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

Message From Brad

It was 20 years ago in August that Angela Bobbitt began working with me. Twenty years! Where in the world does the time go? When she first started, Angela had never worked in a law office, and the entire experience was brand new. My law partner at the time and I both sensed that there was something special about Angela, but little did I know how special. She excelled at everything she took on.

Angela was with us when the tornado ripped through Fort Worth in 2000 and destroyed our office space in the Bank One Tower. We moved over to the River Plaza building as temporary office space until we moved out to Bedford to set up shop in 2001. I had been living in Bedford for about 10 years at the time, and after the tornado it just seemed natural to move the office accordingly. By that time, it was just Angela and me. She was not only performing the paralegal duties but she was catching the phones, meeting with clients, drafting discovery responses and keeping the books. In short, she was doing it all. Her attention to detail and dedicated performance allowed me to work on the cases and seek new business.

In 2005 I bought some property and built the offices that we currently occupy. We opened the doors on Jan. 2, 2006. It was a fun time and memorable in that we were not just moving offices, but Angela gave birth to her son Daniel just a few weeks earlier in December. Daniel is now starting the sixth grade. I can't believe how quickly the time has gone.

Needless to say, Angela has been and continues to be an integral part of the Parker Law Firm. I honestly do not know how I would have done it had it not been for her dedicated and loyal help, support and friendship over all of these years. Thank you, Angela, for everything you have done and continue to do. Let's do another 20!

Until Next Time,

Brad



Angela Bobbitt celebrates 20 years of working with Brad.

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In the Community: The Gift of Giving Back

“Every child deserves a chance,” says Damon Sumner, assistant principal of Morningside Middle School in Fort Worth. His journey as a teacher and now stepping into his first role as assistant principal was not his initial career path. Damon was in the Air Force for six years, followed by becoming a personal trainer and DJ as a hobby and means of financial support.

From what seemed like an ordinary evening of DJ duties for Damon turned into almost a decade of friendship with one of our very own legal assistants, Patricia Ford. Patricia loves to dance and competes in various events. “Over the years and through many conversations, I learned of Damon’s efforts to help his students in any way he can,” says Patricia. Damon shared multiple instances of children not having school supplies, uniforms or proper shoes to wear, and that he would humbly come out of pocket to purchase what they needed. “I had always been fortunate enough to buy my daughters everything they needed and decided that I too could contribute to Damon’s efforts and have been doing so for the past several years,” Patricia says.

While working as a personal trainer and DJ, he tackled subbing for William James Middle School and quickly grew with passion in helping students experience the reward of responsibility. In 2007 he received his first teaching position. When asked why he gives back to his students and community, Damon says, “My dad was a giving person, and that is how I grew up. I also don’t know any other way [than to help students] – I don’t like to see children struggle.”

Over the years, Damon has created a platform to invest in his students, allow them to have something that is theirs and respect others. After hearing about Damon’s efforts, Parker Law Firm decided to step in and give back by donating school supplies for 24 students. The staff spent time shopping, packing and assembling the needs of these students. Parker Law Firm was happy to make a small splash for those sixth graders returning to school this year, because after all, every child deserves a chance.



Staff Spotlight

Five facts about Marketing Director Kami Fox

1. What’s one of the craziest things you’ve ever done?

I wouldn’t consider it the craziest, but it was the most exhilarating. I’ve been bungee jumping a few times.

2. Do you like to collect anything?

I love taking photos. Even if it’s just an ordinary Monday night spaghetti dinner, I take snapshots so I have the memories later on. My phone is currently pushing the envelope in the storage department.

3. What is the one snack you couldn’t go without?

Peanut butter. I love it at any time during the day.

4. Do you have any pet peeves?

I can’t stand a person who is not upfront and honest. I’m all about transparency.

5. How did you and your boyfriend meet?

We met in college at Western Kentucky University during my junior year. We didn’t actually date until after we rekindled our friendship at an alumni homecoming game nearly two years later.



Fall Fun Word Search

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L	Y	I	P	R	E	B	O	T	C	O	J
Z	E	Y	K	X	Y	D	F	A	L	L	Y
R	A	E	G	P	X	L	I	T	J	Z	E
E	F	L	L	O	M	R	L	R	A	K	E
B	E	L	G	P	O	U	E	I	Y	R	Y
M	C	O	R	D	P	T	P	D	H	A	A
E	O	W	E	Q	U	A	E	E	I	C	H
T	L	R	W	O	R	C	E	R	A	C	S
P	L	A	O	V	N	M	U	T	U	A	W
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| FALL | HAYRIDE | SCARECROW |
| AUTUMN | CHILLY | SEPTEMBER |
| LEAVES | RAKE | OCTOBER |
| PUMPKIN | FOOTBALL | CIDER |
| APPLE | SQUIRREL | YELLOW |
| ACORN | ORANGE | BROWN |
| SUNFLOWER | | RED |





