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National 3D Prevention Month

National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month, or National 3D Prevention Month, is observed in December. The season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving. If you're home or traveling during the holidays, you may be planning to go to a few parties, get-togethers, or even just to have a few drinks with the family. If you have been drinking or are under the influence of drugs, do not operate a vehicle. It could cost you or someone else their life.



Trivia Treasures

The holiday classic, *Miracle on 34th Street*, centers around which real-life department store?

A. Dilliard's B. Neiman Marcus C. Macy's

If you answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win two free movie tickets. Call the firm at 817.330.8611 before Dec. 31 to participate. Our November trivia challenge winner was Velina Heard of Fort Worth.

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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.



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

Message From Brad



I have lived in the same house for the last 26 years. As you might expect, there are areas of the house that need to be updated. One of those little projects has been the backyard and swimming pool area. After a quarter of a century, Stacie convinced me it was time to renovate. This small project started in March by contacting various contractors and getting bids. To make a very long story short, we finally completed the project the weekend before Thanksgiving. It turned out very nice, and I can now watch football outside – just in time for the end of the season and cold weather.

The entire process of dealing with contractors was a real eye-opener. With a half dozen contractors involved, I experienced the entire spectrum of craftsmanship and customer relations. It was absolutely shocking to see the lack of pride that one of the contractors had in their work. It was equally shocking to see how they responded to problems. On the other hand, it was amazing and delightful to work with one of the other contractors. They did the work professionally, timely and just as they said they would.

One of the things that I try very hard to make certain at Parker Law Firm is that we provide absolutely the very best client experience possible. Going through the litigation process is difficult and time consuming. It often seems that the entire process is bogged down and going nowhere. We understand that this can be frustrating and confusing, and therefore we strive to make certain that every phone call is returned timely, every question answered completely and that you never feel as if you're just a number. Every person in the firm genuinely loves what they do. This is not a job, this is our calling and we will go out of our way to do whatever is needed to make certain that your experience with Parker Law Firm is exceptional.

That said, if you ever feel that you are getting anything other than 100-percent class A service, tell me. I will personally make sure that your concerns are addressed and any issues rectified. For now, I hope that you and your family have a very nice holiday season. I am going to make my family sit with me outside and watch football. LOL.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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In the Community

Just like you, we at Parker Law Firm want to make a positive impact in our shared community every day, but especially during the holiday season. That’s why we are hosting our 2nd Annual Food Drive in support of the Bedford YMCA. Last year, we gathered enough donations to feed dozens of children. This year, we want to do twice the good. Will you join us? Drop off your donations at our Bedford office, 2317 Plaza Parkway, Suite #100, located off Central Drive behind the Sonic. The drive runs through Dec. 20. Together, we can ensure our kids can worry about growing into adults, not when they will eat next. Thank you in advance for helping us make this drive a success.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Review Corner

“Parker Law Firm is awesome!! They did an excellent job handling my case. They were always keeping me updated and explained things to me easily with things that I didn’t understand. Everyone there is so friendly and helpful. There’s no better law firm. They’re the best.”

– Wendy R.



Spot the Difference

There are 10 differences between the two snowman pictures. Can you find them all?



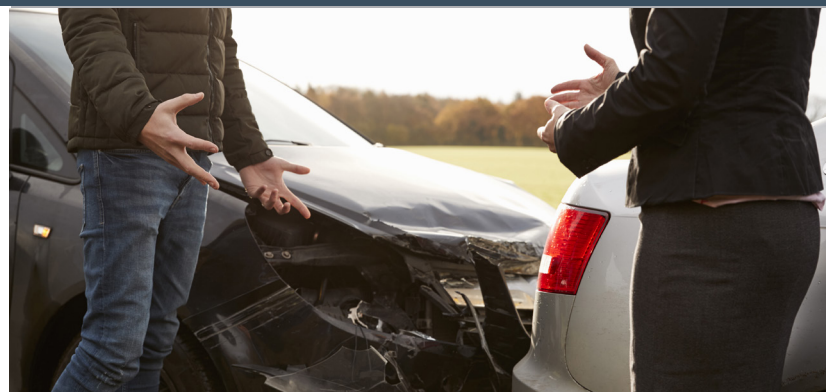
CASE STUDY: DRAM SHOP LIABILITY

Under Texas dram shop laws, an establishment that serves alcohol to a person who is obviously intoxicated can be held liable for the actions of the customer if he later harms someone.

