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Gratitude - from Our Table to Yours

While it may be the time of year to *express* gratitude, here at Stephens Anderson & Cummings, we want you to know we are deeply thankful for you - our friends and clients - throughout the year.

Helping good folks when they need it is our calling. While we would never wish misfortune on anyone, when it happens and you do us the honor of trusting us to seek justice for you, we are able to fulfill that calling.

And we can't tell you how much we appreciate it.

Henry David Thoreau said, "I am grateful for what I am and what I have. My Thanksgiving is perpetual."

Our Thanksgiving is perpetual because of you.

So, from our table to yours - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Winter is Here

Winter weather brings special

hazards that everyone should be on guard against.

Even though winter typically is not particularly harsh here in north Texas, the change in weather still requires some special precautions. The biggest adjustments should occur when the temperature drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. We've already experienced a couple of pretty hard freezes and more are sure to come as we head into 2020.



It's true that we rarely get snow, but temperatures often are low enough to make ice common and dangerous. Sometimes, particularly when temperatures fall rapidly - as happens with bridges and overpasses - ice that forms is virtually transparent. This is called "black ice," not because the ice itself is black but because it is so clear that the dark surface of the roadway underneath shows through.

When the thermometer falls, be extra-careful while driving, and watch out for others who are not being cautious.

An All-Too-Common North Texas Hazard - Automatic Sprinkler Systems



Remember: the standard of behavior for negligence cases is what an ordinarily prudent person would do under the same or similar circumstances. (You can find the issue in which we first talked about duty [HERE](#).)

Whenever the forecast calls for freezing temps, it's a good idea turn off your automatic sprinkler system, even if you have a freeze sensor installed. Freeze sensors can and often do malfunction. So, a pretty convincing argument

can be made that failing to turn the system off when a freeze is expected would be negligence.

When a sprinkler system comes on in freezing weather, sidewalks can become treacherous - surprise skating rinks. Injuries from falls on ice can be severe.

The fact that our weather in the winter is often mild actually makes those situations when freezes happen all the more dangerous. People in colder climates make seasonal adjustments and "stay adjusted" for the whole season. Here, shifting between temperate and freezing makes getting into freeze-safe habits a little more difficult.

So, while we hope that your Thanksgiving is safe and peaceful and full of wonderful food, family, and fellowship, remember:

When Bad Things Happen, We're Here to Help



On a somewhat lighter note and in anticipation of holiday feasting, we'd like to pass on this advice from Jim Davis, creator of Garfield:

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie."

We couldn't agree more!

A Very Happy Thanksgiving to You and Yours!

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