

# SUHRE & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Did you miss receiving our newsletter last month? We did too. We decided to shift from a monthly newsletter to a bimonthly newsletter. There's a lot of preparation that goes into creating content each month, so we hope that you enjoy it and find it interesting. If you want to provide us with feedback, you can always email us at <a href="mailto:newsletter@suhrelaw.com">newsletter@suhrelaw.com</a>.

#### **OBSERVING RECOVERY MONTH**

We want to take a moment to observe September as National Recovery Month. We believe that everyone is entitled to their rights, and those rights should be defended to protect their future. However, we do not under any circumstance encourage or condone impaired driving. First and foremost, we want our clients to feel heard and our goal is to provide them with a 5-star service. For some, substance dependency plays a role in the risky behavior that results in being charged with a crime like a DUI. In some cases, repeat DUI offenses can be an indicator to seek treatment.

State laws serve to punish impaired drivers but not necessarily provide resources to get to the root of the problem. However, residential treatment facilities, detoxification programs and a variety of outpatient therapeutic programs are things we consider when preparing a defense for our clients.

We would like to take a moment to celebrate the strides made by those in recovery. Just like every case is different, everyone's journey is different, too. We're all in this together. For more information on the dangers of impaired driving, prevention and rehabilitation, visit our resources tab at suhrelaw.com.

### NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. Domestic violence awareness is an annual designation observed in October. For some, home is a place of love and comfort, but for others, home is anything but a sanctuary. In Ohio, the consequences of a domestic violence crime are quite severe. A first offense Ohio domestic violence is a first-degree misdemeanor with a maximum of 6-months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. There are also a number of collateral offenses like difficulty finding housing, a job and child custody issues. It's also important to note that the state of Ohio must prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. Take a stand with us this October and check in on your friends, co-workers and loved ones.



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## **Suhre Squad Spotlight**

We are highlighting Clayton Kute, one of the firm's criminal case managers. He is the right-hand man for our Louisville and Lexington attorneys but also steps in as support for our other offices as well. If you find yourself speaking with Clayton, you're guaranteed to be in good hands.

When asked who inspires him, he answered, "Everyone around me. I try to learn something from everyone I come across."

Clayton was the first person in his family to graduate college.



His favorite movie is Shawshank Redemption.

Clayton is a big sports guy. You can find him this season cheering on the Carolina Panthers, Louisville Cardinals and Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

His favorite dish is pasta.

# Q: What are my options after I get charged with my first DUI?



A: You may plead guilty or not guilty if you are charged with a first-time DUI offense in Ohio. Prosecutors and judges do not view a first offense as a "minor" criminal charge. However, it's important to not assume that you must plead guilty to a DUI charge. A strong defense from a skilled attorney could result in evidence being inadmissible in court.

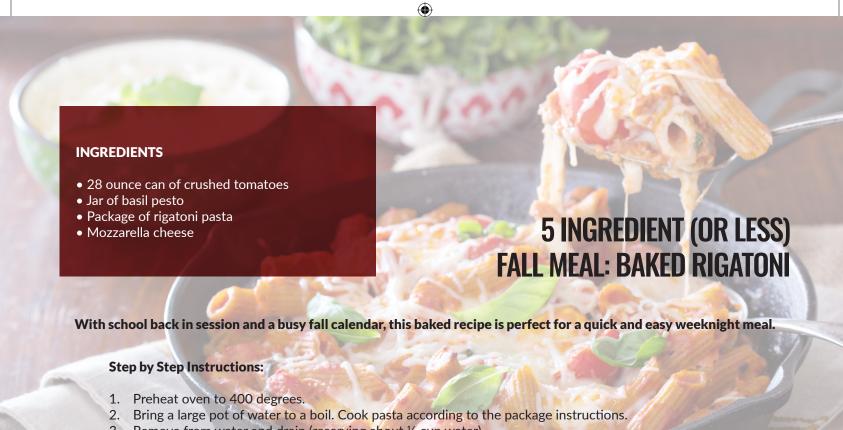
## **Hello Fall**

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> Pumpkins | Apple Cider | Bonfires | Football Halloween | Boots | Sweaters | Harvest | Leaves

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- Remove from water and drain (reserving about ¼ cup water).
- 4. Place hot pasta in a large bowl, add water, pesto and crushed tomatoes. Stir until combined.
- 5. Layer half of the mixture in a 9x13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Repeat.
- 6. Bake for 20 minutes. Serve with garlic bread or a salad.

## **Testimonials**

What Our Clients Say

"Mr. Miller did an amazing job getting my case concluded. My case turned out to be a little more involved than was anticipated. Mr. Miller had an answer at every turn. He always laid out my options and kept things in perspective. My case was resolved in the best possible way for me. I highly recommend Mr. Miller and Suhre & Associates."

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## Trivia Challenge

The leaves of red maples change to what color?

A. Golden B. Orange Red C. Scarlet

If you answer correctly, you will be entered for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Submit your answer to newsletter@suhrelaw.com.

