeish Orlando lawyer Josh Nisker presented.

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GTA REHAB NETWORK – BEST PRACTICES DAY 2016
McLeish Orlando was proud to sponsor GTA Rehab Network’s Best Practices Day 2016. This year’s conference theme was ‘Innovations Influencing Rehabilitative Care’. The conference focused on thinking creatively in the advancement of rehab best practices, while exploring new resources and partnerships during times of fiscal constraint.

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23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON NEUROBEHAVIOURAL REHABILITATION IN ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY
McLeish Orlando sponsored the Hamilton Health Sciences 23rd Annual Conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury, the theme this year was “Gaining Control – Innovative Approaches to Self-Regulation, Mood and Behaviour”. The Conference featured national and international experts in brain injury rehabilitation.

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PIA LAW – PRACTICAL STRATEGIES WEBINAR
On June 1st, 2016 Accident Benefit legislation in Ontario changed and substantially reduced funding for accident victims. This free webinar helped to inform people on the changes.

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JOGGIN FOR THE NOGGIN 2016
McLeish Orlando Partner, Alison Burrison was pleased to once again sponsor the Joggin’ for the Noggin’ annual fundraiser which took place in Ashbridges Park, Toronto. All funds raised went to the neurosurgery department at SickKids Hospital.

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PIA LAW STRIDES FOR CHANGE – 5K RUN IN SUPPORT OF MADD CANADA
The firms of PIA Law were pleased to support MADD Canada’s PIA Law Strides for Change 5K Run. Strides for Change is MADD Canada’s annual walk/run that supports Chapters and Community Leaders in their efforts to educate the public about the dangers of impaired driving and to help victims in their communities. The campaign is also an opportunity to keep safe and sober driving top of mind during the spring and summer months when the rate of impaired-related crashes are traditionally higher.

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BIST/OBIA 12TH ANNUAL MIX & MINGLE
Over the past 11 years the Brain Injury Society of Toronto and the Ontario Brain Injury Association have co-hosted the BIST/OBIA Mix & Mingle. McLeish Orlando, as a proud member of PIA Law, was pleased to once again sponsor this event. Every year over 600 professionals get together for an evening of entertainment. This “must attend” event has been very successful in helping to raise awareness of brain injury, as well as raising funds to support the ongoing programs and services BIST and OBIA have to offer.

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HELMETS ON KIDS
The Helmets on Kids campaign is geared towards bringing safety awareness to young cyclists and their families, and to urge all cyclists to wear helmets. In an effort to improve safety on our streets and educate the young cyclists in Toronto, McLeish Orlando donated helmets to 500 public school students again this year.

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DODGING FOR DOLLARS
McLeish Orlando was pleased to sponsor Dodging For Dollars, organized by Associate Selina Andrello, in support of the Paediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT) at SickKids.

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BIST’S BIRDIES FOR BRAIN INJURY
McLeish Orlando was thrilled to participate in the 2016 Birdies For Brain Injury Golf Tournament. We sponsored a “Beat The Pro” hole at the event.

For more information on upcoming events please visit: www.mcleishorlando.com

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Protect the ones you love: Buy Additional Auto Insurance.

Below is an example which demonstrates the minimal extra cost of purchasing this additional insurance for a family of 4 who own 2 cars.

DRIVER SCENARIO:
Driver Location: Downtown Toronto
2 drivers each age 46 – each with over 25 years licensed in Ontario
2 children, non-drivers
Neither driver has at-fault claims or convictions in their driving records
Vehicle 1 – 2016 Acura ILX
Vehicle 2 – 2015 Buick Verano

COST OF PURCHASING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE		
AMOUNT OF LIABILITY, UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED COVERAGE*	YEARLY PREMIUM	COST OF ADDITIONAL COVERAGE
\$1 million	\$2,914.00	-
Increase to \$2 million	\$2,990.00	\$76.00
Increase to \$3 million	\$3,020.00	\$106.00

*This also includes basic AB coverage

The second way of protecting yourself and your family is by purchasing additional accident benefits coverage. It is as equally affordable as purchasing the coverage above.

We all think that a serious injury from a car accident will never happen to us or a family member. That is what all the thousands of Ontario drivers, who are seriously injured in car accidents every year, think. Do the smart thing to protect the ones you love, before it is too late – purchase extra coverage at relatively low cost.





Joggin' for the Noggin'

McLeish Orlando partner, Alison Burrison, was pleased to once again sponsor Joggin' for the Noggin'. This year, Joggin' for the Noggin' was able to raise \$9,760.00 in support of the neurosurgery department at SickKids Hospital. This is an event that Alison and her family enjoy participating in every year. Alison also donated swag bags and delicious gelato that was enjoyed by all runners at the end of the race.

This event also serves as a celebration of life and recovery for Jillian Jacques, who underwent several surgeries at SickKids in 2012 to remove an infection on the surface of her brain. The hospital's neurosurgery department ultimately saved Jillian's life, allowing her to have a full recovery and to return to being a normal and happy teenager. Jillian's family has organized this event to thank Dr. Dirks, Dr. Taylor and their dedicated research team at SickKids, and to raise awareness about the important work that they do.

