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It's hard to believe that 2021 is already half-over. It's my sincere hope that this year has been a better one for each of you compared to 2020. Yes, that's a low bar, but sometimes we take our victories where we can get them.

Here at the Firm, we are continuing our growth, and we've got one new face and two new promotions. Melanie Lotito has joined our Team as our new Intake Specialist and is often going to be the first voice new people hear when they reach out to us for the first time. She's also the one responsible for following up with people who need additional time to process the valuable information we give at case evaluations. She's taking Leo's old position, and Leo will now be in charge of Client Success, so existing clients can expect to hear from him on at least a monthly basis, as we try to make sure that each of your needs are being met in a quick and courteous manner.

The other promotion to discuss is that by the time this reaches you, Andrew will be sworn in as a full-fledged attorney. Andrew has already made a significant impact on the quality of representation that we're able to offer our clients, and all of us are looking forward to the opportunity he will have to argue on their behalf in court.

That's it for now. See everyone in July!



STRUGGLING ON FATHER'S DAY? TRY THESE 5 AWESOME WAYS TO TREAT YOUR DAD

If you're struggling to find something special for your dad on Father's Day but don't want to rely on cliché gifts like ties or mugs, I completely understand. Preparing for Father's Day is tough because you want to make your gift personal. How do we thank dads for their sacrifices to support and guide us throughout our lives?

Picking a meaningful gift can help express the depth of your gratitude if you're at a loss for words. So, I've put together a small list of ways to treat your dad, near or far.

No. 1: A Unique Addition to His Hobby/Collection

If your dad is into certain hobbies or a collector of anything, you might think that he's the only expert on what he needs. But there's often still a lot you can do to support his interests! Try looking for a high-end basic tool you know he'll use, or you can purchase subscription boxes related to his interests. Research unique items within his hobby, such as exotic spices for a dad who's passionate about cooking or a sturdy card binder for a father who loves baseball trading cards.

The best way to feel out your dad's needs is to ask him about his hobby and what he's been up to lately. It might give you some insight into what type of gift he'll benefit most from.

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No. 2: A Comfortable Desk Chair or Standing Desk

With everyone spending more time indoors, a wonderful desk chair or standing desk might be just what your dad needs! Not only will he think about you while using it frequently, but he'll also be very grateful for the added health benefits of an excellent chair or standing desk. (Standing desks, of course, aren't for everyone, but they're great gifts for health-conscious or active dads!)

No. 3: High-Quality Clothes

This is amazing for dads who aren't particular about their clothes and really struggle spending time or money on clothing for themselves. So, do it for them! Picking out a comfortable, long-lasting clothing item — even if it's something simple like a pair of socks — can be an unexpected quality-of-life improvement.

No. 4: A Delicious Meal

Most parents love when you're able to spend time with them, so why not spend that time at his favorite restaurant? Even if you're far apart from your dad, you can order DoorDash or UberEats for him as a gift! Then, do a video call while he waits for his food to arrive. It'll help show just how serious you are about making him feel loved and wanted.

No. 5: Tickets to a Local Experience

Got an ax-throwing facility in town? What about a fishing charter? Sign him up and, better yet, join him! Creating new memories with



your dad is one of the best ways to spend Father's Day, in the same way that parents often try to make new memories while their kids are young. It'll get him excited, and you'll be supporting a local business at the same time.

The key to a meaningful, successful Father's Day gift is listening. How can you show your support for your father's interests and well-being? There are always new ways to express your gratitude, but no matter what you give, it will be a hundred times better coming from you.



A great kitchen gadget (like a food processor) should save you time and effort. But not all kitchen gadgets deliver that, especially for people who suffer from dexterity problems or arthritis.

Thanks to kitchen product design expert Dan Formosa (his past designs include many OXO products), here are a few gadgets he's tested and loves — and will definitely make anyone's life a lot easier.

ZYLISS Easy Pull Food Chopper and Manual Food Processor

Hate the noise of traditional processors? This manual food processor works like a charm: Put food in its 26-ounce container, close the lid, and pull the cord with its easy-to-hold handle (which connects to a blade inside the container). Voila! Your food is chopped. It only takes a couple of pulls to finely dice your veggies into a delicious salsa. Formosa especially loved how compact it is for storage.

4 Kitchen Gadgets That Work

AN EXPERT'S RECOMMENDATIONS!

Coco Jack

Eating coconut can be a healthy treat, but it might be intimidating for most home cooks — how are you supposed to open it? Enter the Coco Jack. It requires some force, but it's much easier and less dangerous than using a knife, especially a dull knife. Just align the circular tool on your coconut and slam with a hammer to create a hole.

Chef'n Strawberry Huller

Let's say you want to remove the pithy center and leaves of a strawberry to create a whipped cream-filled strawberry. Why? Well, why not? This strawberry huller tool is easy to use and highly effective for dessert makers or anyone who wants to make attractive and creative strawberry treats.

ICU Egg Topper and Cracker

Do you want to present a soft-boiled egg to your guests in an aesthetically pleasing way? With just a pull of a handle and release, this tool cracks the top of the egg so cleanly that you can lift it in one piece with your hand! Then, add your toppings and serve.

