

## THE LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT T. EDENS

### This Months Highlights...

- *New website packed with information and helpful tools.*
- *What do you do if you get pulled over after having a few drinks?*
- *Sharing the Road*
- *Injury Spotlight.*
- *Bob's Bits*



## New Web Site Launched for Current and Future Clients

The Law Offices of Robert T. Edens is incredibly pleased to announce the launch of our new website which is full of valuable information including a [Law Firm Library](#), [case results](#), answers to the [most frequently asked questions](#) and a full glossary of legal terminology. Visit [www.RobertEdensLawOffice.com](http://www.RobertEdensLawOffice.com) and download information, order free DVD's & Books Published by Attorney Edens on various legal issues.

The website features numerous articles and expansive free resources to help people re-search their cases and find answers to the not so frequently asked questions too. Additionally, potential clients can view actual testimo-



nials, video presentations, view recent jury verdicts and even make an appointment directly online. But my favorite is this neat little widget that computes your blood alcohol level based on the number of ounces consumed per hour, per body weight. Of course, it is just an approximation but it still provides insight into how easily a few drinks can impair your ability to drive.

Next there is the Firm Library providing numerous articles and case results on vehicle

accident claims, personal injury claims, wrongful death, criminal and DUI laws, trucking accidents, dog bites, child injuries and other types too.

The [FAQ's](#) and [Glossary](#) are designed to answer almost any legal question a client or potential client may have – everything from “How Do I Know if I Need a Lawyer?” to “How Much is My Claim Worth?” The glossary covers common and not so common legal terms such as [Res Ipsa Loquitur](#).

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In the event an answer to a legal question or term is not online there is a 24 hour live help line available.

The site also features an integrated newsletter signup and social media options including our new [YouTube Channel](#) which currently has 14 videos; five actual customer testimonials, seven regarding personal injury and the remaining two describing The Law Offices of Robert Edens along with Bob's legal background.

These are just the beginning of the many changes and improvements to come. Next month I will be revealing another major addition to our legal resources for our clients. Additionally, as our client, you, your family and friends can enter my Client Appreciation Give-Away to win one of three shopping sprees worth \$1000. This is a



Robert Edens YouTube Channel

way for me to express my sincere gratitude for your support and referrals over the years. Stay tuned for all the details in next months The Legal Spotlight newsletter.

In the meantime, I hope you will visit my new website now or anytime you, or someone you know, need our services.

## What To Do if You've Had a Few by Robert Edens

There is an old rule in business that goes something like, "80% of your profits come from 20% of your efforts." Well this has held true for my 20 years of practice. The bulk of my income from practicing law has always come from Personal Injury and DUI. I have spent a lot of time practicing DUI, and have enjoyed the fast paced litigation it holds. Every time I meet someone new at a function, the question that is most often asked when they find out I'm an attorney is, "What do you do when you are pulled over and you have had a few drinks." Since

this seems to be the biggest question on my client's minds, I will answer it in my first newsletter. Understand, the best defense to DUI is not to drink and drive, but if you have had a couple of drinks, this information might help you.

**TRAPS**— If there is one thing that I wish I could have stopped each client who walks into my office with a DUI from doing it would be CONFESSING to the offense. Yes, over 90% of my clients admit to the officer that they have had a few drinks: They might as well have just

*My clients might as well give the police officer the handcuffs to place them under arrest.*

handed the officer the handcuffs to place them under arrest.

Once under arrest you will be read your Miranda rights. Too bad it is too late. You have already incriminated yourself.

With my experience, I have been faced with this issue numerous times so I know how to challenge this, and other evidence, in the courtroom.

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The next TRAP that I wish I could have stopped my clients for falling into is submitting to a breathalyzer test. Once again they have just incriminated themselves. It is one thing for an officer to presume someone has been drinking but once someone provides a breath sample they have just contributed evidence to help the state build a case against them.

Along with that old rule of 80/20 there is an old saying; loose lips sink ships so remember, DON'T admit to having even a single

drink and DON'T submit to blowing into a breathalyzer or giving a blood sample. You should be polite to the officer and cooperative but under no circumstances should you submit to any testing.



*Breathalyzer Machine*

If you would like a free blood and alcohol level calculator just call my office at 847-395-2200 and I will send one right out to you or you can visit our new website and use the online BAC calculator. If you are viewing a digital copy of our newsletter you can link directly to it here.

### [Online BAC Calculator.](#)

If you have been charged with a DUI you do have options besides pleading guilty. Call my office for a free consultation to discuss your legal options.

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## SAFER DRIVING IN THE SPRINGTIME

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We can all breath a sigh of relief that driving in the snow is probably over for this winter. We can all feel safer on the roads. Not!

Think about this; with the arrival of spring the roads now are shared with children, cyclists, motorcycles, scooters, boats, RV's, joggers, construction workers and their equipment, more pedestrians, roller bladders and skateboarders are all vying for the same space that you and your car are. Additionally, spring enthusiasts are driving to popular destinations up and down the east coast.

While driving, here are some tips to help you share the road safely with others. Keeping in mind that your vehicle, due to its size, is at the advantage, it is your responsibility to stay alert in the presence of these possible distractions. You should always slow down and be prepared to stop when driving down a street lined with parked cars. The same is true when driving along areas where groups of people are gathered alongside the road. Never open your car door with-

out checking to see if a cyclist is riding past your vehicle. While preparing to merge or pass another vehicle, make sure there are not other vehicles or pedestrians who have the right of way. Never trust someone to wave you on without knowing your surroundings first. It is estimated that heightened awareness can decrease accidents by 27% according to the [FMCSA](#).

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## Injury Spotlight

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Every month I will use this area to address various types and causes of common, and not so common, injuries. Topics will be in easy to understand language and will include the symptoms, current treatment options, legal issues surrounding various injuries, answers to frequently asked questions and new developments & advancement in treatments.

Next month I will be highlighting the most common types of personal injuries; you will be surprised to find out what tops the list.

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## Bob's Bits



### COMING NEXT MONTH

- *The release of Bob's new book, **The Rule of 5's and How They Can Sabotage your Personal Injury Claim.***
- *Client Appreciation Giveaway Contest Details*
- *June is National Safety Month*



May is Motorcycle  
Awareness Month  
Share the Road Safely