

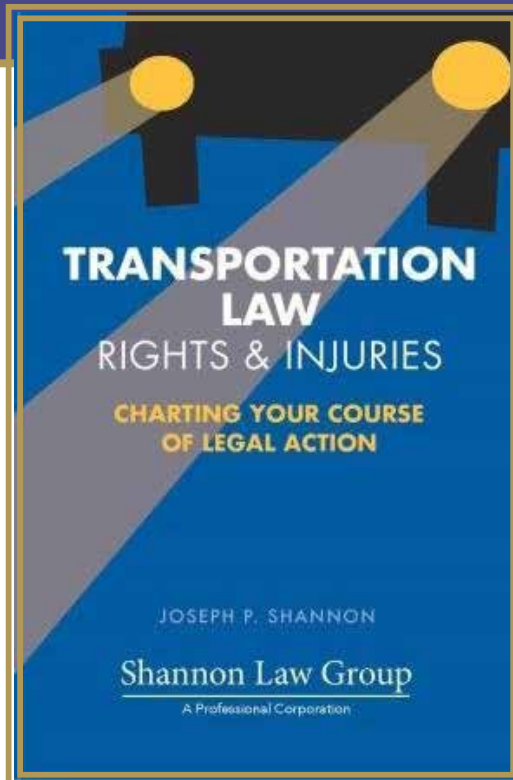
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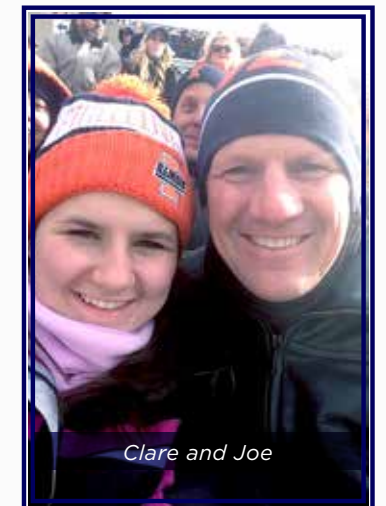
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A TIME OF TRANSITION

It will be a busy time in our household in May. It all starts with Nora's confirmation on May 10 at St. Joan of Arc. Nora has been preparing for her confirmation all year. We are very proud of a huge volunteer service project Nora compiled for our local police officers, as well as all of the academic preparation she has completed for the sacrament. Good job, Nora!



Nora and Joe



Clare and Joe

Next, the family will travel to Champaign for Clare's graduation from the College of Business at University of Illinois on May 13. Clare's four years at U of I have been packed with an internships in Seattle, Ireland, and Minneapolis, as well as trips to New York, Las Vegas, and the Caribbean. I don't know why she wants to graduate. This year, Clare has been working a number of jobs at U of I, including giving tours to prospective students. Thank you, Gies College of Business, for providing a world-class education for Clare. After graduating, Clare will begin her career at Kohl's corporate center in Wisconsin. Take over the world, Clare!

Joan for four years and even let me coach her in basketball (which was a lot more fun for me than her). Thank you, Nora, for letting me coach you! Michelle and I could not be more thankful to the teachers at St. Joan of Arc for the great education they gave to Nora. Nora will attend St. Francis High School in the fall. Our family will now cheer for the Spartans. Go get 'em, Nora!



Joe and Will

On May 27, Will graduates from Benet Academy. At Benet, Will played three seasons of soccer and swam for three seasons. Will and I also traveled to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life on two occasions with a terrific crew of Benet students. Last summer, Will worked as a lifeguard for the Lisle Park District. Will has decided to attend Marquette University in the fall, where he will join our daughter, Kate, who is a sophomore. We will all miss having Will around the house. His big heart, charming smile, and great sense of humor will be greatly missed. Take over Milwaukee, Will!

On behalf of my family, we send a warm congratulations to all the graduates of our clients and friends. We know these graduates will make a positive difference in the lives of others.

On May 29, it's all about Nora again, as she graduates from eighth grade. Nora played volleyball and basketball at St.

Joe Shannon



Spring in Chicago is more like an extended winter. That won't stop golfers from finding an open course when the temperature creeps past 40 degrees. My cousin and I went out for the first time back

in late March, which always involves shaking off about five months of rust. As the weather warms, my precision gradually increases — however, less and less each year, it seems. No matter how I play, it's always great to get back on the course.

For me, the beginning of golf season reminds me of my days as a caddy and the many summers I spent schlepping golf bags and chasing after carts. Since I was 15 (back when I weighed as much as the bags I was carrying), I caddied almost every summer. In high school, I spent at least one day every weekend at the Naperville Country Club. I wasn't much of a golfer then, and you'd be unwise to follow any kind of advice I handed out — unless you were looking for more of a challenge.

What I lacked in expertise I tried to make up through hard work. Sure, carrying a golf bag for 18 holes sounds physically challenging, but caddies aren't graded on whether they

survive the 18th green. Working hard as a caddy meant being fully engaged. It takes a tremendous amount of focus to know where each golfer's ball lies, to know the course's various hazards, and to calculate a shot's distance. It meant holding that focus throughout the ups and downs of a four-hour round.