Street Smarts in School Zones

Unlike New York, Chicago and other large populations, our Metroplex isn't the most pedestrian friendly. That doesn't mean those on foot have any less rights. Traffic laws dealing with right-of-way are designed to keep motorists, pedestrians, motorcycle riders and bicyclists safe. Tragically, accidents are caused when negligent drivers violate these basic rules of the road. Texas has traffic rules regarding who has the right of way at an intersection. When a driver fails to obey these rules, he or she can cause others to suffer catastrophic injuries or death. Here are a few important rules to keep in mind:

- If a driver is driving on an unpaved road and is approaching a paved road, he or she must yield the right of way to drivers on the paved road.
- If a driver is at an uncontrolled intersection, he or she is required to yield to any vehicles already in the intersection or to the right of his or her vehicle.
- When a motorist is making a left turn at an intersection, pedestrians and oncoming traffic have the right of way. If the driver is making a right turn, he or she must yield to through traffic entering the lane he or she plans to turn into and oncoming pedestrians.
- When approaching a main road from a private road, alley or driveway, the driver must wait for traffic on the main road to pass before proceeding.

- At a four-way stop, the vehicle who got there first has the right of way. If two vehicles get there at the same time, the vehicle to the right should enter the intersection first. Traffic should proceed in a counterclockwise direction.
- In the absence of a "walk" sign, a pedestrian has the right of way on a green light in an intersection.
- Even if the light turns red, pedestrians have the right of way in an intersection that they have entered.
- If a motorist has the legal right of way, he still must yield to a pedestrian if at all possible.

If you are involved in an accident caused by the negligence of someone behind the wheel, call the police immediately and obtain a copy of the accident report. Make sure to obtain contact information and find out who their insurance company is before leaving the scene of the accident. Take pictures of damage to vehicles, weather conditions, skids marks, your injuries and anything else pertaining to the accident. Next you should seek medical treatment and follow up with any recommended medical care.

An experienced and skilled personal injury attorney can guide you through the next steps in the process. Visit parkerlawfirm.com for more information or call Parker Law Firm at 817.330.8611 for a complimentary strategy session.

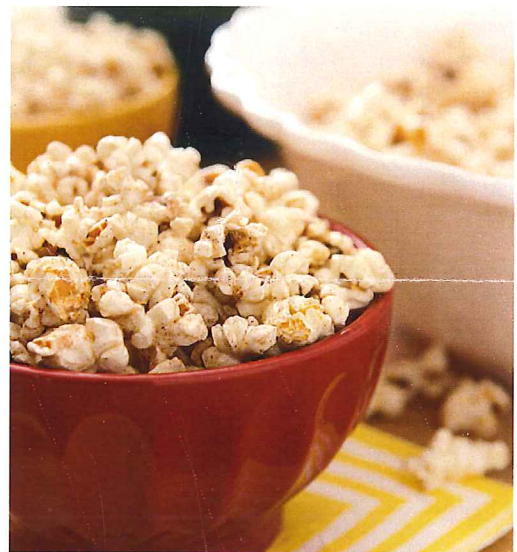
Pumpkin Spice Popcorn

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 cups popcorn
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

DIRECTIONS:

Mix sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and sea salt in a small bowl and shake to combine. Sprinkle dry mix over popcorn and toss to coat sufficiently.



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Never Forget

How a City Remembers 9/11

At 8:46 a.m. EST on Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11, carrying 87 passengers and crew members, into floors 94-98 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Since then pieces from the twin towers have been extracted, preserved and catalogued, to be distributed to cities around the country.

In 2011 the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History was bestowed the honor of being the caretaker of one of these historic artifacts. The full-facade panel measures 36 feet tall and 6 feet wide. It weighs approximately 8,000 pounds and is on permanent display at the museum.

Visitors are allowed to view the artifact up close and emotionally connect with the magnitude of the attack and building collapse.



Calling All Google Geniuses!

Your feedback means the world to us. We'd be thrilled if you'd visit Parker Law Firm's Facebook page and leave some comments or write a review about the firm on Google.

Trivia Treasures

Most people know that Labor Day is always celebrated on the first Monday in September and recognizes the American labor movement and the contributions workers have made to the prosperity of the country. **Do you know who is considered the "Father of Labor Day?" A. George Washington, B. Thomas Jefferson, C. Peter McGuire, D. Arnold Schwarzenegger**

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 at 817.330.8611 or email Kami Fox at kami@parkerlawfirm.com before Sept. 25 to participate.

Our lucky winner for August trivia was George Hines of Rhome, Texas. He guessed that the fastest creature on earth is the Peregrine Falcon.