Congratulations to our McLeish Orlando finishers, and everyone else who participated in the run!



Helmets on Kids

The Helmets on Kids campaign is geared to bring safety awareness to young cyclists and their families, and to urge all cyclists to wear helmets. In an effort to improve safety on our streets and educate the young cyclists in Toronto, McLeish Orlando donated helmets to 500 students at Nelson Mandela Park Public School on June 17, 2016. This year, students also recited a safety pledge, promising to always wear their helmets while riding their bicycles, scooters or skateboards.

After almost a decade of running this campaign, we have learned that June is the perfect opportunity to engage with these young cyclists before they head off for summer vacation. Not only does June mark Brain Injury Awareness Month, but also Bike Month in the city of Toronto.

We would like to thank partner, Rikin Morzaria for organizing this campaign, along with The Ontario Safety League, the Ontario Brain Injury Association, Culture Link, Sobeys, and the Toronto Police for making the event a huge success.

Dodging For Dollars

McLeish Orlando was proud to once again be the official sponsor of the annual Dodging for Dollars Tournament in support of Sick Kids Foundation. On Saturday, June 18, 2016 over 130 people from the community came out to Toronto's Polson Pier Soccer World to participate. The event was organized by associate Selina Andreello, who was excited to donate to a cause she is passionate about. The tournament was a huge success, fundraising \$15,500 for the Paediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT) at Sick Kids.



Inderpaul Kooner: Defying the Odds and Inspiring Others

On October 30, 2010, Inderpaul Kooner was only 14 years old, but he was described by his family as an exceptional and positive young man, who excelled at school, enjoyed playing sports with his friends and watching the Raptors! On that day however, Inderpaul found himself fighting for his life after being involved in a horrific motor vehicle accident. He had suffered a severe brain injury and a spinal cord injury. While Inderpaul was in the hospital, his mother never left his side and she prayed every day that he would wake up, speak to her and eventually walk again. Within weeks of the accident, Inderpaul was defying medical odds; he was alert, breathing on his own, eating and drinking and he had minimal

memory loss. Eventually, Inderpaul was stable enough to be transferred to a rehabilitation hospital, where he set his own goal to walk again and do whatever it took to reach that goal. Inderpaul's mother quit her job and devoted herself to caring for her son and helping him achieve that goal.

After being discharged from weeks of in-patient rehabilitation, Inderpaul returned home to live with his family. Inderpaul's mother and community therapy team continued to work with him to help him maintain his muscle strength and achieve as much independence as possible. Inderpaul eventually returned to his local high school, where he recently graduated

in the academic stream. In September 2015, Inderpaul began attending York University, where he is studying Criminology. A personal injury lawsuit was commenced on behalf of Inderpaul with respect to his accident, which has now been successfully concluded. Over the years, Inderpaul and his mother have been an inspiration to all of us at McLeish Orlando, who worked for them, as well as the defence lawyers, who had the opportunity to meet Inderpaul and his mother during the litigation process. Although Inderpaul has not achieved his final goal of walking yet, we know that he will continue to defy the odds and inspire those who live and work with him.

Lawyer Spotlight: Meet Our Newest Associates

Stefanie Di Massa articulated with McLeish Orlando and in 2016 joined the firm as a lawyer on John McLeish's team. She obtained an Honours degree in Criminology from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology where she graduated with distinction. She then obtained her law degree from the University of Western Ontario in 2015, and is a member of the Ontario Bar. Stefanie has always enjoyed working and volunteering her time to worthwhile causes. In law school, she volunteered with the Community Legal Services clinic, with Pro Bono Students Canada and with at-risk youth. She also worked at the Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario.

Through her experience in the community, Stefanie gained an appreciation for the real and devastating effects injuries can have on both the injured person and their family. Working as a lawyer at McLeish Orlando allows Stefanie to continue helping seriously injured individuals and their families. In her free time, Stefanie enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing sports, exercising, and travelling.



Nick Todorovic first joined McLeish Orlando as a summer law student in 2014. He went on to article and after his call to the bar in 2016, became a lawyer on Patrick Brown's team.

After completing a BSc in chemistry and math at Wilfrid Laurier University, Nick went on to complete his PhD in organic chemistry from McMaster University. His research was primarily in the areas of combating various forms of cancer and has been published in various peer-reviewed academic journals. Following his PhD, Nick went on to obtain his law degree from University of Ottawa. During law school he was fortunate to gain valuable experience by working for a multinational law firm in the area of intellectual property. In addition to his academics, Nick also swam for various varsity swim teams.

After his own personal experience in dealing with an injury at a young age, Nick chose to pursue a legal career that would help others overcome adversity. This passion along with a keen sense to detail for the law has given Nick a solid professional foundation.

In his spare time, Nick enjoys traveling and staying active through crossfit, swimming and cycling. He is a member of CycleToronto and is active in Bike Law Canada.

