



PARKER LAW FIRM: The Attorneys You Want But Hope You Never Need

Message From Brad

March is here and is typically the beginning of spring. Football is over, March madness ensues, and hockey is in the home stretch for the playoffs. March is also National Brain Injury Awareness Month. While I derive great satisfaction in “seeking justice” for those who have been seriously injured as a result of someone else’s negligence, a sobering part of what we do is dealing with those that have been seriously and many times permanently injured.

Some of the most troubling injuries we deal with are traumatic brain injuries (TBIs). It is estimated that approximately 2.5 million men, women and children suffer some form of TBI yearly. That is an incredibly high number of people. The results can have a profound impact on not only the individual suffering from the TBI but their family as well.

Unfortunately, many people suffering from TBIs are as a result of an automobile accident. Someone does not need to lose consciousness or even suffer a direct hit to the head in order to suffer a TBI. TBIs can result from any number of bumps, hits or even jolts to the head. Some of the more common symptoms of a TBI are blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, slurred speech, ringing in the ears, light sensitivity and heightened emotional state.

The science involved in not only diagnosing TBIs but also treating these injuries has evolved enormously over the last decade and continues to advance at a very fast pace. If you or a loved one suffers some type of blow or jolt to the head and demonstrates any of these types of symptoms, it is imperative to seek medical treatment immediately. Keep in mind that many times the person suffering from a TBI fails to recognize or admit to needing treatment. In our experience, we see treatment make incredible strides in resolving many of the difficulties associated with a TBI.

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is a useful website, “biausa.org,” where you can get much more information about brain injuries including the diagnosis, treatment and coping with these problematic injuries. Like spring, treatment, understanding and awareness of TBIs creates a new beginning for those suffering from the effects as well as for their loved ones.

Until Next Time,

Brad



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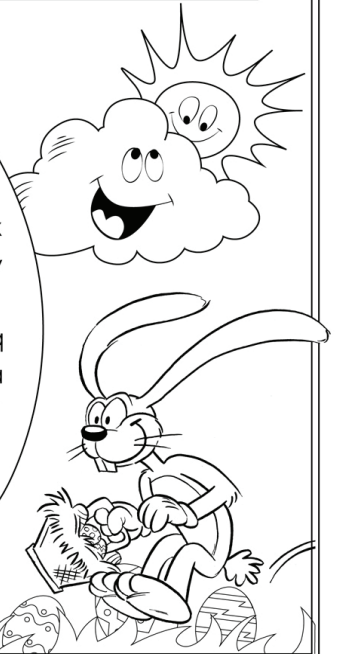
In the Community

We are a proud sponsor of Airport Area YMCA 2018 Youth Sports. In January we were able to help kids lace up their sneakers to play winter basketball and give kids the opportunity to participate in the Winter Break Camp. The YMCA Youth Spring Soccer program runs March 3 - April 22. We support local!



Easter Word Search

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Case Study

We were recently able to resolve a case against a trucking company on behalf of a young man who suffered a head injury when the rear tire of the trailer flew off and crashed through the car our client was driving. Our client received a glancing blow from the tire crashing through his windshield resulting in a loss of consciousness. He was treated at a local hospital and released shortly thereafter.

Subsequently his family began noticing certain behavioral changes in the young man, and they were very concerned that while the physical wounds seemed relatively minor and healed in short order, there might well be something much more serious going on as a result of a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

We had him tested by a neuropsychologist who after performing lengthy and thorough testing determined that there was no permanent brain damage.

Over the next several months and with some basic cognitive exercises, the symptoms resolved and our client made a full recovery. Notwithstanding the recovery, our client and his family still had to endure a very traumatic period of physical and mental healing. As a result, we were able to secure a very significant recovery for them.

If you or a loved one has been seriously injured as a result of the negligence of someone else, give us a call to help answer any questions you may have at 817.330.8611.

Client Testimonial

“Complete professionals and a very friendly staff. I could not be happier with them. Ryan Anderson sure knows the law and will work hard for you. Brad has skins on the wall. If ever I will need a law firm, hands down it will be them.”

