



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

Message From Brad



May was a very hectic month for me and the firm. Ryan Anderson had an opportunity to begin a new position at a different firm in Dallas, much closer to his home in McKinney. As many of you know, Ryan had been with us for almost six years and had been doing a daily commute of more than an hour one way. With three small kids, this new position gives him the chance to cut down on his daily traveling time significantly and spend more time with his young family. Can't say that I blame him a bit (I live about five minutes from the office). Family time is a big deal to me, and I fully respect Ryan and his decision. We are going to miss Ryan but wish him the absolute best in his new endeavor.

With Ryan's departure, that means that everyone in the office has been ramping up to make certain that we don't skip a beat. I am so proud of our team. Each and every person has stepped up to the plate to make the transition as seamless as possible until we find a new lawyer to fill the position. In that regard, I have actually been having fun interviewing and getting to know potential candidates for the position left by Ryan. It is really encouraging to see the level of talent that so many young lawyers possess and their genuine desire to help people. We are in no rush to hire just anybody though and want to make certain that

whomever we decide to offer the position to has the same core values and thirst for justice that each and every member of Parker Law Firm possesses.

On top of all of this, you may recall that my daughter is getting married June 9. It has been so much fun working with Hayley and planning the wedding. And YES I really do like the young man she is marrying. He is a smart, good looking and a solid guy who seems to have it going on. They seem very much in love with each other and both are very happy.

The run up to the wedding has been full of parties, dinners and planning. We even had a special night where a bunch of us went to the Stagecoach Ballroom to brush up on our two-stepping. Hayley has been as cool as a cucumber. No major meltdowns other than my emotions getting the best of me at times. I heard a song the other day that had a line in it about how men think they are so tough, but they become big babies when it comes to their little girl. Well I can tell you that I am no exception.

Stacie and Calyn have been invaluable in stepping in and helping with the mom and sister things. They have made life much easier for us both. I cannot wait until the wedding is here and we all get to sit back and enjoy a marvelous evening together.

Selecting just the right song for the father-daughter dance has proved to be a little bit of a challenge. There is no one song that has the lyrics that are perfect. I guess if I had any musical talent I could write my own song, but that is not happening. I cannot even sing in the shower. Fortunately, I have decided on a particular song that comes pretty darn close to our story and thus far have been successful in keeping it a secret from her despite repeated questioning. I love the fact that I am going to get to surprise her. Needless to say, I anticipate a very emotional moment. But then I am just a big baby when it comes to my little girls.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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In the Community

It's time to register for the Airport Area YMCA summer basketball. This fundamental league is for ages 3 – 15. Ages 9-15 are gender specific. Visit the YMCAFW.org for more information.



Client Testimonial

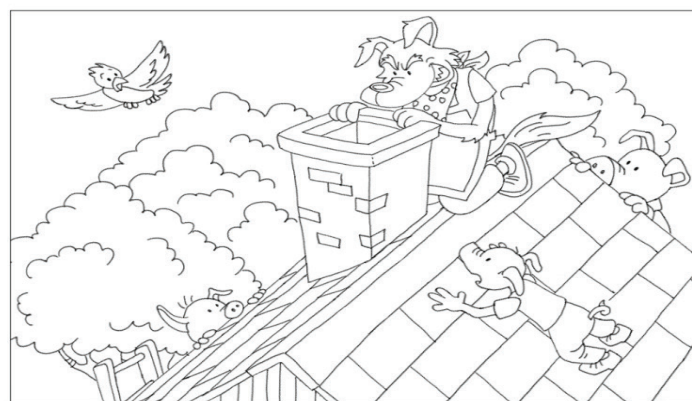
"I would refer Brad Parker to anyone who needs guidance of what to do in a time of when you have no idea of how to begin the process. My son was killed in a car accident, as you can imagine I was devastated, and through the process Mr. Parker and his wonderful staff were there to guide me and knew exactly what I needed and were sensitive to my needs. I could never say enough about Brad Parker. Try him!"

—Betty Salsberry of Fort Worth



Spot the Difference!

Can you find 10 differences between the two pictures?



