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# AVA LAW GROUP NEWSLETTER

Dear Valued Clients, Friends, and Supporters of AVA Law Group,

As the vibrant hues of autumn paint the world around us and the gentle rustle of falling leaves fills the air, we are delighted to welcome you to the fall edition of the AVA Law Group newsletter. This season of change and reflection offers us an opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for the unwavering support that continues to shape AVA Law Group's commitment to justice and service.

Just as trees shed their leaves, making way for renewal, AVA Law Group is entering this fall season with a renewed sense of purpose. We are excited to share with you the latest developments, legal insights, and heartwarming stories that embody the spirit of both fall and Thanksgiving.

At AVA Law Group, we understand that the journey to justice can be transformative, much like the changing landscape of fall. In this season of giving thanks, we want to express our sincere appreciation to our clients and community for entrusting us with your legal needs. Your trust is the foundation upon which we build, and we are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to stand by your side.

As we approach Thanksgiving, a time when hearts are filled with gratitude and tables are adorned with the bounty of the harvest, we reflect on the meaningful connections we've forged. AVA Law Group is not just a legal firm; it's a community, and we are thankful to have you as an integral part of it.

Throughout this newsletter, you'll find highlights of our fall community involvement, legal updates, and perhaps a glimpse into the personal stories of those we've had the privilege to serve.

Thank you for being a crucial part of the AVA Law Group family. May this fall be a time of reflection, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to justice.

Wishing you a season filled with the warmth of fall colors and the joy of shared blessings.

Warm regards,  
AVA Law Group

## Team Retreat

In September we traveled to the beautiful town of Red Lodge, MT, for our team retreat. We enjoyed an amazing team building speaker who reminded us of the importance of every member of the team, leader or follower, and how all members are essential to the team. We had amazing food and enjoyed a murder mystery dinner, where we worked together as a team, to figure out which one of us was the murderer.



## Community Involvement

AVA Law Group was out helping our community this Fall. We sponsored a golf hole at the [Billings Head start Back to School](#) golf tournament, with a 4 person team playing our best. We are Angels in the Outfield sponsors for the [Landon's Legacy field](#), an amazing field for handicap children to play and like other children, and we are Rink sponsors for [Centennial Ice Arena](#).





We love being a part of the local community, especially the local schools. Our school sponsorships are currently Skyview High School Athletics and the **debate team, Falcon Forensics**, along with Billings Senior High School Cheerleading team.





We held a booth for the [Billings Downtown](#) trick or treat event, handing out candy and coloring books to the local children. The costumes we admired and the happy faces, made it so much fun.





# Child USA Gala

AVA law Group was honored to be a part of a cause that matters! We sent some of our amazing staff to attend the Child USA Gala, uniting in the fight for abuse survivors across the nation. This was an amazing time for an even more important cause.





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This Fall AVA Law Group can be seen in the **Red Zone**, for all Montana Bobcat and Grizzly conference games. In doing this we released three new commercials telling you more about our Montana roots. Watch and learn more about some of our Montana Attorneys.



**Future Events we are a part of so far! Come out and see us and support these groups doing great things in our Community:**

- Big Sky State Games, Figure Skating event sponsorship (January 13-15th, 2024)  
Montana Special Olympics
- Gold Sponsor for Billings Gymnastics
- Trip to Disney World for a Senior High Cheerleader to perform in the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

## AVA Case Updates!



Andrew Van  
Arsdale, esq.

**Camp Lejeune Update**-AVA Law Group continues to lead the Nation in our efforts to help Marines and their families who were exposed to toxic water at Camp Lejeune. The Department of Navy has extended offers to settle 23 total cases across the Country to date, and 10 of those went to **AVA** clients. Out of the 10 offers, our clients have accepted 6 of them and been paid on 4 of them. We are the only firm in the Country to have had clients receive money damages due to their toxic water exposure at Camp Lejeune. We are also litigating cases the Navy refuses to settle in North Carolina and have 11 cases set for the Track One Discovery Pool.

We look forward to sharing our client's truth with North Carolina juries and seeing Justice and Accountability done. We have a long road ahead of us but are so proud of the work we have done and the amazing men and women we represent. We have the law and truth on our side and we hope to resolve a lot more cases in the coming months.

