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The Battle of the Brads

HOW THE REAL BRAD PITT WON IN COURT AGAINST A WOMAN SCAMMED BY A FAKE BRAD

When actor/producer Brad Pitt makes headlines, it's usually to take credit for an award, talk about his new hairstyle, or fend off the latest gossip about his relationship with Jennifer Aniston. But last fall, the '90s heartthrob made the front page of Page Six for an entirely different reason: He won one of the craziest lawsuits of the year.

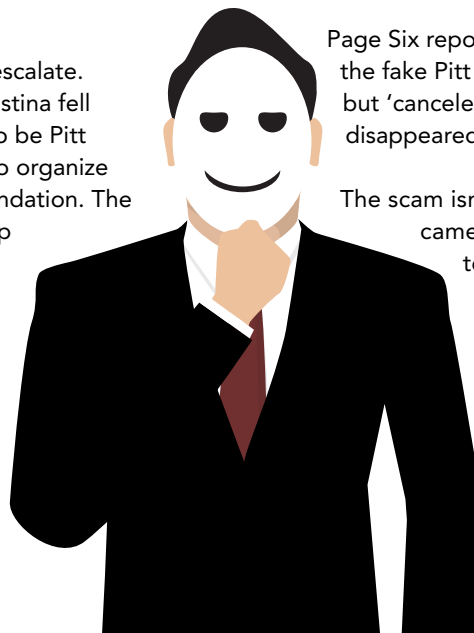
The saga started out strange and continued to escalate. It began in 2018 when businesswoman Kelli Christina fell for a Brad Pitt charity scheme. A man claiming to be Pitt approached Christina online and asked for her to organize fundraisers for his charity, the Make It Right Foundation. The charity is very real. Pitt founded it in 2007 to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and as of 2019, it had funded more than 100 eco-friendly homes. However, the Make It Right Foundation has also been hit by scandal after scandal, including allegations of poorly built houses "rotting and collapsing." And, of course, the Pitt who'd contacted Christina wasn't the real deal.

None of this mattered to Christina, though. She was just excited that "Brad Pitt" had taken

an interest in her! According to Page Six, in addition to soliciting donations, the Pitt wannabe also wooed Christina romantically with what she later called, "discussions of marriage." Just when things were getting steamy, the fake Brad took off with the businesswoman's cash.

Page Six reports that "in court papers, [Christina] said that the fake Pitt asked her for \$40,000 to attend the events, but 'canceled' at the last minute each time — then disappeared with the money."

The scam isn't even the craziest part. When the truth came out, Christina sued the real Pitt for failing to protect her from his double! After a long time on the court's docket, a judge finally dismissed the \$100,000 lawsuit last November and Pitt reclaimed his dignity. Luckily, some good came out of the whole debacle. According to Page Six, Christina is now working on "a joint project between the government and the Hollywood establishment" to protect future victims from scammers like the Pitt impersonator who broke Christina's heart.



Now that you've learned all about the storied origin of the Referral King® in our last issue, many (I'm sure) are inquiring, "What's with the Referral Kingdom®?" Glad that you asked. Well, for starters, a King has to live some place right, so why not in a nice castle? But seriously, the Referral Kingdom® is simply my lingo to describe a vast directory of other barristers worldwide numbering in the billions that I have accumulated over 27 years of state and federal practice. Ok, so maybe I exaggerate a little bit for dramatic purposes. Anyway, these honourable legal eagles are either personally known by me or they come highly recommended via various lawyer-only listserves that I am a part of. In fact, the King even has a connection in Amsterdam, but that's a story for another day!



I'm sure you're pondering, why is this so important to me? As you should know by now, I primarily handle Work Comp and Personal Injury claims (including Mass Torts like Zantac, Roundup, Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder cancer cases as well as defective product matters like 3M earplugs, hernia mesh and Essure). Being the Referral King®, I'm frequently asked to refer people to attorneys in other areas of the law and/or who practice

legal quagmire. And the best part? You don't even have to be part of the Royal Family to use this service!

