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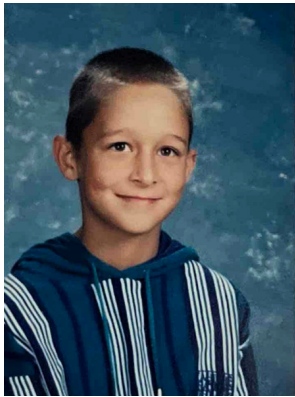
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THE KIDS WE WERE HOW CHILDHOOD CHALLENGES SHAPED TWO LEADERS

Long before Russell Button and Ashley Knarr became attorneys, the qualities that would shape their careers were already showing up in classrooms, on athletic courts, and, even then, in a few disagreements with the rules.

For Russell and Ashley, school looked very different, but neither of them took the easy road.

The Student Who Had to Work for It



Russell loved learning, but learning did not always come easily to him.

“I worked really, really hard at school,”

Russell says. “It might have taken me three hours to do the same thing that took my sister 30 minutes, but my parents always encouraged me.”

Middle school brought a big turning point. After getting into trouble, Russell received a direct warning from one of his coaches:

He could continue down that road, or he could take responsibility for his choices, focus on school, and pursue the future he wanted.

“There were two paths, and only one of them was going to take me where I wanted to go,” Russell says. “After that conversation, I made sure I took personal responsibility for whatever came my way and put in the work that was needed.”

That mindset has stayed with him. Russell still loves learning and prefers to take ownership rather than wait for someone else to do the work.

The Rebel With a Plan



Ashley was also a dedicated front-row student, but she was never afraid to challenge a rule, share an opinion, or stand up for someone else.

“School was a refuge for me from the craziness of home,” Ashley says. “Failure was not an option. Education was the only way I was going to break the cycle I was born into.”

Her success in mock trial gave her some of her proudest school memories. During her

senior year, the team finished second in the state championship, while Ashley earned an award for delivering the most impactful witness testimony.

But the childhood quality she recognizes most clearly in herself today has less to do with awards.

“I was always standing up for people who couldn’t, or wouldn’t, stand up for themselves,” she says. “I got in trouble for involving myself in battles that weren’t my own, and I don’t regret a single time I did.”

Ashley remains direct and willing to speak up, but experience has taught her how to pair that conviction with tact.

Different Kids, Shared Purpose

They were different kinds of kids, but the qualities that shaped them then are still visible today.

Neither followed a perfectly straight path through school. They questioned the rules. They made mistakes. Most importantly, they encountered people who recognized their potential and challenged them to use it.

The kind of kids they were did not disappear when they grew up. Those kids simply found a bigger classroom and a purpose worthy of everything they had learned.

- Russell Button and
Ashley Knarr

HALFWAY THROUGH YEAR ONE

WHERE PROGRESS, PURPOSE,
AND TEAMWORK MEET

Every quarter, The Button Law Firm team steps away from our usual routines to reflect on where we have been, recognize the people who helped us get there, and look ahead to where we are going next.

Our most recent Vivid Vision meeting marked an especially exciting point in that journey. In addition to recapping the second quarter of 2026, we celebrated reaching the halfway point of the first year in our three-year vision for BLF.

"We have an ambitious vision for where BLF is going over the next three years, but it only becomes real through the work our team does every day," Russell says.

"Reaching this halfway point in year one gave us a chance to recognize how much progress we have already made while being honest about what we can do even better in the next quarter."

Looking at Our Values in Action

During each Vivid Vision meeting, we revisit the five core values that guide our team:

- Family and Team
- Make a Difference
- Keep It Simple
- Education
- Communication

Rather than simply reading through the list, we discuss how those values appeared in our work during the previous quarter. Team members share examples of the quarter's biggest impacts, recognize others who went above and beyond, and talk openly about ways we can improve moving forward.

These conversations allow us to celebrate accomplishments that may not always be visible outside a particular team. They also remind us that meaningful results are rarely achieved by a single person.

"Our core values give us a shared standard for how we show up for one another and for our clients," Ashley says. "I love hearing team members recognize each other because those stories show how much care happens behind the scenes. They also help us identify where we can grow, communicate more clearly, and become an even stronger team."

Remembering the Families Behind the Work

One of the most meaningful parts of the meeting was discussing the cases in which our team helped families obtain life-changing results and justice.

These moments give everyone a chance to see how their individual work contributed to something much larger.

Revisiting the families we helped during Q2 reminded us why our mission must remain at the center of our three-year vision.

Taking Our Teamwork to the Course

After a productive meeting, it was time to trade our notebooks for golf clubs. The team headed to Puttshack for an afternoon of mini golf, friendly competition, and time together outside the office.

The high-tech games brought out everyone's competitive side, but the outing was ultimately about strengthening the relationships that make our work possible. Spending time together, away from daily responsibilities, gave us an opportunity to laugh, recharge, and connect as a family and as a team.

We left the day proud of what we accomplished during Q2, grateful for the people working beside us, and energized for the second half of year one. There is still plenty of work ahead, but our vision is becoming clearer with every quarter, and our team is ready to keep moving it forward.

