

The Road To Justice Starts Here

we give thanks

By Attorney Michael T. Gibson and the Attorneys and Staff of MTG, PA



Recently, most of us in Central Florida, have been reminded of the many blessings in our life, that we likely take for granted, as Hurricanes Helene and Milton, have battered our area. Having lived in the Clearwater and Tampa Bay area for my entire childhood, I was shocked to see the pictures of Clearwater Beach, and the Gulf Coast being ravaged by storm surge. I lived within ten miles of that beach for 21 years, and I had never seen flooding in that area. I felt the same way this past summer, when our family returned to Sanibel Island, for the first time since Hurricane Ian decimated the island two years ago. There was a property next to us, that was still destroyed from the Hurricane. On that property, I could see a watermark line all the way up to the room. That property is three stories high, with a garage. Trying to comprehend storm surge of that magnitude is almost incomprehensible.

I felt the same way watching these two most recent Hurricanes. Seeing the roof ripped off of Tropicana Field, or seeing millions of pounds of sand dumped into the roadway on Clearwater Beach, it makes you realize that there are so many things and comforts that we take for granted every day. When you go a couple of days without power or air conditioning, you really come to appreciate those things a whole lot more. In the tense hours that we wait out and hunker down in these storms, I, at least, come to realize that which is most important – The health and safety of my family and loved ones. I spend so much of my life caught up in what is going on at the firm, or what hockey game is next, that it is easy sometimes to take the most important things for granted. But in those terrifying hours, you hold on to that which is most precious, and you pray for their safety.

We were very fortunate to get through the storms. A large oak tree on my neighbor's property snapped and fell around 4am during Milton's peak windows. It sounded like a bomb had hit. But fortunately, the tree fell away from our house and into the road. We spent a day barricaded in the house, but that was a small price to pay for avoiding what could have been a very bad situation. I am so thankful to God for watching over us and keeping us safe.

For me personally, this has been a challenging year. While the firm has had another successful year, it has not been without a few challenges and setbacks. And some of those challenges have been up there with some of the most significant challenges we have faced in fifteen years. Our practice has been impacted by tort reform, and the same has made the insurance companies more emboldened than ever in all of our cases. Still, despite these challenges, our attorneys and staff have relentlessly worked to obtain justice for our clients. And by the end of the year, it will likely be one of our best years on record.

In my personal life, for the first time since I turned forty, five years ago, I am starting to feel middle-aged. The body doesn't recover the way it used to. And with my oldest looking at colleges, there is this realization that in short order, our lives are going to change. The kids will be grown and raised, and it begs the question of what is next for Jen and I. Honestly, for so long, life was raising my young family and my young law firm, that I almost never contemplated what this stage of the journey would look like. And, I am not the most nimble person when it comes to change.

But, realizing that the next phase of life is upon me, I am trying to take in and enjoy as much of the current stage of life as possible. Every skate with my son and every hockey tournament, I remind myself that these times will soon be over, and I think about how much I will miss them. And, even though I have no retirement plans, pretty much ever, I try to talk to Jen about what each of us wants for the future, and a plan to make them happen.

Events and challenges, like the storms we all just weathered, are reminders that life is precious, and to live in the moment, every single day. It is something I am trying to aspire to do.

From our family to yours, we wish the best in health and happiness this Thanksgiving, and we thank you for all of your support and trust over the years.

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FROM THE MTG ATTORNEYS AND STAFF

Attorney Amit Jhali

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours! We're so grateful for your continued trust and support. A special thanks to my amazing wife and son, who bring so much joy to my life. You both are my world, and I'm eternally grateful for your love and support. To my wife, thank you for always believing in me. You're the strongest and most caring woman I know. I love you.



Juan Jose Rodriguez – Marketing Director

This Thanksgiving, our family give thanks to God for being our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). While nations may rise against each other, We find comfort in the steadfastness of God's promises.

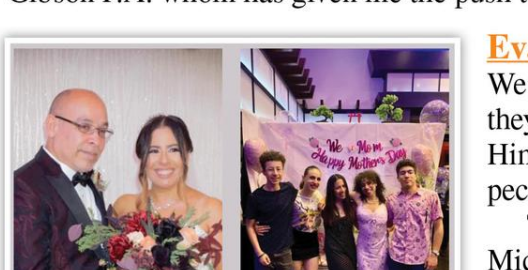
As we gather around the table, let us remember that true peace does not depend on our external circumstances but on the One who is our peace, Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the inside peace that only God can provide – a peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7). His peace guards my family's heart and mind, allowing us to remain calm and hopeful, even in uncertain times. For this, our family is deeply grateful. Happy Thanksgiving.

