SNELLINGS LAW PLLC

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FEATURED STORY:

WELCOME TO THE TEAM, ELIZABETH!

Snellings Law welcomes our newest personal injury attorney, Elizabeth Hennig.

We are excited to welcome Elizabeth Hennig to the Snellings Law family! Elizabeth joins our team as a personal injury attorney, bringing a perspective that aligns with how we've always believed our clients should be treated.

Most people have never dealt with an injury claim until they're in the middle of one. It usually comes after one of the hardest moments of their lives. They're hurt, they're dealing with medical appointments and missed work, and on top of all of that they have to figure out a legal process they've never seen before. Elizabeth understands how overwhelming that can feel, and her goal is to make sure no client is left guessing.

For Elizabeth, the work starts with helping people understand where they stand. Every case is different, and every client is facing challenges specific to their situation. She takes the time to walk clients through their options, explain what is happening with their case, and make sure they have the information they need to make decisions with confidence. Nobody should leave a conversation with their attorney feeling more confused than when they arrived. Elizabeth works hard to ensure every client leaves with clarity and confidence.

Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Simon Fraser University before going on to earn her Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Her background in psychology gives her a real appreciation for what people go through after an injury, beyond the medical bills and the paperwork.

An injury affects how someone sleeps, works, and gets through the day, and it changes how they feel about the future. Good representation starts with understanding how the injury has changed someone's life.

She has also been a speaker at the Small Firm Boot Camp, a Continuing Legal Education program with the State Bar of Georgia in Atlanta, where she helped other lawyers sharpen the skills they use to serve their own clients.

At Snellings Law, we have always believed that clients deserve to know where their case stands without having to ask. Elizabeth shares that belief, and we know she will be a great advocate for the people and families who trust us with their cases.

Please join us in giving Elizabeth a warm welcome! We are grateful to have her on the team.

GET TO KNOW ELIZABETH HENNIG

Learn more about Elizabeth's background, experience, and approach to client care.

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NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

HOME HOSPICE OF GRAYSON COUNTY

HONORING 44 YEARS OF CARING FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES

Hospice is a word many families find difficult to hear. For a lot of families, it comes up at the hardest moment of their lives. For 44 years, Home Hospice has been the team North Texas families call in those moments.

Home Hospice of Grayson County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1982 as the first hospice in its service area. Today, it remains the only nonprofit, five-star-rated hospice serving the following counties north of the Dallas–Fort Worth area: Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Denton, and Montague.

The care goes well beyond the patient. Their Community Center for Grief and Loss offers counseling, support groups, art therapy, children's groups, veterans support, and Spanish-speaking support groups. They also run Camp Dragonfly, a grief camp for kids ages 7 to 12.

Melinda Gossett knows firsthand what that support looks like. When her mom chose hospice care, the Home Hospice team assisted with daily bathing, taught Melinda how to administer insulin shots, and guided her through difficult conversations she didn't have to face alone.

MELINDA GOSSETT

"It never felt like anyone from Home Hospice was just doing their job. They showed genuine love and concern."

That care has earned them the Hospice Honors family satisfaction award for ten straight years and a ranking in the top 20% of hospice organizations nationwide for 2026.

SUPPORT HOME HOSPICE

Learn more, get involved, or make a donation.

CALL: **903-868-9315**
VISIT: **HomeHospice.org**

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2026 WISHLIST

PATIENT NEEDS

- Chapstick
- Dial or Dove soap
- Hand or body lotion
- Kleenex boxes
- Red or brown towels
- Twin sheets
- Lysol disinfectant wipes
- Boost, Ensure, or other high-protein drinks
- Baby wipes
- Baby monitors
- Spiral or steno notebooks for patient communication
- Blue pens

GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAMS

- Bandanas
- Ball caps
- White pillowcases for Camp Dragonfly
- Individual Kleenex packs
- Small journals

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Office support
- Patient support
- At The Treehouse Resale Store

THE SNELLINGS SIDEBAR

WHAT HAPPENS TO A MINOR'S SETTLEMENT IN TEXAS?

