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ALWAYS REMEMBER

Never was so much owed by so many to so few.
- Winston Churchill



Photo by Aaron Burden

Memorial Day is a day set aside to honor, mourn, and remember all those who have died in our nation's service.

The freedoms that we enjoy rest on the shoulders of all those brave men and women who gave up their lives for a cause greater than their own.

As we celebrate this holiday, let us take a few moments to remember why we celebrate.

Here are a few ideas on how to honor those who gave their lives:

Visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes at such places like Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington.

Visiting memorials.

Flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon.

Participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3 p.m. to pause for one minute in silence and honor those who have died in service to the United States.



What should I know about contingent fee agreements

An important thing to understand about personal injury attorneys is that they all cost about the same. Personal injury attorneys typically work for a contingency fee, which means the lawyer is paid a percentage of the settlement only if he or she wins your case. That percentage varies from firm to firm but is usually in the 33%-40% range. If the lawyer loses, he isn't paid.

PURPOSE OF CONTINGENT FEE

A contingent fee agreement means an injured person can retain an attorney to pursue the case without having to pay up front or on a periodic basis as work progresses. Instead, the attorney gets a percentage in the end.

VALIDITY OF CONTINGENT FEE

Under the Washington Bar Association's Rules for Professional Conduct, the contingent fee agreement must be in writing, and you as client must sign it. It must show how the settlement fee is to be determined plus the percentage claimed by the attorney, and whether all expenses are included. The agreement must clearly state the specific expenses for which the client will be liable.

COSTS UNDER CONTINGENT FEE

In a typical personal injury case, the attorney must pay for hospital records and other medical reports. Police and other reports cost money. If the case does not settle, there will be a court filing fee and other litigation expenses including the cost of depositions, which are paid as the case goes along, often by the law office alone. These costs are out-of-pocket and may be outside the settlement fee. The language in the Professional Conduct rules requires that the agreement clarify which costs are included before or after calculation of the settlement fee.

Contingent fees allow those who could not otherwise afford an attorney to get one for their injury case.

CONTINGENT FEE AND COMMON USES.

The contingent fee is used most often in personal injury cases but is prohibited in criminal and domestic relations cases. In valid liability and damage cases, a contingent fee is an appropriate means to delay payment until the conclusion of the matter. Experienced personal injury attorneys also reject cases that do not merit further action. Do not expect an attorney to take on business disputes, contract cases or other types of litigation under a contingent fee arrangement.

WHAT PERCENTAGE?

As stated above, 33% is the usual fee taken against a settlement or award. That amount can vary depending on the amount of work and expertise required in a case. Under the rules, the contingent fee agreement specifies different percentages for settlement, arbitration or mediation, trial or other contingencies.

CONTINGENT FEE: IN WHOSE INTEREST?

The best features of the contingent fee arrangement are that (1) it allows those who could not otherwise afford an attorney to retain experienced counsel in their injury case; and (2) there is an incentive built into the agreement, where the attorney will not have a payday until the case is successfully completed. The amount of the payday depends on the quality of the final result. This works in favor of both attorney and client.

CONTINGENT FEE: GET A COPY

Every time you sign a document, anywhere, make sure you get a copy. This applies also to contingent fee agreements. The Washington State Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct require that an attorney provide his client with a copy of the contingent fee agreement, so do not hesitate to ask for a copy. Keep it in your records for future reference.



We are happy to discuss your situation with you. Give us a call at (253) 946-0577.



Here's what our clients are saying:

"Customer service was excellent! Professional attitude, Mr. Ye was in no rush, he was very patient, nice and consistent. I had an impression that he genuinely wanted to help me, instead of trying to rush me into hiring him. I appreciate him."

We love reviews!

We are always grateful for the kind comments and reviews left by our clients. If you would like to leave a review, you can do so by visiting us on Google maps!

Recipe Spotlight of the month:

Honey Sriracha Grilled Chicken Thighs

PATRICIA SHANNON

INGREDIENTS

2.5 lbs. Just BARE Chicken Thighs
3 Tablespoons unsalted butter
1 Tablespoon minced fresh ginger
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
4 Tablespoons honey
6 Tablespoons Sriracha
1 Tablespoon lime juice

Yield: 6

Cook time: 35 minutes

Total time: 40 minutes



Last weekend we finally brought out our grill. In the aftermath of dog-sitting five pups, I turned my attention to “what to make for dinner?”

I stumbled onto this recipe and was impressed with the results! So, I would like to share it with all of you.

