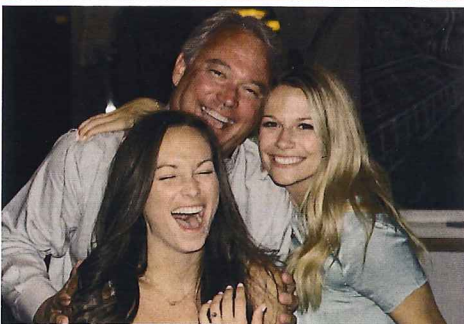


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PARKER LAW FIRM: The Attorneys You Want But Hope You Never Need

Message From Brad



(Top) Luke, Hayley's fiance, with Hayley and Brad.
(Bottom) Brad with his two daughters, Hayley and Calyn.

Several weeks ago, the young man that my oldest daughter has been dating for about two years asked if we could talk. I immediately suspected what it was he wanted, and I was right. He asked me for her hand in marriage. Talk about a mix of swirling emotions and thoughts that crossed my mind. After quickly deciding that it would be wrong to take him hunting and not return with him, I gave him my consent.

Fortunately he is a very nice young man who seems to have his head squarely on his shoulders with a good career underway who sincerely loves my daughter. They both truly seem to make one another very happy. That said, it is still difficult as a father to let your little girl go to this next step in life. But then we are always embarking on a new stage in life with our children, whether it is having to leave them at kindergarten for the first time, allowing a first date, seeing them drive, watching them leave home for college, moving into their own apartment or taking on a new life with a young man that just showed up one day. Maybe it is harder for me since I have raised my two girls on my own since they were in kindergarten. I know that all parents feel this emotional surge at each of life's events. For every part of the emotional tug, there is a corresponding feeling of great pride and accomplishment.

So, a couple of weeks ago he popped the question to Hayley and she said "yes." When I saw her next, she had a sparkle in her eyes that I had never seen before. An internal happiness that radiated through her eyes and filled the entire room.

Now we are looking at venues, catering and all of the other things that go into planning a wedding. I tease them that I wish they would elope. Not really, but this emotional ride is certainly going to cost more than just sentiment. Notwithstanding though, I am a proud and happy father. After all, no matter what the struggles of coordinating a wedding and moving into this next phase of life, I loved her first and for that I am so very thankful.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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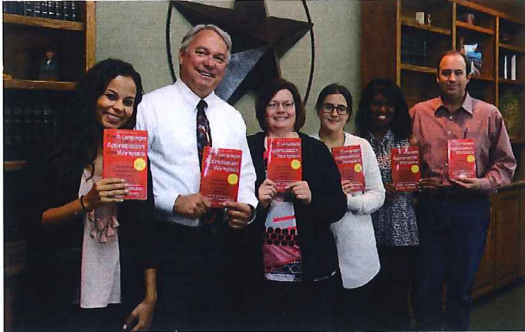
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Office Talk

During one of Parker Law Firm’s recent meetings, the staff explored ways in which employees communicate differently in the office. Utilizing the book, *Five Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace*, the team shared “primary” and “secondary” languages as part of an effort to learn more about each other and grow as a firm.



In Safe Hands

When your child is injured at daycare, who is liable?

Thousands of parents entrust their children to daycare centers as they hurry off to work, believing their kids will receive care and be protected from undue harm. While the majority of children remain safe, accidents occur on occasion due to the negligent conduct of daycare employees.

Many daycare centers require that parents sign waivers of liability or some type of release form. Certain clauses are included in an attempt to protect themselves should something happen to your child and to discourage parents from filing claims.

No parent or child should ever have to experience the abuse or neglect from a daycare center or other child care provider. If it does occur, acting swiftly is key. Parker Law Firm can inform you of your rights and help you take the necessary action against the responsible party. Call us for a complimentary strategy session at 817.330.8611.



Staff Spotlight

Five facts about Legal Assistant Angela Bobbitt

1. What are the most exotic locations to which you have traveled?

I’ve visited Oahu and Kauai, both part of the Hawaiian islands.

2. Do you collect anything?

I have a collection of snow globes, and I also acquire Disney ornaments.

3. What do you enjoy doing outside of the office?

I crochet, knit, scrapbook and play the piano. Action films are my favorite, and I love spending time with my family.

4. How did you and your husband meet?

My husband and I have been married for 24 years. We actually met on a blind date.

5. What’s the best gift you’ve ever received and the worst gift?

The best gift I ever received was a book my son made for me on Mother’s Day when he was in kindergarten. It was about all of my favorite things from his point of view. I cherish it. The worst gift that was given to me was a lame gold purse with rhinestones. I won’t say who gave me that.