As I grew older, I got better, and caddying became more lucrative. I moved to Black Sheep Golf Club during my college summers. At this point, my mother wasn't dropping me off at the caddy shack each time I wanted to grab a loop. I may sound crazy, but in many ways, I felt like I was my own boss as a caddy. At Black Sheep, I controlled how often I showed up. The more I made myself available, the more loops I got. The more loops I got, the more the caddy master trusted me. It's not in every industry you get to see hard work pay off so immediately.

Finally, caddying drastically improved my social skills. It taught me how to converse with adults and made me a more confident speaker. It helped to develop my sense of real-world responsibility, where people listened to me in a professional setting. I would recommend caddying to any high school or college student, whether they enjoy golf or not. It's a great excuse to get some fresh air on a summer day.

-Jonathan Svitak

PAT'S APP RECOMMENDATIONS



THE ATHLETIC

Simply put, The Athletic provides the highest quality sports-journalism content out there. While newspapers and sports-programming networks have been cutting talent in recent years, The Athletic has scooped up some of the best sports writers in the country.

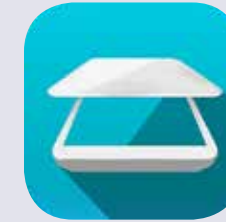
For Chicagoans, The Athletic has an expert beat writer for each of our local teams. Reading a daily dose of White Sox and Bulls articles has become part of my morning routine, and I would recommend making The Athletic part of yours as well. You can get a subscription to The Athletic for \$4 a month, but they are constantly running free trials and promo codes, so you may be able to find it for less.



HQ TRIVIA

A must-download app for trivia buffs, HQ Trivia offers players the opportunity to win real money for answering trivia questions. This free HQ app is a live game show that airs twice a day (2 p.m. and 8 p.m. CST). Players are asked multiple-choice trivia questions and are given less

than 10 seconds to answer. If you answer 12 questions correctly in a row, you win a share of the prize money. Usually, HQ awards \$5,000 per game to the winners. Sometimes, though, sponsors up the ante to much more — HQ Trivia has had prize money up to \$250,000! Download the app today and get in on the fun.



ISCANNER

The iScanner app is great for anyone who does business on the go. This app allows you to take a photo of a document, bill, or receipt and convert it into a business-friendly PDF format. One of my friends introduced me to the app when I saw him taking a picture

of his bill at a restaurant. He uses the iScanner app to help keep track of his business and personal expenses. For me, the iScanner app is perfect for scanning in court orders before I even leave the courtroom. The free version works great for me; for those of you who need the extra bells and whistles, there's an upgraded version available for about \$5.

-Pat Cummings



WELCOME, BRITTANY!

I am very excited to join Shannon Law Group's team. Most of you probably don't know me, so I'd like to share a bit of my story with you.

As the oldest of three children, I grew up in Newark, Illinois — not New Jersey. Nestled into the countryside of Kendall County,

Newark has a population of about 1,000. Our community takes pride in its farming capabilities, so much so that we have a Drive Your Tractor to School Day.

In 2012, I graduated as co-valedictorian from Newark Community High School. Four years later, I graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor's degree in English. At UIUC, I wore many hats as a copy editor

at The Daily Illini, library assistant, and proofreader. During my college career, I acted in four plays and met some amazing people in the process.

I've been working at Shannon Law Group for about four months now as a legal assistant. Along with case-management responsibilities, I assist our firm's attorneys with their written work and help educate our clients about emerging legal issues through our firm's website and other platforms.

It is a pleasure to serve our clients. I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to work with Joe, Pat, Jon, and the rest of the team. Attorneys don't have an easy job, but they make it look effortless. I've never met a more compassionate and dedicated group of lawyers.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you. Feel free to call or email me to introduce yourself!

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-Brittany Peterson



SAUTÉED ZUCCHINI AND SQUASH WITH FETA

Zucchini and summer squash are arriving on grocery store shelves. Here is a great way to take these humble, delicious vegetables to the next level. This easy dish is perfect for early summer.

Ingredients

- 1 zucchini
- 1 summer squash
- 1/2 medium red onion
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Cut zucchini into 1/4-inch-thick semicircles. Dice onion.
2. Heat a large skillet to medium high. Add olive oil, onion, and thyme.
3. Once onion is soft (about 2 minutes), add zucchini and squash. Season with salt and pepper; cook 4-5 minutes until squash barely begins to caramelize.
4. Place in serving bowl and top with feta.

Inspired by thekitchn.com

MAY 2018 DATES OF CONSEQUENCE

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| May 1 | Feast of St. Joseph the Worker |
| May 5 | Johnny baseball game Community Park C-6 |
| May 5 | Marquette University last day of classes |
| May 10 | St. Joan of Arc Confirmation |
| May 13 | U of I Graduation Business School |
| May 20 | Pentecost |
| May 27 | Benet Academy Graduation |
| May 29 | St. Joan of Arc Graduation |
| May 31 | Feast of the Visitation |