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BILLY IS BACK HOME!

For five long months, Amplatz Children's Hospital at the University of Minnesota, along with the Ronald McDonald House, was the home away from home for the Brown family.

In early July, the family received great news. Billy could return home. On Wednesday, July 3, Billy, Ted Regina, and Francesca returned home to Maitland.

The Minnesota journey began when Billy received new life from a cord blood transplant. A hundred days later, Billy received news his bone marrow results were 100 percent donor and cancer free and he could go home.

Although he still must battle other effects from his illness, he is well on his way to recovery.

Over the last several months, the Brown family has received incredible support through prayers, e-mails, texts, and letters from family, friends, and strangers who cared enough to follow Billy's story. The outpouring of love has been overwhelming and heartwarming to the family. Our firm has been proud to lead fundraisers and support for these longtime friends.

Now that he's returned home, Billy has continued the hard work of occupational and physical therapy as he slowly regains his health and strength. Billy is a true fighter in every sense of the word.

Thank you for all your support and prayers over the last several months. The journey has been long, but rewarding and successful. The Brown family and PEB truly appreciate you!



FLORIDA GOVERNOR SIGNS LAW GIVING DESIGN PROFESSIONALS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

Effective July 1, 2013, Florida law provides a safe harbor to design professionals for their negligence. The newly enacted protection is found in Florida Statute Section 558.0035, and appears to be the Florida Legislature's response to the Florida Supreme Court's holding in *Witt v. LaGorce Country Club, Inc.*, which allowed a judgment for negligence against an individual design professional for purely economic damages to stand, even though the contract contained a limitation of liability clause.

Historically, the Florida Supreme Court has not allowed professionals (architects, engineers, lawyers, accountants, etc.) to limit their professional liability for negligence when providing professional services. However, with the enactment of this new law, design professionals, such as architects and engineers, now can limit their individual professional liability for economic damages as long as they follow the requirements of Section 558.0035. Importantly, this new law does not provide protection for professional negligence that results in non-economic damages, such as personal injury.

Whether you are a design professional, or an owner or contractor hiring a design professional, a detailed understanding of this new law is important. Our construction law specialist, **Brian Bennett**, Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Construction Law, is prepared to assist you in understanding the nuances of this new and complex law. Please feel free at anytime to contact him with your questions.

Steve Eichenblatt.....

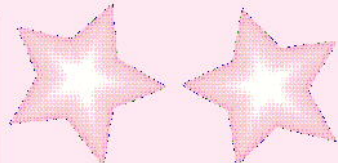
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