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Dear Friend:

In the past my newsletters to friends and clients have discussed happenings in the law which are of particular interest. After I started work on a newsletter about the legal responsibilities of children as well as the responsibilities of parents for the acts done by their children, it came to my attention that the Board of Governors of the State Bar had authorized reprinting of a booklet entitled "Kids & Law." I do not know when the republished pamphlet will be available. The pamphlet is online and I had my secretary print some copies so that I can make them available to clients and other friends.



I believe that this pamphlet should be in every home where there is a child. The pamphlet goes into considerable detail about civil and criminal responsibilities of children; the extent to which reaching age 18 changes those rights and responsibilities; the rights and responsibilities of parents; traffic laws on everything from scooters and skateboards; curfew laws; gangs; the subject of how children can be disciplined or expelled from school, as well as the right of parents to challenge any such action; the juvenile court system; and many other subjects of interest. The pamphlet, or booklet, is extremely well-written. Parents and grandparents could profit by having a copy available. Young adults who are willing to read the booklet would find materials of interest.

Since the main part of my law practice is representing people who have been injured, my interest in this pamphlet is primarily as a parent.

The "Kids & Law" booklet is about 60, 8 ½" X 11" pages long. For that reason I am not enclosing a copy. However, anyone who wants a copy can pick one up at my office. If you prefer, you can call the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

I wish each and all of you the best of everything in 2004. I again thank those who have referred injury clients to me.

Very truly yours,

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