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

Message From Brad

I cannot believe October is here already. In fact, by the time you read this, October will probably be half over. Where does the time go? It seems that it was January just yesterday.

I have this very distinct memory from when I was a kid. My mom told me I could go over to my friend's house in an hour. I remember sitting there basically looking at the clock for an hour wondering if 60 minutes would ever go by. It took forever!

Now, it seems an hour flies by in a minute and months fly by like hours. I guess that is just Mother Nature playing a funny little trick on us all. One thing is certain – it has made me more mindful of how precious time is. Time is the one thing you can never make more of. Thus, the importance of making the very best of our time each day and living life to its absolute fullest.

What starts as good intentions sometimes gets sidelined by old habits. Notwithstanding, I don't get discouraged but, rather, refocus and try the next morning to take control and push through with managing my time to achieve the absolute most in an efficient manner. I have found that when I am able to take control of my mornings, and not let the mornings control me, I not only get more done, but I also feel better in knowing my day has been and will be productive. It makes preparing for tomorrow that much easier!

Speaking of time, the newest addition to the Parker Law Firm team has been here for more than a month now. Ellena Fortner Newsom recently came on board as our new Marketing Director replacing Kami, who had been with us for several years but decided to move to Kentucky. Ellena has hit the ground running, and we are looking forward to her continuing the work Kami started in making sure that Parker Law Firm continues to provide a one of a kind client experience.

Ellena resides in the Mid-Cities area and has three young children whom she loves spending time with. She enjoys baking and making homemade jam, watching too much television with her husband and running. Welcome aboard, Ellena!

Until next time,

Brad



Tarrant Area Food Bank Drive

Our Tarrant Area Food Bank Drive is right around the corner. Please start collecting your canned and non-perishable goods for donation between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15. To stay up to date on details about our annual food drive, visit Parker Law Firm's Facebook page at facebook.com/theparkerlawfirm.



Trivia Treasures

When Jack O' Lanterns originated in Ireland, people didn't place candles in hollowed-out pumpkins. What vegetable was initially used to keep away spirits and ghosts on Halloween?

A. Eggplants B. Turnips C. Squash

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 before Oct. 22 to participate. *Our September trivia challenge winner was Velina Heard of Fort Worth. Congratulations, Velina!*



Refer Your Friends & Family to Us!

We'd love for you to refer us to your friends or loved ones. We'll treat them just as we would our own family.

This Month's Issue

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In the Community

Parker Law Firm is proud to support the Airport Area YMCA. Youth sports leagues at the YMCA offer children a chance to learn teamwork skills and master a new sport. Everyone plays every game, and everyone goes home a winner. Coaches stress skills, teamwork and sportsmanship rather than winning. Sports teams are a great way to bring the family together, meet new friends and enjoy exercise in a positive environment. Fall soccer and fall volleyball continue this month. Catch a game on Saturdays through Oct. 20. If you'd like more information on your local Y, visit YMCA.org.





Tennis Player Gets His Life Back

Our firm recently represented an Arlington High School tennis player who was a passenger when his friend drove off the road and into a tree. Because of the reckless behavior of the teenaged driver, our young client's life was forever changed. One minute he was looking forward to his senior year of high school and the start of tennis season, and the next, he was being airlifted to a hospital in Fort Worth. According to witnesses at the scene, the driver was speeding through the residential area when he lost control, crossing into oncoming traffic, over the curb and into the yard of a house on the street. While the driver only suffered a minor concussion, our client suffered injuries that would require years of recovery. By providing a detailed description of his injuries and his journey to recovery, we were able to present a strong case for compensation to the driver's insurance company in the full amount of the insurance policy.

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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Can You Sue a School for Your Child's Injury?

School accident claims are complicated due to the multiple parties who could face liability and the challenges of proving the school's negligence. In addition, when the school is a public school, you may have to follow special laws that govern suing governmental agencies. You need the assistance of an experienced personal injury attorney to obtain the compensation that your child deserves. For more information about a school's liability, watch Brad's video blog at parkerlawfirm.com.



How Do I Know if I Need a Lawyer?

In many circumstances, personal injury cases can be settled without the assistance of a lawyer. Brad helps individuals wanting to handle their auto accident case on their own in his new book, *How Do I...Settle It Myself? A Complete Guide to Handling Your Personal Injury Claim Without Hiring a Lawyer*. The types of cases that can be settled without the a lawyer are numerous and usually include the following:

- those involving minor property damage;
- medical injuries are primarily sprains and strains;
- there was no need for immediate medical care;
- there was only chiropractic or physical therapy treatment involved;
- there were no broken bones, blood, surgery or death;
- no future medical care is anticipated;
- no more than a few days of work were missed.

The vast majority of accidents that occur on a day-in/day-out basis fit the criteria above. Obviously if your injuries are more severe, required hospitalization or surgery, resulted in your missing substantial amounts of time away from work, or left you with permanent or longlasting injuries, then the need for an attorney increases dramatically. If you or someone you know needs information about their legal rights in personal injury matters, download Brad's free book, *How Do I...Settle It Myself?*, at texaslawbooks.com.



Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes

This hearty pumpkin cupcake with a cinnamon cream cheese frosting is the perfect treat for fall!

CUPCAKE INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 2-1/2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
- 2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup buttermilk

FROSTING INGREDIENTS:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add pumpkin. Combine flour, pie spice, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and ginger; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating well after each addition.
2. Fill 24 paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
3. For frosting, beat cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar, vanilla and cinnamon; beat until smooth.

