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## THE 'FLAVOR OF LAW' COOKBOOK IS BACK!

## Download Your Edition Today

The year I opened BLF, I made a big mistake: I agreed to try a case on the Monday after Thanksgiving. I wanted to resolve the case for our client as quickly as possible, even if that meant working over the holiday — but oh man, did we work!

The entire team was in the office non-stop in the days leading up to the trial. We prepared through all of Black Friday and even part of Thanksgiving day. The result we achieved was worth the effort, but when I left the courtroom on Monday, I swore I would never ask my team to work a national holiday again. They sacrificed precious time with their families to make that trial happen; it was just too much to ask.

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So, this is your annual reminder: **BLF will close early on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and our office will also be closed on Thanksgiving day and Black Friday.** We'll be back in action as usual on Monday, Nov. 28!

We take those days off annually, not only because of the mistake I made years ago, but because one of our core values is "family and team first," and I never want our work to

stand between my team members and their families. If Jessica needs to be there for her daughters' first day of school, Cristina has to step out for a parent-teacher conference, or Rena needs to start work an hour early so she can leave in time for night classes, we'll make it happen! Of course, that's doubly true when it comes to big family gatherings like Thanksgiving.

BLF has mastered the concept of "cover and move." When someone needs to focus on their family, we come together to cover their urgent work and move their less pressing tasks around. This philosophy works because every case we take on is a collective effort. When we hold a daycare or insurance company accountable, our whole team gets credit for the success, from the marketing department that brought the case in the door, to the intake team who made retaining us easy for our clients. It's not all about the lawyers!

This teamwork also carries over to our fun projects — like the "Flavor of Law" cookbook. We put together the first edition of this cookbook in 2020, and it was such a hit that we've brought it back every year since. In this year's 30-page edition, you'll find 18 new recipes from our team, including my smoked brisket, Elizabeth's cranberry

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brie bites, Ashley's bourbon-glazed turkey, and James' torta Barozzi. (Can you tell that James is our resident chef?). If you make one of our recipes for Thanksgiving, send us a photo or tag the firm on social media. We'd love to see it!



I haven't decided on my Thanksgiving menu yet, but I know that when I sit down at the table, I'll have no problem listing off things I'm thankful for. I'm grateful for our awesome BLF team, especially the way they value each other's hard work over ego-driven personal success. I'm thankful to have found a group of people who agree we should work hard *and* put family first. I'm grateful for the dedication the team puts in to help our clients. And, of course, I'm thankful that I can spend Thanksgiving with my family, eating good food and relaxing together.

I hope that your holiday is fantastic and delicious. Happy Thanksgiving!

*-Russell Button*

# A FORMER CLIENT JOINS THE BLF TEAM

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, RENA!

Rena Piper called our office for the first time in 2017. She was angry, scared, and looking for help. Her 1-year-old son, Ryen, had just been neglected at daycare. The people who were supposed to protect him left him alone outside in near-freezing temperatures.

Rena couldn't believe it — especially because that wasn't the end of the story. After we took her case, the facts we uncovered continued to surprise her.

"I was just shocked at all of the things daycares can get away with and the things they attempt to sweep under the rug," Rena remembers. "What happened to Ryen and then working with BLF really started this

passion of mine. I wanted to know, 'Why is this allowed? Where are our laws lacking? Why is this a situation that could happen?'"

Rena is a former military police officer, and the idea of getting justice for Ryen lit a fire in her heart. During mediation with our team, Rena's husband, Ben, leaned over to her and said, "I could never do this job!" She told him, "I could, I could do this!"

Soon, the dream became a reality. Two years after that mediation, Rena was sitting in night classes at the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, studying to become a lawyer. Three years after that, she left her job as the Director of University Events at the University of Texas at Dallas and joined our team at BLF.

"It doesn't feel like work," Rena says, referring to her new job as a paralegal. "It feels like I'm progressing toward my goal of becoming a lawyer."

Rena's transformation from scared parent to child advocate has been incredible to watch. She knows exactly how to help our clients because she once walked in their shoes. At the same time, she's taking night classes and parenting her three kids: 6-year-old Ryen, 9-year-old Annlee, and 18-year-old Aiden.

"Thankfully, I have a husband who is on board and really helps make it all possible. I couldn't do it without him being fully supportive of this endeavor of mine," she says.

Rena is a huge asset to our team and our clients. We're happy to help her follow her dream!



## MEET DANNY: A LEGAL ADVOCATE FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY

### Do You Need Help With a Deaf Client's Case?

Here at BLF, we try to advocate for people left out of the legal conversation. That's why we represent kids, folks with serious brain and spinal cord injuries, and families who have had a loved one killed due to the negligence of others. A few years ago, we started helping another underresourced group: Deaf people injured in accidents. That work wouldn't have been possible without Danny Radford.

Danny is a personal injury lawyer based in Utah with an incredible story. When he was 18, he was called to serve a church mission in New York. His specific assignment involved teaching the deaf community — so he had to learn sign language!

"There were probably only 12 missions with sign language missionaries," he says. "We were a small program. At my training center, there were only nine of us, whereas a Spanish program might have hundreds."