Foremost, the philosophy of the practice is to educate individuals about their legal rights. If The Law Offices of Evan M. Ostfeld, P.A. can assist thee, we are humbled by the opportunity to do so and shall strive for an excellent result. That being said, should our firm not be an ideal match to help with the particular situation, no worries. We will be more than happy to point you in the right direction and/or recommend others who may be able to assist. As a sole practitioner, my goal is to inform the public about their options and not simply act as a salesperson. Throughout our daily interactions, people seem to appreciate this approach. Frankly, being straightforward is the best way for me to earn their trust, even if they do not hire us. Further, it leaves a positive impression to call upon my firm again should a future legal issue arise. In fact, maybe that's why I have so many individuals contacting us, time and time again since the opening of my own law shoppe way back in 2001. The positive Google and Avvo reviews attest to that fact. Genuinely, some of our longstanding clients are considered family (with the exception of "crazy" cousin Bob). So if you want to gain coveted access to the Referral Kingdom®, Evan M. Ostfeld, P.A. is only a call (844) 411 KING, text (954) 998-0075 or email evan@attorney4life.com away.



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My team shall therefore go on a quest and try to find several lawyers in order to help with your

Wishing you Godspeed!

-King Evan

DO YOU TAKE ZANTAC? YOU MAY BE AT RISK!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ...

Zantac, a popular over-the-counter, generic and prescription medication used to treat heartburn, was recalled by its manufacturer, Sanofi, in October 2019. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had found trace amounts of an impurity in the medication linked to the development of several forms of cancer. The medication, also known as Ranitidine, was tested and the results showed the presence of a chemical called N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA). Unfortunately, the chemical found its way into the manufacturing process of several varieties of Zantac, as well as generic versions of Ranitidine.

The FDA labels NDMA an "environmental contaminant" and "probably [a] human carcinogen." Since the FDA's discovery, manufacturers, distributors and retailers have recalled and pulled all Zantac and Ranitidine products off the shelves. In response, Evan M. Ostfeld, P.A. is currently accepting Zantac and Ranitidine cancer cases. People need representation,

and we are here to help. If you have Zantac and Ranitidine products in your home, stop using them immediately! Don't, however, discard the boxes or bottles as they may be needed to show proof of use. Those who took Zantac or generic Ranitidine for at least one year may be at higher risk for developing the following cancers:

- Bladder
- Breast
- Colorectal/ Intestinal
- Esophageal
- Gastric
- Kidney
- Liver
- Lung
- Pancreatic
- Prostate

If you or a loved one have taken Zantac/ Ranitidine and developed cancer, or your loved one passed away after using it, call us. We guide our clients throughout the entire process and keep them apprised of any case developments.



Contact us today at (866) BAD RXXR, (866) I SUE YOU, (954) 227-7529; text (954) 998-0075 or email at evan@attorney4life.com for a no obligation case evaluation.

Mind you that there are no attorney's fees or costs unless there is a settlement or court award. You have nothing to lose for us to investigate the case; we'll even pay to obtain your medical records!

FROM BOOKS TO ... PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

Amazon Launches Amazon Pharmacy

For years, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos has been vocal about his plan to disrupt the American health care system. In 2018, Bezos and his millionaire pals Warren Buffett (CEO of Berkshire Hathaway) and Jamie Dimon (CEO of JPMorgan Chase) formed a company called Haven Healthcare to "stem the rise of employer health care spending," according to Bloomberg Businessweek.

That venture fell apart, but Bezos never took his eyes off the prize. That same year, Amazon bought a drug-delivery startup. In 2019, it started selling its own brand of over-the-counter medication. Then, in November of 2019, Amazon opened Amazon Pharmacy to sell prescription drugs online. The new program offers Prime members two-day delivery and massive discounts on generic and name-brand drugs. Given Amazon's history, this was no surprise.

Since starting in 1994 as a marketplace exclusively for books, Amazon has worked toward becoming a one-stop shop for everything, especially all things health and fitness. Health-conscious people have bought workout equipment, supplements, snacks, fitness books, and more on the website for years. Then, in 2017, Amazon bought the organic grocery store Whole Foods and offered shopping discounts to Prime members, further cornering the market of health-conscious consumers.