**Boy Scouts of America Update**-We are continuing to submit our client's cases to the Trust for assessment and money damages evaluation. We look forward to sending out the first distribution to some of our clients by the end of the year. This has been a long, long process, almost 5 years now, but we are finally seeing the BSA acknowledge what they allowed to happen to children in their care and they are paying out money damages to try and account for their sins. This has been a very difficult case for all involved, and it is a blessing to see cases starting to resolve. We will continue to work hard everyday to put everyone of our clients in the best position allowable under the Trust.

**Tylenol APAP Update**-We have a Daubert Hearing set in Tylenol in December. A Daubert hearing is a science hearing where both sides present evidence to the Judge and try to demonstrate there is enough credible research done that shows causation. That is to say, the manufacturers and distributors of Tylenol will claim it is safe for women to use while pregnant and there is no increased risk of children developing Autism. We know however, based on recent studies, that taking Tylenol during pregnancy CAN increase the risk of Autism in children. The Judge will review expert testimony and the various medical studies and make a determination if we pass Daubert. Or in other words if there is enough evidence to support our assertions that Tylenol can be a risk for pregnancy. If the Judge agrees, we will move forward to setting up bellwether cases for trial to let a jury hear this evidence and decide if the manufacturers of Tylenol knew or should have known of it's dangerous side effects, and if so what Justice demands for families affected in terms of money damages under our Civil Justice System. We have a ways to go in this case and it rests in the hands of a Federal Judge in New York to see where we go next.

**Maui Fire Litigation Update**-What happened to Lahaina is devastating in so many ways. Generational homes were burned to ash as families fled the flames, dodging dead bodies lying on the road, trying to get around HECO utility trucks, and navigate through the roadblocks to escape with their lives. We represent numerous people who had to dive into the ocean to escape the swirling projectiles and killer flames bearing down on them. It truly is horrifying. The destruction is absolute, the road to recovery will be long, but the spirit of Aloha will triumph in the end. We look forward to helping the people of Lahaina get the resources they need to rebuild this great community in a manner preferred by the

people of Hawaii, not the special interest groups that have their own plans in mind.

## News from our Personal Injury Attorneys



Teague Westrope,  
esq.

This quarter, we are spotlighting traumatic brain injuries (TBIs). In recent decades, there has been attention to the high prevalence of military veterans who suffer from blast related TBIs. Similarly, public awareness has grown to the risk of sports related TBIs. But did you know that motor vehicle collisions continue to be the leading cause of TBIs worldwide? TBIs can have far-reaching impacts on a person and those close to them, both in the short-term and long-term. The list of possible symptoms is long; however, after a motor vehicle collision people commonly experience such symptoms as blurred vision, ringing in the ears, sensitivity to light or sound, dizziness, headache, nausea, fatigue or drowsiness, problems with speech, memory or concentration issues, mood changes, and difficulty sleeping. Importantly, a TBI can occur with or without loss of consciousness. If you have been in a motor vehicle collision and experienced a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or if you are experiencing any of the above symptoms after a whiplash event, you should seek medical attention right away. Even a seemingly minor bump or blow to the head may lead to a serious injury, including bleeding or swelling of the brain.

[Learn more](#)

## What are we Investigating?

AVA Law Group filed in U.S. District Court in Missoula Monday October 13th, alleging that either Montana Rail Link or BNSF ignited the River Road East fire near Paradise, Montana, resulting in the destruction of homes and property. Thirty-one individuals, including couples, who suffered losses in the August 18th blaze, are suing the railways, claiming that within hours of ignition, the fire rapidly expanded to thousands of acres due to strong winds and dry conditions. The fire reportedly started near the intersection of River Road East, a Montana Rail Link main line, and U.S. Highway 200. Plaintiffs, represented by attorney Teague Westrope, assert that an expert in wildfire origin and cause determination concluded that railroad activities likely caused the fire. The lawsuit seeks compensation for damages, alleging negligence on the part of the railroads, and aims to be certified as a class action encompassing all affected property owners. BNSF has been served with the lawsuit, and Montana Rail



Link is expected to be served soon, initiating a 21-day deadline for formal responses. The litigation is currently pending in U.S. District Court in Missoula. If you or someone you know was affected or has information about this fire please contact our office as soon as possible.



[Watch the news release for this case](#)

[Contact us if you have information or were affected by this fire](#)



## Our Clients

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