Danny must have been called to that group for a reason because on his mission he discovered a passion for working with the deaf community. When he got home, he took a job at a deaf service office, then worked as an interpreter and college sign language teacher. He was doing as much as he could to help deaf people — but he wanted to do more.

"I decided to go to law school with the goal of helping the deaf community in a higher capacity," he says.

Boy, did he follow through! Danny opened Deaf Injury Law specifically to help

deaf clients in Utah and connect injured deaf people all over the country with legal representation. Danny will only recommend clients to law firms he has personally trained to handle deaf cases — and BLF is one of them. Thanks to Danny's training, we know how to find a great interpreter and take extra steps to ensure our deaf clients can work with police, receive proper medical care, and can communicate with their insurance companies.

"The whole process [after a car crash] is just a giant breeding ground to take advantage of deaf people, so I am trying to correct that with Deaf Injury Law," Danny says.

If you're an attorney with a deaf client or know someone in the deaf community who needs representation, Danny is a great resource. You can reach him at [Danny@DeafInjuryLaw.com](mailto:Danny@DeafInjuryLaw.com).



# A SCHOOL BUS RIDE GONE WRONG

## BLF Joins Forces to Hold Negligent School Bus Company Accountable

Think about the school bus rides of your youth. What did you do to pass the time? Maybe you gossiped with your friends, read a book, listened to music on your now-ancient cassette tape, or played a fortune-telling game like MASH. You probably *didn't* sit silently with your heart pounding and muscles clenched in terror.

Unfortunately, some kids have that awful experience. BLF just represented a child — we'll call him Caleb — who is deeply afraid to ride the bus because he was traumatized on board. His usual bus ride became a nightmare when two other kids snuck into the seat behind him and brutally beat him with their fists.

Caleb screamed for help, but the bus driver barely acknowledged his pleas. Instead of pulling over or separating the

three children, she half-heartedly asked them to stop. They didn't. When Caleb got home that night, he was so shaken that he begged his parents not to make him go back to school.

Caleb's story broke our hearts because it should have been prevented. If the bus driver had been well trained and enforced the rules of the bus, Caleb would never have been injured. When our team heard about his trauma, we joined forces with attorney Scott Snellings of Snellings Law in Frisco to hold the school bus organization and its insurance company accountable.

We've worked with Scott on several high-profile personal injury cases, ranging from dog bite incidents to amusement park accidents. He always throws himself completely into his work to ensure we



get the best outcome for our clients, and Caleb's case was no exception!

Working together, we showed the bus company exactly where their driver went wrong and successfully secured a settlement for Caleb and his family. Despite the sad circumstances, we are grateful to research and litigate side-by-side with Scott and his team. We're looking forward to many more years of helping clients together.

## BLF HIGHLIGHT REEL



Jessica meeting up with her dance mom friends!



Russell with his family celebrating the second birthday of his niece, Aria!



Jacqueline and her husband, Ben, at a friend's wedding in Charleston, SC.

## CLIENT REVIEW

*"When my toddler was seriously injured and neglected at her former childcare last summer, I was heartbroken, lost and distraught, and knew I needed to take the proper legal steps to be able to hold them accountable! I searched online for legal advice and thank God I was able to come across The Button Law Firm. From my first initial call, Jacky listened and was very sympathetic to what my family was going through. She always checked in with updates and even if there were none at the time she still reached out to check on my baby girl. The attention and professionalism, shown from Russell and his team ensures me that I made the right decision and trusting them to handle our case."*

*-Jaynisha J.*

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# 5 STEPS TO TAKE AFTER A DAYCARE INJURY

## Use Our Guide to Act With Confidence

If your child came home from daycare with an injury, you'd probably be too upset, angry, and scared to think straight. That reaction would be totally normal — but it wouldn't help your baby. In fact, giving in to panic could prolong your child's pain and undermine their odds of getting justice.

Hopefully, you're never in this terrible situation. But if you are, you need to be ready to act wisely. To help you do that, we've compiled a guide called **"5 Steps to Take After a Daycare Injury."** It walks you through exactly what to do if your child is hurt at daycare. Here's a quick look at the five steps:

1. Seek immediate medical attention.
2. Request an incident report from the daycare.
3. Report the incident to the state.
4. Inform yourself and investigate.
5. Know your rights as a parent.

The guide dives much deeper into each step and points you toward the resources you

need to help your child and start the process of holding their daycare accountable. November is Child Safety and Protection Month, so this is a fantastic time to download the complete guide at [ButtonLawFirm.com/reports](http://ButtonLawFirm.com/reports) and mentally prepare yourself to act. You never know when negligence will strike.

Here at BLF, we've discovered that daycare injuries like bottle warmer burns and chemical burns are more common in children than most people think.

Visit [ButtonLawFirm.com/reports](http://ButtonLawFirm.com/reports) today to download "5 Steps to Take After a Daycare Injury." Even if you never need the advice inside, it's best to live by the old proverb: "Plan for the worst, hope for the best." We recommend sharing the guide with your family and friends, too. The more parents, babysitters, and siblings we can educate on keeping kids safe, the better!