Cyd Alvarado – Litigation Paralegal

I am thankful for so many things this year, but mainly for my supportive family, friends, and co-workers. I am thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to enjoy another amazing year and be able to enjoy every moment of success to my son's accomplishments. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving.

Denise Yarborough – Case Manager and Paralegal

I am thankful for the challenges I have been presented this year. I was able to gain the courage to travel, accept a new role at Michael T. Gibson P.A. and improve my skills as a paralegal. I am also thankful for the supportive team I have at Michael T. Gibson P.A., whom has given me the push to be the best person I am.



Eva Barragan – Case Manager

We frequently take things for granted such as friends, family, and food on our tables. However, they are all given to us by our loving heavenly Father who cares for us. Personally, I can't thank Him enough for all of His provisions for myself and my family. Even in the midst of the unexpected, I am thankful for His peace in my heart.

This year, my heart is full of gratitude as I recently have the opportunity of joining the Michael T. Gibson, P.A. family. Everyone has welcomed me and assisted me with the difficult process of transitioning to my new job. All transitions are difficult, but when you have people that believe in you, they become pleasant experiences that help you grow and appreciate the people around you.

Not only I am grateful for the family that God has given me; my husband Ivan and my children, Giovanna, Elena, David, and Diego, who are my greatest support and most beautiful gifts, but I am also thankful for my new work family at Michael T. Gibson, P.A., who have overflowed me with expressions of support, encouragement, and guidance.

*"Look back and be grateful
Look ahead and be hopeful
Look around and be helpful"*

— Paulo Coelho

With a grateful heart, Eva

Emilio Portillo – Legal Assistant

This year I am grateful for being able to live and enjoy all things in life next to those dear to me. To continue to live and achieve the dreams of my parents and my own. For all the happiness school and work have brought me along the new friends, companions, and mentors met during the way.

I am grateful to live the joys of life.

Luisa Escoto – Intake Paralegal

My family, my two daughters, who are my heart, soul, and reason for living; my mother, who loved and guided us on the right path; my sisters, my husband, who isn't perfect (and neither am I) but works hard to provide for our family. I am also grateful for my work family as well; the ones I see day in and day out.

Health. We often times take this for granted, until we are forced to face an ordeal where our health is threatened. Then we realize how precious our health is.

These are just a few of the things my heart is grateful for on this Thanksgiving 2024.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your beautiful family! May God continue to pour out His blessings upon us all! [Continues on page 3.](#)

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THE AUTO JUSTICE COMMUNITY HERO OF THE MONTH

Raul and Wanda Rosado

By Attorney Michael T. Gibson



Raul Rosado, Jr. was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. At an early age he became aware of the Lord, but it was not until 1982 that he had a genuine encounter with God. He immediately began serving in his church and joined the local evangelistic squad where he develops skills as a preacher and teacher. In 1984 he began working as a short-term missionary in the Dominican Republic and Central America. He holds a degree in theology and family counseling, as well as a doctorate from Divinity University and is a professor at Divinity University. He is a teacher, lecturer and book author. In 1991 he married Wanda I. González. Wanda was born in San Juan and raised in Levittown, PR. Wanda holds a degree in theological studies, in addition to a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in management from the Interamerican University of Bayamon PR.

Wanda and Raúl both began working in the local church, she as director of the Bible seminary and he as a teacher, musician and pastor's assistant. While Wanda worked for the office of the Secretary of Public Works and Highway Authority of PR, Raúl served as Director of Programming at 88.5 fm in Levittown and 89.3 Fajardo. He later completed work as general manager of these stations. In 1999, they relocated to the City of Orlando, where they become members of the Christian Family Center of Pastor Roberto Candelario. There, Wanda was able to reach the position of Director of Media and Raúl collaborated in the pastoral ministry, director of radio and television in addition to foreign missions. On a mission trip to Guatemala, his son Nathanael was born, who today serves in the areas of children, youth, ushers and media in the radio station, Vid96 owned by his parents.