BLF CLIENT REVIEW

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Our journey with BLF is just beginning, and our family is already immensely blessed by and grateful for their services. Eureka was our first contact and has been compassionate, thorough, and communicative from the start. When I was losing hope that we'd find someone who could help our son, who'd been injured at an indoor playground, she reassured me I'd come to the right place and gave me immediate relief with the amount of kindness she showed me during our detailed intake. She was so quick to let me know we'd been taken on as well, which I appreciated. Liliana has also been extremely thoughtful, easy to communicate with, and supportive right from the get-go. BLF is an answer to prayer for us, and we couldn't recommend them enough.

- Allison H.

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SIX YEARS OF CRISTINA

CELEBRATING CRISTINA'S LEADERSHIP, IMPACT, AND LONG-AWAITED MOVE TO DALLAS

Cristina Yanez has been an essential part of The Button Law Firm for six years. As our Lead Paralegal and one of our longest-serving team members, she has helped transform our case team and BLF as a whole through her leadership, consistency, and genuine care for the families we represent.

This year, Cristina's anniversary feels especially meaningful because she has started an entirely new chapter: **She officially moved to Dallas and is now working alongside the team in person every day.**

Although Cristina has spent years collaborating closely with our attorneys and case team, most of that work has been done remotely from Houston.

Distance never stopped her from becoming one of the team's most trusted leaders. She kept cases moving, supported our attorneys through demanding moments, and served as a calm and dependable presence for clients navigating some of the hardest experiences of their lives.

"Cristina has played a major role in shaping the team we have today," Russell says.

"She understands what our attorneys need, she cares deeply about our clients, and she steps up whenever the team needs her. We've always been able to count on her, but having her here in the Dallas office has already made that connection even stronger."



Cristina's move has also brought an important personal change.

Her sister, BLF Managing Partner Ashley Knarr, is now living closer to Cristina than she has in many years.

"Cristina moving to Dallas means so much to me, both professionally and personally," Ashley says.

"She is one of the people I trust most, and I have watched her grow into an incredible leader who has helped make this firm better. Getting to work together in person is exciting, but having my sister and niece down the road for the first time in years makes this chapter especially meaningful."

Working with a sibling can come with a unique dynamic, but Cristina and Ashley have used their relationship to strengthen the firm.

They know how to communicate honestly, challenge one another, and remain focused on what the team and its clients need.

Their shared commitment to helping families has enabled them to build something meaningful together, even while working in different cities.

Now, after six years of video calls, messages, visits, and miles between us, Cristina is no longer simply connected to the Dallas team from afar.

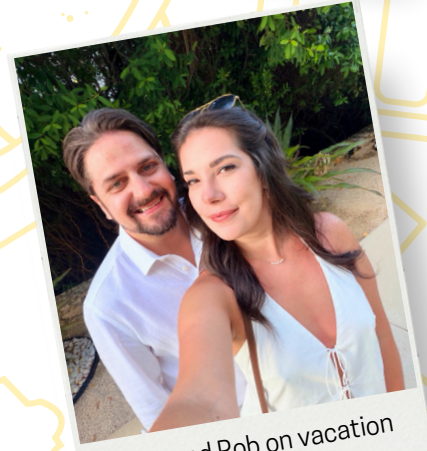
She is here for the everyday conversations, quick problem-solving sessions, team celebrations, and little moments that cannot be recreated through a screen.

We are proud to celebrate six years with Cristina and thrilled that this next chapter is one we finally get to share with her in person.

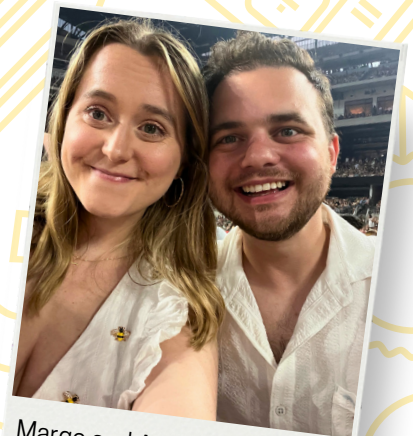
BLF BEHIND THE SCENES



Elizabeth hosting a baby shower for her friend Bria



Ashley and Rob on vacation in Mexico



Margo and Austin at the Noah Kahan Concert

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REFUSING TO ACCEPT INCOMPLETE ANSWERS A FAMILY'S FIGHT AND MISSING COVERAGE

A family's life was permanently changed when a distracted commercial truck driver ran a red light, killing a beloved wife and mother.

While grieving an unimaginable loss, the family was forced to search for answers about who was responsible.

Conflicting information about who owned the truck and multiple companies attempting to shift blame made an already painful situation even more difficult.

The insurance company added another obstacle by claiming that only a small amount of coverage was available.

However, that amount did not match the minimum coverage required under Texas law for the type of commercial operation involved.

The family refused to accept that answer. Through a detailed investigation, our team worked to untangle the relationships among the driver, the truck's owner, the companies involved, and the insurance carrier.

We then filed a separate legal action asking the court to determine the coverage that should legally be available for the family's claim.

By challenging the insurer's position, we secured access to the insurance coverage required by state law and gave the family greater clarity about the path ahead.

This story may also help other families who encounter similar attempts by insurance companies to limit commercial coverage.

Nothing can bring back the wife and mother this family lost.

However, making sure every responsible party is identified and every available resource is uncovered can provide security, accountability, and a way to begin moving forward.

For this family, getting justice meant refusing to settle for incomplete answers and having a team willing to keep fighting until the truth became clear.

