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Settlement of Claims Against the State of Georgia

On June 25, 2012, our client was injured by a truck on Georgia Highway 77 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia while an employee of Advantage Behavioral Health Systems, a Community Service Board for the State of Georgia, had control of her vehicle and drove our client from behind. Our client was propelled into the car windshield and down onto the asphalt.

Our client was in terrible health before the crash. In fact, he had just seen a physician. As a result of the crash, he suffered a closed head injury, significant swelling, an injury to his shoulder requiring surgery, as well as injuries to his back and lower back. The case filed against a client against the at fault driver, since the driver was a State employee, we had to place the State of Georgia on notice of our claim within one year of our client's arrest. This notice is referred to as a claim notice.

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The New Year Brings New Beginnings

At The Cooper Firm, we are excited about 2014 and beyond. Moving forward, we choose the bright as a symbol to represent our New Year. Why?

While the game of chess holds more of the life changing consequences which are part of our clients' cases, chess represents well the way we handle every case. We thought a chess piece made perfect sense since the pieces we handle on behalf of our clients are similar to a game of chess. A successful strategy in chess includes three main tasks: (1) evaluating the positions of the chess pieces on the board; (2) setting up goals to meet throughout the game; (3) having a long term plan to eliminate the opponent. Of course, throughout the game, the player must also maintain the flexibility to adjust "on the fly."

From the outset, we must have a similar strategy. Planning, execution, and flexibility are crucial in our cases, as with chess.



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The knight reminds us that there is a process that we must follow in order to maximize the opportunity to achieve successful results on behalf of our clients.

In addition, because the knight has a unique ability to move, it should always be at the center of the board since it where the action is. The knight reminds us that each day we must also be "where the action is" for our clients. We know that the knight becomes a recognized symbol for our firm, so that when you see it you are reminded of our commitment to relentlessly pursue justice on behalf of our clients.

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