Back-to-School Word Scramble

The teacher’s dog ate the school supply list. Unscramble the pieces to find out what you will need on the first day back to school.

n c i e l p c p k a a b k c

o f k n b e o o r d l e f o s

s e k m r a r c h b u o l x n

r r e s a e o s s r s s i c



Keep on Truckin'

While the trucking industry employs thousands of Texans and helps transport goods throughout the state, drivers of large cargo trucks can cause catastrophic injuries and devastating accidents due to the size and weight of their vehicles. To determine liability for

a trucking accident, there are a number of factors that need to be taken into consideration. Many people assume that it is always the driver's fault, but that may not be the case. Any of the following could be held liable for your injuries:

The Driver

The truck driver may be held liable if he or she was operating the vehicle in a reckless or negligent way. Failure to yield, speeding, distracted driving or operating the vehicle under influence of alcohol or drugs could put the driver at fault for your accident and subsequent injuries. Another common mistake is when drivers fail to follow the hours of regulation and are extremely tired.

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 complications in the event of an overload or improperly secured cargo, including roll-offs, jackknifing and roll-overs.

The City or Municipality

Poorly maintained streets, roadways and highways can cause serious 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.

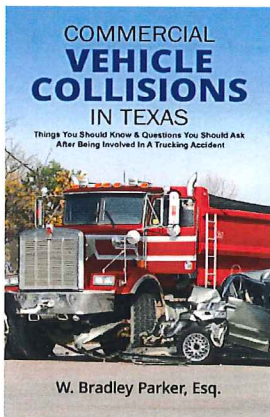
The Manufacturer

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. We can fully investigate the leasing company's responsibilities if relevant to your case.

Visit parkerlawfirm.com for a copy of Brad's book, *Commercial Vehicle Collisions in Texas: Things You Should Know & Questions You Should Ask After Involved in a Trucking Accident* and call Parker Law Firm at 817.330.8611 for a complimentary strategy session.



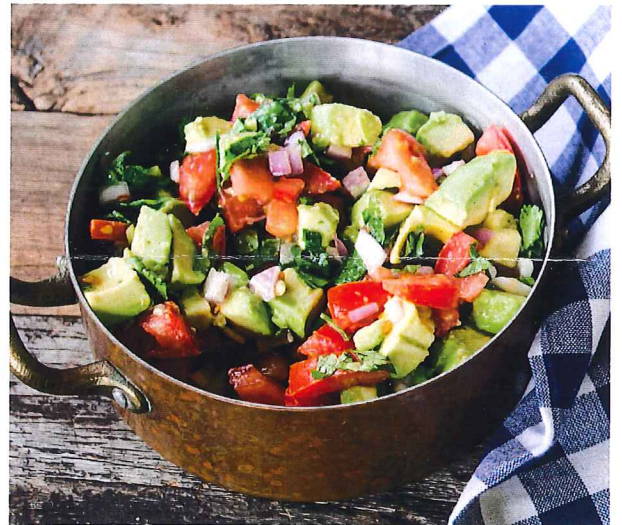
Spicy Summer Avocado Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large ripe avocados, diced
- 2 tablespoons of lime juice
- 1 jalapeño pepper (optional)
- 1 Romano tomato, seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup of red onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons of cilantro
- salt and pepper to taste

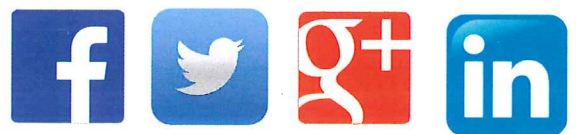
DIRECTIONS:

Mix ingredients in a large bowl, salt and pepper to taste and serve with your favorite tortilla chips.



Let's Get Social

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Linked In and Google Plus. Also check out parkerlawfirm.com for regularly updated blogs and videos.



Best Left Unsaid

How posting to social media hurts your case

Social media can be an excellent way to network and keep in touch with family and friends, but it also has its disadvantages. Revealing too much about yourself can seriously impact your personal and business relationships, as well as your legal case after an injury has occurred.

Insurance companies often utilize the Internet to investigate a claim. Social media posts can be used to dispute the severity of your injuries and invalidate your version of the events that happened. "Liking" or following particular health or wellness pages can tip off insurers of preexisting conditions or other factors they may say contributed to your injury such as alcohol use.



If you do post, avoid giving details about your case and never comment on the financial details regarding your claim. Don't post negative comments about other parties involved or the insurance company, and avoid giving information about resuming regular activities after your injury. The best decision is to refrain from using social media until your case has been resolved.

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Tell Your Friends and Family About Us!

We'd love for you to refer us to your friends or loved ones. Rest assured that we'll treat them just as we would our own family members. Contact us at 817.330.8611.

Trivia Treasures

If you believe that the cheetah is the fastest creature on earth, you are mistaken. While the cheetah can reach speeds of 64 mph, the fastest recorded speed reached by an animal is 183 mph. **Can you guess which speedy creature can achieve such a feat?**

If you call in and 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 before Aug. 25 at 817.330.8611 to participate.

Congratulations to our July winner, George Hines, from Rhome, Texas.