

# Petition

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## Happenings in Key West and Florida Keys

### Please Join Us in Key West

On April 9, 1999, **LLR&M** honors the Monroe County Bench and Bar at our offices located at **615½ Whitehead Street, Key West**. Please join us from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you are visiting the Florida Keys, this issue of **Petition** includes places of special interest and historic highlights. For recommendations on lodging, restaurants, fishing and recreation, please call Carmen Marrero at **1-800-836-6400**. Have a safe trip, enjoy the magnificent sunsets, tropical breezes and relaxed atmosphere of America's southernmost point.



### Topical Tropical Torts Negligent Security

The breathtaking views and tropical "laid back" environment of South Florida and the Florida Keys can result in some unexpected casualties. Beware of your personal security and the lessons learned by our client, **Walter Pfarr**, who, when

returning from a sailing trip in Key West, was attacked in the parking lot of the defendant's motel. Adequate lighting and security would have prevented this tragic ending to Mr. Pfarr's South Florida trip according to Partner **John Leighton** who recovered **\$275,000** based upon defendant's inadequate security.

**Watersport** — *Whitlock v. Jamaica Tourist Board* - amputation of minor plaintiff's leg for negligent supervision of boating activities. Recovery **\$800,000**.

**Moped** — *Hanstein v. Brinks* - Key West collision between defendant Brink's truck and plaintiff's rented moped. Settlement **\$350,000**.

### CLE in Key West

**Ira Leesfield** will be speaking at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Monroe County Bar Association Meeting on "What We Have Here is a Failure to Communicate." The meeting will be held at Mango's Restaurant 700 Duval Street at 12:00 noon. One hour of ethics credit has been approved by The Florida Bar.



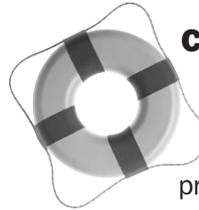


**Moped** — *Clemente v. Ebert*  
- Auto collision -moped injury. Severe leg burns. **\$500,000** policy limits.

**Jet Ski** — *Morizane v. Blue Lagoon* - Jet ski struck by a motor boat. Wrongful death. Confidential settlement.

**Stunt Plane** — *Walker v. Ghods* - Stunt plane negligent operation over a Marathon airfield results in wrongful death and **\$600,000** recovery.

**Hot Tub** — *Leenan v. Rutgers Beach* - Defective thermostat - operation and maintenance of hot tub results in thermal exposure to plaintiff's fetus and cerebral palsy at birth. Confidential settlement for lifetime benefits.



### Cruise Ship Cases

*Phelps v. Europa* - Jones Act injury to card dealer aboard gambling vessel held to be a seaman. Recovery for failure to provide proper egress. Recovery **\$135,000**.

*Trapp v. Cruise Line* - Chair collapses causing severe back injuries to passenger. Settlement **\$70,000**.

*Hamilton v. Cruise Line* - Lounge chair collapses causing the traumatic amputation of passenger's finger. Settlement **\$70,000**.

## Keys to the Florida Keys

While traveling the Florida Keys and Key West, you may want to see the following points of interest:

**Dolphin Research Center** -

Grassy Key, 305/289-1121

**The Truman Annex** (Little White House)

111 Front St., Key West, 305/294-9911

**The Duval Street Wrecker's Museum** -

The Oldest House, 322 Duval Street, Key West, 305/294-9502

**Audubon House and Tropical Gardens** -

205 Whitehead Street, Key West, 305/294-2116

**Curry Mansion Museum** -

511 Caroline Street, Key West, 800/253-3466

**Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum** -

907 Whitehead Street, Key West, 305/294-1136

**Old Town Trolley Tours** - 305/296-6688

**San Carlos Institute** - 305/294-3887

**Heritage House Museum and**

**Robert Frost Cottage** -

410 Caroline Street, Key West, 305/296-3573

After visting the Hemingway House, please come by for a cup of coffee at our Key West offices located at 615½ Whitehead Street. Three blocks from the Hemingway House.

**When planning a trip to Key West or the Florida Keys, please feel free to access the following websites:**

**Key West Calendar of Events:**

<http://floridakeys.net/dkwcalendar.cfm>

**Fishing the Florida Keys:**

<http://www.key-west.com/fishdive/fishdv01.htm>

**Key West Directory of Attractions:**

<http://www.key-west.com/tours/museum01.htm>

**Key West Directory of Sightseeing Tours:**

<http://key-west.com/tours/tour01.htm>

**Key West Directory of Restaurants:**

<http://www.key-west.com/dining/dining.htm>

**Diving and Snorkeling:**

<http://www.key-west-florida.com/diving/index.html>

**Watersports:**

<http://www.key-west-florida.com/watersports.htm>

**Weather Reports:**

<http://www.key-west-florida.com/weather.htm>

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