This was exactly the situation on Feb. 1, 2014, when our client, a college student from the DFW area, was hit by a drunk driver after leaving work at 3:30 in the afternoon. In pursuing compensation for her devastating injuries, we discovered that the drunk driver had been served a significant amount of alcohol by a Lubbock bar despite being intoxicated when he arrived there.

Brad immediately began gathering evidence such as video footage, witness statements and receipts. After our client had completed her medical treatment, a demand was prepared demonstrating the unquestionable liability of the bar in overserving its customer.

Our client’s family had mounting medical bills to pay and a trial could have meant they would not see any money for months, if not years. When presented by the evidence that had been gathered by Brad and his team, the bar agreed to settle for a confidential amount.



I WAS IN A MINOR ACCIDENT... WHAT DO I DO NOW?

A car accident can be terrifying, but there are steps that can be taken by someone who has been involved in a crash that will decrease the stress and likelihood that additional problems will arise.

1. Move to Safety

If you and anyone in your vehicle are not seriously injured, attempt to move the vehicle to the side of the road and out of danger.

2. Contact the Other Driver

After you’ve gotten to safety, attempt to make contact with the other driver politely and as calmly as possible. Offer to exchange contact and insurance information.

3. Provide Your Statement to the Police

When the police arrive, provide as many details as you can recall, but do not engage in arguing your position at this time.

4. Take Pictures of the Scene

Take pictures of the scene where the accident occurred including pictures of the surrounding area, street signs, damage to your car, damage to other cars and property, as well as pictures of the other driver and witnesses.

5. Locate and Get Witness Information

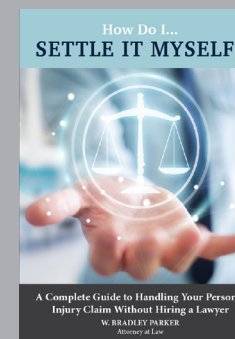
If there are witnesses to the accident that actually hang around, be sure to get their complete contact information.

6. Seek Professional Medical Help

After the accident scene has cleared, you need to seek medical attention even if you don’t think you’ve been seriously harmed.

7. Obtain a Copy of the Crash Report

To obtain a police report, one must visit the Texas Department of Transportation website and submit a search and purchase for the Texas Peace Officer’s Crash Reports (CR-3).



Bredele, Biscuits de Noël

Alsace, the region in the east of France on the border with Germany, is the emblematic ‘capital of Christmas’. There you will find delicious treats like mulled wine, charcuterie, gingerbread figures, and most definitely you’ll find the quaint bredele.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 ¼ cups flour
- 18 tablespoons butter, at room temperature, cut into small pieces
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- zest of 1 lemon
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg yolk

1. Place flour in a large bowl. Make a well in the center, and add the butter. With your fingers, mix the butter with flour until sandy. Add the sugar, cinnamon, lemon zest and the whole eggs. Mix well to obtain a smooth dough. If the dough seems too dry, add another egg.
2. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and allow it to rest overnight, or for at least 6 hours.
3. When ready to bake the bredele, preheat oven to 355 degrees. Roll out dough on a floured surface to 3/16-inch thickness. Cut dough into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place cookies on a buttered cookie sheet.
4. Beat the egg yolk with a fork, and brush cookies with egg wash.
5. Bake for 15 minutes. Let the cookies cool.

