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Thank You for a Great Year!

As another year comes to a close, we at Cecere Santana, PA would like to thank all of our past and present clients for making 2013 a successful year! Thanks to you, we have had the opportunity to continue serving South Florida's legal needs— helping thousands of personal injury victims recover losses, obtaining maximum benefits for those who have sustained property damages to their homes or businesses, assisting injured workers in receiving payment for lost wages and medical care, and aggressively pursuing PIP benefits for doctors who have treated accident victims.

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Key Verdicts and Settlements in 2013 *

\$425,000 rib and spinal injuries from automobile accident on I-95

\$400,000 ankle and abdomen injuries from bicycle collision with a pedestrian

\$250,000 back and shoulder injuries from automobile accident on I-95

\$160,000 knee injuries from automobile accident on the Florida Turnpike

\$150,000 pelvic and back injuries from automobile accident

\$125,000 neck, back and knee injuries from automobile accident

\$122,500 ankle injury due to slip and fall in parking area

* Every case is different and past results do not necessarily predict future results.

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New developments for 2013 included two new office locations. In addition to our **Sunrise** headquarters, we are now in **Coral Gables** and **West Palm Beach**, allowing us to be easily accessible to clients in the tri-county area. The year also saw a growing number of successful cases where we were able to obtain the maximum compensation for our clients. See the graph with "**Key Verdicts and Settlements in 2013**" for more information.

To date, more than 80% of our clients have come to us referred by a family member or friend whom we have helped in the past. Once again, thank you for your loyalty and support throughout the years, and for allowing Cecere Santana, PA to be your legal representative.



Happy Holidays and a Safe New Year!

Fire Safety During the Holidays

While it is a long-standing tradition to decorate homes and businesses with holiday lights during this time of year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) estimate that every year 240 home fires are caused by Christmas trees and another 150 home fires are caused by holiday lights. These fires result in approximately 20 deaths and \$25.2 million in property damage.

Fortunately, taking a few simple safety precautions can prevent disaster from occurring. The most important safety measure is ensuring that all exits always remain accessible and unobstructed by decorations. With natural Christmas trees, it is especially important to keep the trees watered. Dry or neglected trees are at risk to catch fire from shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches. Keep your tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces or heat vents, as they can cause the tree to dry out and become brittle, making it susceptible to ignition by heat, flame or sparks.



Holiday lights should be inspected for any frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear. No more than three light strands should ever be linked at a time. Moreover, light strings should be connected to an extension cord before plugging the cord into an outlet. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles in-lieu of real ones. If you do opt for real candles, always make sure that they are placed in stable holders and kept away from flammable objects.

Cecere Santana, PA Lends a Hand at Dania Beach Cleanup



Attorney Erick Santana and his daughter Sofia cleaning the beach at John U Lloyd State Park in Dania Beach, Florida

This year, Cecere Santana, PA participated in John U Lloyd State Park's beach cleanup in Dania Beach, Florida. To further reduce environmental impact, an eco-friendly paperless system, in which documents are scanned rather than printed, is implemented in-office.