



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

Message From Brad



Well I did it. I walked my oldest daughter down the aisle and gave her away. I really wasn't sure how I would actually feel when the moment arrived. The lead up to the big day had me experiencing all types of emotions from sadness to happiness and everything in between. When the moment arrived though and I looked Hayley in the eyes, all I could feel was love. My love for her, her love for me, the fact that she was about to marry the love of her life, the love of friends and family who were there to share this moment with us and the love of knowing that she was going to be just fine. There came a peace that filled my soul knowing that the man she was about to marry was good and honorable and he makes her very happy. I also understood at that moment that I was not losing a daughter but truly was gaining a son. I know that may sound cliché and trite, but it was the feeling I experienced. As I sat there watching them express their vows to one another, any lingering sadness immediately turned to joy. It is a memory that I will cherish the rest of my life.

June also proved to be a very busy month at Parker Law Firm as well. On top of working on all of our cases, we interviewed several bright, eager and talented young lawyers to fill the position left by Ryan. Oddly enough, I look forward to interviewing young lawyers. They renew my sense of pride in being an attorney. To hear their stories, backgrounds and desires is refreshing and allows me to see the practice from a totally different perspective than what I have after 33 years of practice. The level of dedication of these young lawyers is truly inspiring.

Through the process, we had the incredible fortune to meet Claire Fore, a young lawyer originally from Billings, Montana. Claire married a young man from Fort Worth, came to Texas, took the bar and began her legal career with a firm in Dallas. She was looking for a firm a little closer to home, and over the course of the interview process we both determined her values and goals were aligned with those of the firm and ourselves. She is rooted in the community and eager to learn and grow with experience.

We extended an offer to Claire to come and join our firm, and I am happy to announce that she is going to start with us on July 9.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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In the Community

Airport Area YMCA summer basketball is in full swing. This fundamental league is for ages 3 – 15. Ages 9-15 are gender specific. Visit the YMCAFW.org for more information.



Client Testimonial

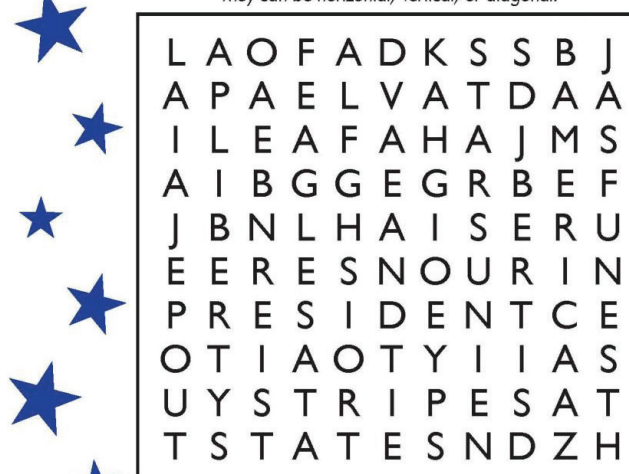
"Although I had to meet Mr. Parker and his staff at a difficult time in my life, I am so honored that I came into contact with this office. From day one, everybody that I encountered at the office was so kind, sympathetic and professional. Anytime I had any questions, whether big or small, I was always given an answer within 24 hours and never made to feel like I was a bother. Although I hope my family and I will never need their services again, I know that I can depend on his office to get the job done. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart."

—Azinne Jenkins of Irving, Texas



AMERICAN SYMBOLS

Find the symbols of America in the word search below.
They can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.



America: Was founded July 4th, 1776.

States: There are 50 states in the union.

Flag: The flag of the United States has evolved since it was first created.

President: The leader of the USA.

Liberty: Is represented by the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell.

Eagle: The national bird of the United States of America is the Bald Eagle.

Stars: There are 50 white stars on the American flag, representing the 50 states.

Stripes: There are 13 red and white stripes on the American flag, representing the original 13 colonies.

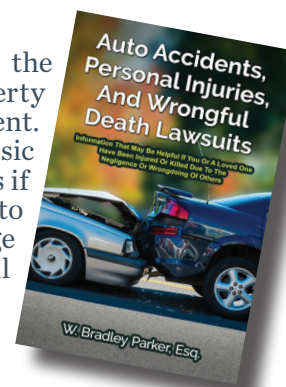


Is Texas an At-Fault State?

Generally states are divided between two major types of insurance law, "fault" states and "no-fault states." Texas adopts a fault-based system of personal injury recovery. In simple terms, the party that is found to be at fault for an auto accident will be responsible for compensating the injured party. Payment is generally made through insurance companies. Under Texas' fault system, all drivers must carry minimum insurance amounts at all times:

- \$30,000 per person for bodily injury
- \$60,000 per accident for bodily injury
- \$25,000 for property damage

This basic insurance will pay for the other party's medical bills and property damage if you are at fault for an accident. Likewise, the other party's basic insurance will pay for your damages if he was at fault. You can also choose to pay for optional insurance coverage or higher amounts for additional protection.





Courtesy Calling

Do you ever sit down at a restaurant and take a second to look around to see everyone on their cell phones? It seems as though our connected culture has lost all sense of good manners.

Make sure you are fully charged and the volume is turned up for this month's tips on cell phone etiquette.

Cell phones flooded the market more than 30 years ago, so why are people still breaking all the social rules for cell phone usage? If you have a weak signal when it comes to what's acceptable, here are five tips in honor of Cell Phone Courtesy Month.

- Don't EVER Text/Dial and Drive - This one should be a no-brainer.

- Keep Private Conversations Private - Nobody in the produce section at the grocery store cares about your aunt's dental procedure.

- Avoid Commode Conversations - Some things can wait!

- Stash Your Phone at the Dinner Table - Give those you are dining with your undivided attention.

- Do NOT make calls or text during a work meeting, movie, class, church assembly, theater performance, wedding, funeral...Just use some common sense!

Lemon-Infused Blueberry Ice Cream

July is National Ice Cream Month! If you're like most, you crave creamy, cold sweets like ice cream in the heat of summer. Check out this month's recipe:

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups coarsely chopped blueberries
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (5-oz.) can evaporated milk
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon table salt
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring blueberries, 2 Tbsp. sugar, and water to a boil in a small saucepan over medium heat; reduce heat to low, and simmer 10 minutes, stirring often. Cool 30 minutes; cover and chill 2 to 3 hours.
2. Whisk together condensed milk and next 5 ingredients; cover and chill 2 hours.
3. Pour milk mixture into freezer container of a 1-qt. electric ice-cream maker, and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. (Instructions and times will vary.)
4. Remove container with ice cream from ice-cream maker, and freeze 30 minutes.
5. Stir lemon zest into prepared ice-cream mixture, and swirl in chilled blueberry mixture. Transfer mixture to an airtight container covered tightly with aluminum foil; freeze 3 to 4 hours or until firm.

Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Email Kami@parkerlawfirm.com to submit a photo and your favorite recipe to make and it may be featured in a future issue of BarTalk!



Fourth of July Fun Facts

Americans consume nearly 155 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July each year. They also spend \$92 million on chips, \$167.5 million on watermelon, and \$341.4 million on beer.



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

More than 63 percent of the U.S. population will attend a fireworks display on the Fourth of July. Where is the nation's largest fireworks show each year?

- A. Washington D.C.
- B. New York City
- C. Boston

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 July 23 to participate. *Our June trivia challenge winner was Bobbie Hartwig of Princeton, Texas. Congratulations, Bobbie!*