Both the Whole Foods purchase and the failed Haven Healthcare venture foreshadowed the arrival of Amazon Pharmacy. The latter showed how serious Bezos is about diving into the highly regulated realm of health care and insurance. The former revealed the growing importance of Prime membership in an increasingly Amazon-owned world.

According to Business Insider, Prime members have access to "discounts of up to 80% on generic drugs and 40% on brand-name medications when paying without insurance" through Amazon Pharmacy. Doctors can also send prescriptions directly to Amazon. If you have insurance, you can simply type your insurance and payment information directly into the website and have medication delivered to your door. To check out Amazon Pharmacy, head to Amazon.com and click on the menu in the top left corner of the home page. Then scroll down to "Programs and Features."

All of that said, Amazon isn't the only — or even best — option for purchasing prescription drugs online. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration's BeSafeRx program offers tips and a comprehensive list of online pharmacies nationwide. Visit FDA.gov today to learn more.



TAKE A BREAK



'MY FURRY VALENTINE' PUP SNACKS

Inspired by SugarTheGoldenRetriever.com

Who needs a Valentine's Day date when you have a furry friend at home? This Feb. 14, show your pooch your love with these frosty strawberry dog treats. Use a heart-shaped silicone mold to make this snack extra festive.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup frozen strawberries, puréed

Directions

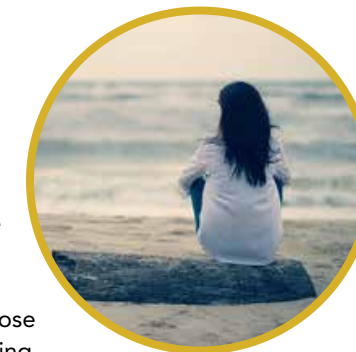
1. Fill each heart in the mold 3/4 full with yogurt.
2. Freeze the yogurt hearts for 1 hour.
3. When the yogurt is set, add the puréed strawberry on top of each heart to fill the rest of the mold.
4. Freeze for another hour, then share the tasty treats with your dog!

Note: If you don't have a heart-shaped mold, you can freehand your treats on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Freeze 1 tbsp dollops of yogurt for an hour, then top with 1/2 tsp of strawberry purée and freeze another hour.

Lonely on Valentine's Day?

Try These 3 Tricks to Improve Your Mindset

If you feel like the "before" actor in a Match.com commercial right now, you're not the only one. Valentine's Day causes an epidemic of loneliness. But contrary to those cheesy commercials, the feeling isn't exclusive to people struggling to find a date — and it won't necessarily be solved by one.



What is loneliness, really?

Psychology Today defines loneliness as "the state of distress or discomfort that results when one perceives a gap between one's desires for social connection and actual experiences of it." That means you can get lonely any time you crave a deeper connection to someone, even if you're married and have 500 Facebook friends. If COVID-19 lockdowns and canceled holiday celebrations have left you frustrated and sad, you've caught the loneliness bug.

How can you fight the feeling?

- *Work out your social muscles.* If you don't push yourself to connect with others regularly, it's easy to fall into the trap of loneliness and depression. You have to commit to your social life just like you would to an exercise routine. To do this, try blocking off time in your calendar to call your friends or loved ones, or join an online group with regular Zoom meetings you're committed to showing up for.
- *Add more art into your social life.* Researcher Jeremy Nobel, the head of The UnLonely Project, says that getting creative with other people could help reverse loneliness. If you're feeling disconnected, try collaborating with your sibling, roommate, friend, spouse, or child on something artistic. You can paint together, have a jam session, take photos, or write a poem. Whatever you choose, getting creative will bring you closer.
- *Find and fix your negative behaviors.* Does scrolling through social media make you feel like you're missing out on all the fun or leave you feeling like a zombie? If so, it's probably time for a hiatus. As you go about your day or week, keep a notebook with you and write down what you're doing when you feel loneliness creep in. By identifying those negative behaviors and swapping them with positive ones, you can turn your thoughts around.

Loneliness is serious: It's a predictor of premature death, and one leading researcher compared its health impacts to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. If you're coping with loneliness, try the tips above, and if you continue to struggle, reach out to a counselor near you.