—Jim Keel





Who is at Fault in a Trucking Accident?

To determine liability for a trucking accident, there are a number of factors that need to be taken into consideration. While many people assume that it is always the driver's fault, that may not be the case. Depending on the findings made by your attorney, any of the following could be held responsible:

The Driver

If the truck driver was operating the vehicle in a reckless or negligent way, he or she may be found liable. For example, if they failed to yield, were speeding or driving under the influence of alcohol, the driver would be at fault. Another common problem is when drivers fail to follow the hours of regulation and are extremely tired.

The City or Municipality

Poorly maintained streets, roadways and highways can cause problems for truck drivers. If an area did not have proper signage, maintenance or warnings of clearance, then the city or county may be held liable.

The Loader

Trucks rely on proper loading of their cargo to maintain balance and ensure that nothing will slip, slide, or roll during transport. Any truck, especially open-bed vehicles, can experience serious complica-

tions in the event of an overload or improperly secured cargo.

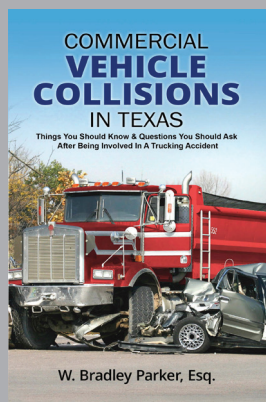
The Manufacturer

If product failure was the cause of the accident, the product's manufacturer or distributor may be held liable. In the event of a brake failure, steering failure, or the failure of any other mechanical part, you may be able to hold the part supplier responsible.

The Leasing Company

In the event that the truck was being leased, the leasing company may hold specific responsibilities for the care and maintenance of the vehicle.

If you need the help of truck accident attorneys in Fort Worth who have helped many people who were seriously injured obtain justice, download Brad's free book on Commercial Vehicle Collisions at parkerlawfirm.com/reports.



Southern Pimento Cheese

PREP TIME: 10 minutes

READY IN: 10 minutes

- 2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar
- 8 ounces of cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 (4-ounce) jar diced pimento, drained
- salt and black pepper to taste

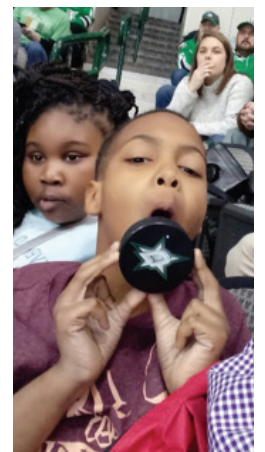
DIRECTIONS:

Place the cheddar cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise, garlic powder, cayenne pepper, onion powder, minced jalapeño and pimento into the large bowl of a mixer. Beat at medium speed until thoroughly combined. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.



Dallas Stars Giveaway

Debra was one lucky winner of Dallas Stars tickets at an event hosted by The Parenting Center in Fort Worth. Parker Law Firm sponsored Dallas Stars hockey tickets. Debra enjoyed a night at the American Airlines Center in Dallas cheering on the Stars with her family! Her son won a hockey puck!



Calling High School Seniors

Each year we proudly offer scholarship opportunities to a senior at Euless Trinity High School or Lawrence D. Bell High School. Created to assist students with plans of attending a two or four-year university, the scholarship is awarded to those possessing a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit parkerlawfirm.com to apply for 2018.



Give us your suggestions!

Each month Brad chats about a wide range of topics relevant to Texas injury victims. If there is something you'd like for him to discuss, contact us at 817.330.8611 or check out our video library at parkerlawfirm.com.

Trivia Treasures

Baseball fans are chomping at the bit as the season approaches. In Major League Baseball, which two states host spring training?

- A. Texas and Utah
- B. Hawaii and Alaska
- C. Florida and Arizona



If you answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win two free tickets for admission to a local movie theater. Call the firm at 817.330.8611 or email Kami Fox at kami@parkerlawfirm.com before March 23 to participate. *Our February trivia challenge winner was Phil Farco of Euless.*