Kitchen gadgets are best when they help us make our food preparation just a little easier and fancier, and these definitely get the job done. We hope you love these as much as we do!

EXPLORE A NATIONAL FOREST FOR FREE

ON NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY

Many people in the U.S. and across the world have a national park trip on their travel bucket list. While Zion, Yellowstone, and the Great Smoky Mountains are all awesome locales, outdoor enthusiasts often overlook a resource that is less busy, less expensive, and usually right in their backyard: national forests.

All but 10 states have a national forest (or more than one!), so if your home state doesn't have one, it's very likely a neighboring state does! And there's no better time to hike, bike, forage for mushrooms or berries, or camp at a nearby national forest than this month. The tree-filled landscape will provide shade and help you beat the summer heat, and to further incentivize visitors, the U.S. Forest Service (the organization that oversees the national forests) is offering a fee-free day on Saturday, June 12, in honor of National Get Outdoors Day!

While parking and day-use fees to access national forests tend to be relatively modest, fee-free days open up the opportunity to all visitors. The U.S. Forest Service has a great interactive map tool that prospective park-goers can use to learn more about the forests in their area, amenities and activities, and accessibility. Visit [FS.fed.us/ivm](https://www.fs.fed.us/ivm) to access the map and see what's near your hometown!

If you're dreaming up travel plans beyond your state's border, consider visiting these notable U.S. national forests.



- **El Yunque National Forest:** Located in Puerto Rico, El Yunque is the only tropical rainforest in the United States.
- **Tongass National Forest:** Spanning 16.7 acres and several islands across Southeast Alaska, the Tongass is the country's largest national forest.
- **Salmon-Challis National Forest:** This Idaho forest is the largest contiguous wilderness area in the lower 48 and contains the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.
- **Cibola National Forest and Grassland:** Spread across north-central New Mexico, west Texas, and Oklahoma, this forest and grassland area is notable for its diverse ecosystems and wildlife. The Sky Islands portion of the park is also home to over 200 rare plant and animal species.

Iced Green Tea, 2 Ways

Inspired by [101Cookbooks.com](https://www.101cookbooks.com)



Nothing says summer like a glass of iced tea. Enjoy these two twists on a classic summer soother.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp loose-leaf green tea
- 4 cups filtered water, divided
- Option 1: Rose and Coriander**
- 1 tbsp dried rose petals
- 1 tbsp whole coriander seeds
- Option 2: Ginger Mint**
- 1 handful fresh mint leaves
- 1 inch fresh ginger, cut into coins

Directions

For Rose and Coriander Tea:

1. In a large pitcher, place green tea, rose petals, and coriander seeds.
2. Bring 1/2 cup water to just below boiling.
3. Pour hot water over tea leaves, petals, and seeds. Let steep for 10 seconds, then add the

remaining 3 1/2 cups water.

4. Refrigerate 4–8 hours until tea reaches your desired strength. Strain and serve over ice.

For Ginger Mint Tea:

5. Follow the instructions above, substituting the mint leaves and ginger coins for the rose petals and coriander seeds.

HAVE A LAUGH!





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EXPLOSIVE SWINGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GOLF COURSE

EXPLOSIVE BALLS (AT LEAST IN MASSACHUSETTS) ARE NOT

With the U.S. Open coming up in June (barring any major COVID-19-related developments), the participants are sure to leave audiences in awe of their explosive drives. While “explosive” in this context doesn’t mean anything is actually exploding, there is a precedent for golf balls that *literally* explode. In fact, that precedent led to the creation of a pretty interesting state law in Massachusetts: No one is allowed to sell exploding golf balls.

According to Chapter 148, Section 55 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, “Anyone who sells or knowingly uses ... a golf ball containing any acid, fluid, gas, or other substance tending to cause the ball to explode” can be fined \$500 for the first offense and up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for a year for any offense after that. You would think that the existence of this law means that at some point, people were just smacking exploding golf balls around the Bay State before the lawmen kiboshed it. However, the truth is a little more nuanced.

While it’s unknown what exactly prompted the legislation, there are a few clues as to what sorts of incidents Massachusetts governments were trying to avoid. The first clue is that prior to the late 1960s and early 1970s, golf balls were actually manufactured with a caustic liquid at the center. This led to the unforeseen injury of a boy named William



J. in 1912, who, while “dissecting” a golf ball, ruptured the rubber fluid sack at the center. Some of the liquid got in his eye and caused permanent damage to his sight, despite multiple visits to the doctor.

Even though golf ball manufacturers stopped using caustic liquids in the centers of their golf balls in the 1920s, the liquid centers of golf balls made in the following decades could still cause harm. If someone dissected a golf ball and ruptured the fluid sack of one of these later balls, the crystalline material within could still cause injuries. Fortunately, solid core golf balls became common during the 1970s, removing liquid core golf balls from the course for good.

However, even though they’re gone, their legacy lives on in this strange Massachusetts law.