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# Little Things Add Up

When I was in law school I had a professor named Dan Ticcioni. He taught a very challenging class called Civil Procedure. He was probably close to 70 years-old and sharp as a tack. In fact, he was one of the smartest teachers I ever had. He shared not only his knowledge of the law, but of life in general with the class.

I recall him telling us one day just how important it is to physically challenge your body, because of how stressful law school can be on both the body, and the mind. Law school causes serious stress to all law students. I heard his suggestion but did not really listen to it.

But, now that I am a little older, I now know just how smart his suggestion truly was.

It is unquestionably true that doing little things (when possible) to keep your body moving is essential. Little things like parking your car a little further away from the supermarket forces your body to walk more. Or, instead of taking the elevator to the second or third floor, walk-up the stairs if you can. While watching television, some push-ups and sit-ups can get the blood flowing pretty well. Whatever you do, keep on moving. Challenge your body; it will reward you.

These little decisions add up and make huge impacts on your overall health, quality of life, and well-being.

- Chris Earley

I recently had the pleasure and honor of reading a few books to my son's 2nd grade class.

The kids were awesome to meet and it was a really good experience. I know my son Oliver was very proud of Dad coming into class (even though he's too cool to admit it).

Thank you so much Mrs. Breen and your amazing students for having me!





# RORY'S RECIPES: French Toast Breakfast Casserole

Rory Earley

This easy and delicious breakfast dish is great for a crowd or just a lazy Sunday morning! My 4 year-old daughter Alice & I made this on Christmas Eve to serve the grandparents on Christmas morning. Everyone loved it. Now that the holidays are over, it's perfect for weekend mornings. Also, it reheats beautifully. Breakfast for dinner, anyone?



#### **INGREDIENTS:**

I loaf DAY OLD/stale crusty bread (not baguette)

6 eggs

2 cups milk

3/4 cup half and half

I/2 cup sugar

I tablespoon vanilla extract

I teaspoon cinnamon

#### Topping:

I/2 cup packed brown sugarI/4 cup all-purpose flourI teaspoon cinnamon4 tablespoons cold butter

#### DIRECTIONS:

- I Tear bread into small pieces. Put bread into a greased casserole dish (about 9x13). In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, half and half, sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour over bread in the pan. Make sure each piece of bread gets covered by mixture. Cover tightly in plastic wrap and set in fridge overnight.
- 2 The next morning, preheat oven to 350. Uncover casserole dish and set it on counter. In a small bowl combine brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut butter into small pieces and add to flour mixture. With a fork blend butter into mixture until it resembles small crumbs, and sprinkle over bread in the casserole dish.
- 3 Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. To check, shake the casserole. If it wiggles a lot it's not done. Continue to bake until it is cooked through completely.
- 4 I served with a side of maple syrup and maple-infused whipped cream.

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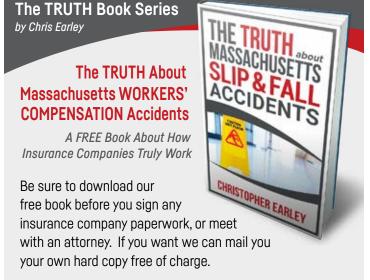
Prior to that she had worked for years in the legal field.



Arianny Oller

She has proven to be very hard-working and dedicated and because of that, she was recently promoted to Office Manager.

Our clients love her, and she makes sure each and every client receives our signature 5-star service. Keep up the great work, Arianny!





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- » Ana O.
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- » Chris O.

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# If You SLIP AND FALL On Snow Or Ice by Chris Earley

Because of our climate here in New England, slips and falls on snow and ice are quite common. Generally, these cases are claims for negligence against a snow plow company, property owner, or other potentially responsible party.

The burden is on the injury victim to show that the party responsible for snow and ice removal where you fell failed to reasonably remove the snow, ice, or both, which led to your injury. These cases are very fact-specific and have become easier to win due to changes in recent years to Massachusetts law.

Before 2010, Massachusetts landowners would only be held liable for negligence if there was an "unnatural acccumulation" of snow and ice on their property. Proving that standard was satisfied was very difficult. That basically meant the courthouse doors were closed for these claims.

That prior legal standard for snow and ice liability was replaced by the groundbreaking case of *Papadopoulos v. Target Corporation*. In that case, **the highest court in Massachusetts**, **the Supreme Judicial Court**, **decided that private landowners must keep their properties reasonably clear of snow and ice.** This was a radical shift in the

law, and opened the courthouse doors to claimants that otherwise would have had their cases dismissed

That does not mean private landowners must make sure there is not a single shred of snow and ice on their property. Rather, what it means is that **deciding** what is "reasonable" removal of snow and ice on private property will be judged on a case-by-case basis. Massachusetts law for these accidents is very extensive. Because of how extensive it is, it pays to have an experienced attorney on your side.