

MEET OLD YELLER

If you drive by our office on a sunny summer day, you might see a bright yellow Jeep in the parking lot. The Jeep, a 1953 CJ3A affectionately named “Old Yeller,” was the restored by Jackson & MacNichol attorney Kristian Terison. Kristian has a long history as a Jeep guy; “I grew up around Jeeps,” he says, “my grandfather had an old CJ2A on his farm that I learned to drive stick on at 5 years old, and a cousin let me ‘help’ when he restored his 1966 CJ-5 when I was in grade school.” It was years before Kristian had a chance to get a Jeep of his own, though.

“Jeeps aren’t a cheap hobby, and I never had a chance at my own until my brother found someone selling a bunch of old CJs and parts as a lot, ‘best offer.’ They looked rough in the ad, but my brother talked me into going to see them in person.” The project almost ended before it even began, though. “We drove out to the middle of nowhere, and there in the woods was a big pile of rusty Jeep. It looked like maybe 6 vehicles and a bunch of parts, but it was hard to tell from the mess. I thought ‘well, that was a waste of time.’” Luckily though, Kristian had brought along his cousin who had experience restoring his own a CJ-5. “I was ready to apologize for dragging him out to the woods to look at a pile of junk, but before I could open my mouth, he said ‘looks good to me!’ and next thing I knew we were making plans to haul four of the Jeeps back home. None of them ran, I don’t think any were even complete, and I had never tried this big of a restoration job before. I picked mine because it had a trash bag over the engine -- I thought that would have at least kept some water out. I paid \$225 for it.”

Up to that point, Kristian had only really worked on small engines, mostly single-cylinder mopeds and scooters. “The CJ was a great first restoration for me because it’s easy to work on. You can fix 90% of it with just 1/2” and 9/16” wrenches. There’s nothing metric, and

of course no computers – even doors and a roof were aftermarket options.” While he was able to get the Jeep “yard driving” the day it came home, the restoration proved slow-going. “I started law school just a few months after I got the Jeep, so at that point I had no time and no money. I salvaged as much as possible just so I could keep making some progress. Some of that still comes back to haunt me, though. Just last week the original water pump gave up all over the driveway. I’d estimate it was due for replacement sometime in the Carter administration.”

One big setback came right after putting on the replacement body. “Up to that point, all I had done with it was some easy yard driving – in and out of the shed, maybe a lap around the yard, but no towing, no steep hills. When I finally got the body on and put real seats in, I went to give it a shakedown and it felt like it wasn’t making any power. It turned out the clutch was junk. Without the body in the way, I could have done a new clutch in a weekend, but with no lift and the tub on, replacing the clutch was a headache.” Still, by the time Kristian graduated from law school, he had the Jeep on the road. “It felt great to get it to a point where I could get it registered. I even trusted it enough that I drove it to some of my exams.”

These days, while you can sometimes spot Old Yeller in the lot at Jackson & MacNichol, Kristian makes it clear this Jeep is not just for looks. “She’s a work Jeep, not a show Jeep. They were made to work hard, and I still use her to pull stumps and haul loads. With the hardened valve seats in there now, I think she’s got another 65 years left in her, easy.”

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FOUR TYPES OF PHARMACY NEGLIGENCE

Prescription medicines can work wonders for the sick or injured. However, when a pharmacist makes a mistake, the consequences could be dire and lead to hospitalization, injury, or even death.

While mistakes do happen, pharmacists have a duty to their patients to act responsibly.

What is Pharmacy Negligence?

Pharmacy negligence happens when a pharmacist

or pharmacy staff member makes an omission or mistake due to careless procedure or operation. Examples of pharmacy negligence include:

- **Incorrect Drugs:** This happens when a pharmacist dispenses the wrong medication to a patient. This can happen if they misread a doctor's handwriting, mixed up patient prescriptions, or gave a patient a prescription with a similar name.
- **Missing Instructions:** Placing the wrong instructions or no instructions on a medication label can result in numerous complications.
- **Wrong Dosage:** Giving a patient an incorrect dosage can cause dangerous side effects or death.
- **Lack of Drug and Patient Review:** Pharmacists should always check if a medication will interact dangerously with other medicines the patient is currently taking.

What to Do After Pharmacy Negligence

If you or a loved one has suffered an overdose because of pharmacy negligence, you need to call 911 and get immediate medical assistance. Getting professional treatment after you've consumed the wrong medication, or too much medication is essential.

Once your health is stable, contact the pharmacy and notify them about the error. This alerts the pharmacy that their protocols and internal safety systems aren't working. You should also consider contacting a medical malpractice attorney.

Finally, change pharmacies when you're in the midst of a formal complaint or litigation.

It's crucial to know the correct dosages of the medications you're taking, how they interact with your other medicines, and how to take your medicine properly. This can protect you against potential pharmacy negligence.

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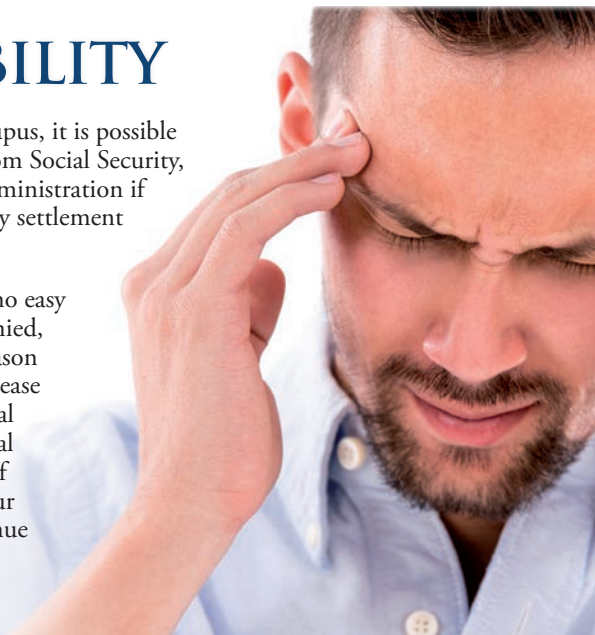
LUPUS & SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

A study released in January of this year by NYU Langone Health found that just over 200,000 Americans suffer from lupus.

Lupus is an autoimmune disorder in which the body's immune system attacks its own healthy tissues, particularly the joints and skin. Internal organs, mucous membranes and even the nervous system can be attacked. Symptoms can vary widely case to case. The affliction can cause about half of the individuals affected to endure periods of pain, fatigue and discomfort to the point they cannot work or perform daily activities. Lupus can be fatal. People tend to be diagnosed with lupus in their prime, usually between the ages of 15 to 44. Women account for 90 percent of lupus cases. The disease is two to three times more prevalent among people of color.

If you or somebody you know has lupus, it is possible to qualify for disability payments from Social Security, compensation from the Veterans Administration if you are a veteran, or even a monetary settlement from a disability insurance policy.

Winning a lupus disability claim is no easy task. Initial claims filed are often denied, as well as appeals. But there is no reason to give up hope. With a complex disease such as lupus, it is vital to have a legal team that can expertly build an initial claim and formulate a solid appeal of a denied claim in order to secure your rightful benefits and help you continue a financially independent lifestyle.



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