Many parents of injured children assume that once a settlement is reached, the money will simply be paid out to them. In Texas, that's not how it works.

When a minor receives a settlement or verdict, Texas law requires a formal court process called a "minor prove-up." Before settlement funds can be distributed, a judge must review and approve the agreement to ensure it is fair and serves the child's best interests.

The court also typically appoints a Guardian ad Litem, an independent attorney whose obligation runs entirely to the child. The Guardian ad Litem reviews the case, interviews the family, and submits a recommendation to the judge before approval is granted.

What happens to the money depends on the size of the recovery. Smaller amounts, generally under $10,000, are deposited into the court's registry and held until the child turns 18. For recoveries above $10,000, the most common outcome is a structured settlement annuity, which pays out over time and often carries tax advantages. For larger recoveries, the court may require a trust. A trustee manages and invests the funds, with authority to make distributions for the child's health, education, maintenance, and support. In cases involving a child with significant ongoing medical needs, a Special Needs Trust can also be structured to preserve eligibility for government benefits like Medicaid and SSI.

Families are often surprised by how long the process takes. Appointing a Guardian ad Litem, completing the court hearing, and establishing the financial structure can add weeks or months after a settlement is reached. Timing depends on the parties' schedules, available hearing dates, and a myriad of other factors.

The minor prove-up process serves an important purpose: ensuring that compensation intended for an injured child is properly protected and preserved for their benefit.

OUTSIDE THE BOX



TWO HANDED COOKIE
JULIE BRULOTTE

What started with a four-foot table and a dropped tailgate at the Downtown Denison Farmers Market has grown into one of the most beloved storefronts on Main Street. For Julie Brulotte, the owner of Two Handed Cookie, the story goes back even further than that.

When Julie was growing up in a large family, her mother would pull a chair up to the kitchen table and bake giant cookies for all 10 children. She would wrap them in cellophane, send them outside to play, and tell them the cookie would last all day. That tradition is the heartbeat of everything Two Handed Cookie is today.

In this episode of Outside the Box, Julie walks Scott through how the business grew from a farmers market booth into a downtown Denison storefront, why she opened the space to other small business owners looking to get their start on Main Street, and what it means to operate inside a building that holds so much local history. The shop sits inside the old Ashburn's ice cream parlor, and the people who walk through the door still stop to take in the tile floor and the memories that come with it.

The episode ends in the kitchen, where Julie shows exactly what goes into a batch of fresh chocolate chip cookies. No hunting for chocolate chips. Just big, warm, made-with-real-butter cookies the way they were always meant to be.

Scan the QR code to watch the full episode.

YOU FOCUS ON HEALING.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING ELSE.

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DID YOU KNOW?

PREMISES LIABILITY CASES GO FAR BEYOND SLIP AND FALLS.

When most people hear the phrase "premises liability," they picture a wet floor and a caution sign. In Texas, though, property owners, including landlords and apartment complexes, are required to keep their premises in a reasonably safe condition. This means that even if you rent your home or apartment, your landlord may still be legally responsible for certain unsafe conditions that cause an injury.

Negligent maintenance is one of the most common and most dangerous forms of premises liability. Structural failures, deteriorating railings, collapsing balconies, and rotting flooring can all put people in serious danger. When a property owner fails to address a hazard they knew or reasonably should have known about, they may be held legally responsible if that hazard causes an injury or death.

Inadequate and negligent security are two distinct but related issues. Inadequate security refers to protections that were missing entirely. Negligent security refers to measures that existed but were poorly maintained, failed to address known risks, or caused harm themselves, such as when security personnel use excessive or unnecessary force. Property owned by a city or government entity is a different story, since governmental immunity generally protects them from these types of lawsuits in Texas.

THE BOTTOM LINE

If you or someone you love was seriously injured on someone else's property, the circumstances deserve a closer look. What initially appears to be an accident may involve negligence that could have been prevented.