To this day Wanda still works as an assistant pastor of the International Center of the Family, with Pastor Alfonso Galeano, and both are pastors of foreign missions of this church, with the role of training, educating and training participants of the mission in the short term. Raul and Wanda are also the directors of 96.1 FM, a licensed community station for East Orlando and with worldwide programming through social media networks. The studios for this station are on the premises of the International Family Center in Orlando and are currently being partially operated by the church which offers high content for family edification.

Raul, Wanda, and Nathanael are not only servants in the community of Faith, but with the same passion, dedication, and care they serve their family, friends, and anyone who crosses their path with whatever their need may be. For all they have done to make Central Florida a better place, we congratulate and salute Raul and Wanda for their dedicated and faithful Service to our community and honor them as our AutoJustice Community Hero of the Month. ■

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Miriam Salas – Intake Lead

This year I reached another decade. I made it to 30, and all I wanted to do was watch the sunrise for the first time with my husband. I am grateful to have lived an eventful life, and I look forward to accomplishing some goals and dreams I have, as it continues to align with the path God has for me and my family.



Mayra Lopez - Receptionist

Every New Year starts with new challenges, new goals, and most of all new adventures for me! I am thankful for my parents, my hubby, my kids, rest of my families, friends, co-workers & my running family! It started with my 94-year-old great-aunt who passed away, I love you Tia & miss you. I am so blessed & thankful to have celebrated with my hubby our 30th Anniversary in Hawaii, my oldest son Keanu got engaged. We also had family reunion & both sides of my families were extended, with three beautiful newborns. Last and not least, I am thankful to have a boss who always cares for his employees & thankful that my family & everyone I know were safe during & after hurricane Milton. #whatayear

Cheers to new challenges, but also new plans, new dreams, and most of all new adventures for 2025!! Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours!! I love you all!

Janet DeFabrizio – Senior Paralegal

As another year comes to a close and I reflect back on the past year, I cannot help but give Thanks to my Lord and Savior for the many blessings He has given me. I have been blessed with a wonderful husband. I could not imagine spending my life with anyone else. And, I am privileged and blessed by our son and daughter in law, as well as our two delightful grandsons, identical twins, who constantly amaze me with their wit, their intelligence, their sense of humor, their sweetness, their accomplishments. . . . Of course, I could go on and on as my proud Grandma would!!! And then there is my church family and my work family. God has blessed me with kind and caring people in all areas of my life. It's not the fancy house or the luxury automobile or jewels or material things that truly give us pleasure, but it's

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about our relationship with Jesus and the people in our lives whom we are called to love and who love us that really matter. Many people lament at growing old, but one thing that comes with age for sure is wisdom and gratitude for the simpler things that are our true blessings. I pray blessings over each of you and that you come to these realizations right where you are.

Attorney Marcela Romero

This year has been filled with innumerable blessings and beautiful moments for which I will be forever grateful. In January, I got married to the love of my life surrounded by our families and loved ones, in one of the most special days of my life. Also, I have had the pleasure of working for incredible clients, that even during the toughest times after an accident, teach me valuable life lessons of faith, hope, and resilience, and keep pushing me to be a better person and professional. My family and I wish you and your loved ones a harvest of blessings this Thanksgiving day, with much love, health, peace, and warmth to last an eternity!



Thanking Todd Curtin – Partner and Lead Attorney

Thanksgiving is a time for my family and I to take a moment and reflect on all the blessings we have received this year. This is the perfect time of the year to send our sincerest thanks to all our past and current clients. I am incredibly thankful to my loving family, friends, and firm. We are unbelievably thankful for your confidence, and we will never hesitate to fight for you. We have had the honor to work for you and yours, and we wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving!

Patty Lopez – Office Administrator

I am thankful for being blessed to have my family and work family help me battle with my health issue after back surgery. I am still working on healing, but without everyone cheering me on, I would be losing the battle!!!! So, thank you all from the bottom of my heart!!!! The Michael T. Gibson crew is the most amazing team support ever!

Sergio Najera – Case Manager

I'm thankful for my family, my beautiful wife with whom I've been happily married to for 31 years. My daughter, who has been a true blessing to our family, I'm grateful that our family was able to relocate from Virginia to Florida to enjoy the night weather and mostly, I'm grateful that I was able to continue doing what I've been doing for the last 27 years, helping the community, by working on personal injury cases at a law firm. ■

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