Case Study: Fighting for Fair Outcomes

When a young man was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident while riding as a passenger in his friend's car, the local emergency room was his only option for immediate medical treatment. Fortunately, David was able to recover from his physical injuries. However, he was left with an enormous hospital bill and no means to pay because he did not have access to group health insurance.

The hospital initially offered to settle David's account for less than one-fourth of their actual charges. But, as often

happens, the hospital later filed an excessively inflated lien for all charges, despite being keenly aware of this young man's plight.

Our firm stepped in and demonstrated that the amount of the hospital's lien was not reasonable nor in line with the average for similar services in the area. As a result, we were able to persuade the hospital to accept their original offer of close to the 'uninsured/cash pay' discount.

Fair and reasonable – it's what we fight for every day on behalf of our clients.





Pedestrian Ground Rules

Drivers and pedestrians alike share the responsibility of keeping themselves and others on the road safe. As an adult, it's important to educate your kids about pedestrian safety. Here are a few tips to stay safe on neighborhood streets this summer.

BE VISIBLE

- Make sure you're visible to drivers at all times and make eye contact with them whenever possible. This is especially important at night, in low-light conditions such as dusk or dawn or in inclement weather.
- Wear lightly colored or reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.
- Stay in well-lit areas, especially when crossing the street.

STAY ALERT

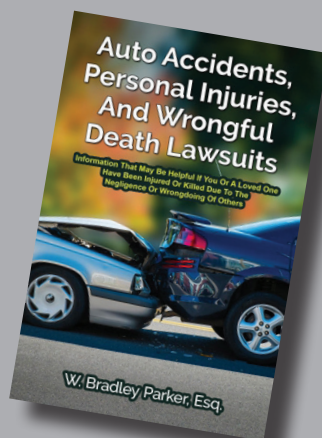
- Distractions are everywhere today and becoming more and more difficult to avoid. Remember that, as a pedestrian, your eyes and ears are your best tools for keeping safe. Stay alert and watch out.
- Put down your phone. Smartphones and handheld electronic devices are a daily part of life, but they take your eyes off of the road and distract your attention.

- Don't wear headphones. Your ears will tell you a lot about what is happening around you – be sure to use them.

FOLLOW THE RULES

- Know and follow all traffic rules, signs and signals. You need to be aware of the rules vehicles around you must follow to properly anticipate what drivers will do.
- Never assume a driver will give you the right of way. Make every effort to make eye contact with the driver of a stopped or approaching vehicle before entering the roadway.

If you or someone you know needs information about their legal rights in personal injury matters, download Brad's free book on *Auto Accidents, Personal Injuries and Wrongful Death Lawsuits* at texaslawbooks.com. We are here to help!



Summer Potluck Recipes - BLT Dip

Total Prep Time: 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 pounds sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 6 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 3 green onions, chopped
- Additional crumbled cooked bacon and chopped green onions, optional
- Assorted crackers, pita bread or chips

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, bacon, tomatoes and onions. Refrigerate until serving. Garnish with bacon and onions if desired. Serve with crackers, pita bread or chips.

*can substitute bacon crumbles for freshly cooked bacon or turkey bacon. For a healthier option, can also substitute sour cream for plain Greek yogurt.



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Scholarship Winner

One of our 2018 Parker Law Firm Senior Scholarship winners, Colin Williams, of Euless Trinity High School wrote in his essay, “integrating interdisciplinary knowledge and considering the impossible is where we truly grow...” He plans to attend University of Texas in the fall. Congratulations, Colin!



Parker's Poll

Each month Brad produces Bar Talk videos on FAQs. Are you more interested in hearing details about car accidents or trucking accidents? Let us know! Please email suggestions to kami@parkerlawfirm.com.

Trivia Treasures

While Mother's Day was first officially celebrated nationally after a declaration by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914, Father's Day wasn't proclaimed a national holiday by President Lyndon Johnson until:

A. 1916

B. 1936

C. 1966

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 May 21 to participate. *Our May trivia challenge winner was Margaret Strickland of Mineral Wells. Congratulations, Margaret!*