(note: You can adjust the heat (spiciness) by adding more sriracha or smokey paprika.)

DIRECTIONS

- Heat grill to medium high heat, about 400 °F.
- In a small saucepan, add butter. Once melted add in fresh ginger and garlic. Stir until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- Next add in smoked paprika, ground cloves, honey, Sriracha and lime juice. Stir to combine and let simmer for 4-5 minutes.
- Pat chicken thighs dry. Season with salt and pepper on both sides.
- Spray grill grates with cooking spray or rub with olive oil soaked rag.
- Place chicken thighs on grill, skin side down first. Grill for 4-5 minutes. Flip the chicken over and grill on the other side for 4-5 minutes.
- Continue to cook chicken, flipping every 3-4 minutes so it doesn't burn until the internal temperature is 165°F. (about 25-30 minutes)
- During the last 5 minutes of grilling brush the glaze on both sides of the chicken.
- Remove from grill.
- Serve

Nutrition

Serving Size: 1 thigh

Calories: 477

Sodium: 477 mg

Saturated Fat: 9 g

Fiber: 0 g

Cholesterol: 182 mg

Sugar: 21 g

Fat: 23 g

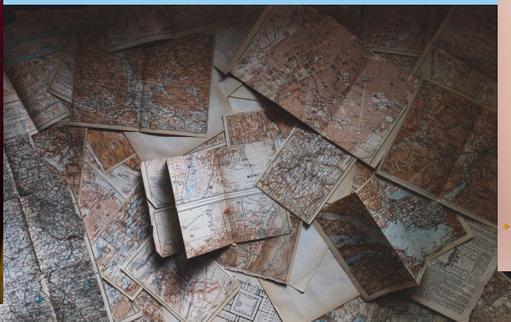
Carbohydrates: 32 g

Protein: 35 g

Graduation Gift Ideas

Graduation is just around the corner. Sometimes, we find ourselves in jam- in trying to find that perfect gift idea for your graduate. Well, we thought we'd put together a list of some gift ideas.

- **Cash:** When in doubt, there's one gift that can't go wrong: cash.
- **Amazon Prime subscription:** Possibly the most useful gift to get a high school graduate, an Amazon Prime subscription means free and fast shipping for textbooks, school supplies and even groceries to stock up for meals and other necessities.
- **Portable cellphone chargers**
- **Voice-controlled assistants**
- **Transit or gas card:** Load up a metro, Uber, Lyft or gas card for recent high school graduates to help them get around campus when they head to school or to and from their summer job.
- **Bike:** Biking on a college campus is a great way for students to be outdoors, exercise and get to class quickly.
- **Laptop:** Help the graduate get off on the right foot with a reliable laptop for research, essays, job hunting and, of course, a little unwinding every now and then with a movie.
- **Music or TV streaming service:** A monthly subscription to services like Netflix, Hulu, Spotify or Tidal is a gift that keeps on giving.
- **Headphones:** For walks between classes and studying in noisy on-campus housing, quality headphones are essential.
- **Luggage:** A small rolling suitcase or overnight bag can come in handy for weekend trips back home, studying abroad or spring break.
- **Airline gift card, voucher or miles:** Another way to encourage high school graduates to see the world is to give them airline gift cards, vouchers or miles that allow for flexible dates and destinations.
- **Something personal:** The best gifts are often those that connect with the high school graduate on an individual level. Check out personalized gift options on sites like Etsy or make something yourself! An engraved necklace or sentimental wall photo that involve thought and time on the giver's part can inject more meaning into a gift.





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This newsletter is for informational purposes only.

A New Member of the YE Law Firm

We, at the Ye Law Firm, love our four-legged friends. Earlier this month, one of our attorneys, James, adopted a rescue dog named Noble. Noble, a Samoyed-Jindo mix, hails from Korea- rescued by compassionate volunteer rescuers from a dog farm. When they found her, she was cramped together with five other puppies, all of them neglected and malnourished.

She is timid and skittish around strangers, but is slowly coming around. It will be some time before she overcomes her trauma. Still, she has made great strides and loves her new forever home!

So if you'd like to say hello, you can find her at our Federal Way office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

It is always our pleasure to share what others are doing in our communities and around the world. If you'd like more information on how to adopt, here are some organizations that are doing tremendous work!

ARK (Animal Rescue Korea) <https://www.arkanimalrescuekorea.com/>
AKC Rescue Network <https://www.akc.org/akc-rescue-network/>
Two Dog Farms, <http://twodogfarms.com/>
Treasured K9 <http://treasuredk9s.org/>



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