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## HOOK, LINE, AND UNWIND

## Prioritize Your Passions for a Fulfilling New Year

As January rolls around, there's always talk about New Year's resolutions, self-improvement goals, and professional projections. But what about your hobbies? What passions make you the happiest, most fulfilled version of yourself? I want to focus more on those this year, and since January is National Hobby Month, it's the perfect time to pick up that hobby you've lost amid the hustle and bustle of your daily duties.

You might not believe me when I say my main hobby is this firm and practicing law, but it's 100% true. It's what I love doing day in and out. However, if we're talking about a close second, it would have to be fishing. I've been fishing since I was a kid, and even in the earliest photos of me, you'll see a fishing pole in my hand. Since I was 8 years old, I had gone fishing every day of my life until I turned 18. Rain or shine, I had to catch a fish that day, no matter what.

Even if I only had five minutes to spare, I'd find the perfect spot where I knew I could catch a fish fast. There are endless reasons why

I've always loved fishing, from the opportunity to unwind outdoors to the strategic art of casting a line. You can also make it competitive with friends or spend time reflecting alone. But by the time I started college, I became too busy with exams, and before I knew it, I was a practicing attorney. When 2023 began, I decided I wanted to re-spark my love for fishing on a regular basis. Thanks to my loved ones and team members who gifted me Bass Pro Shop gift cards, I dove back into my passion for fishing.

No matter my schedule, I wake up at the crack of dawn to squeeze in some fishing time. While I don't mind the alone time, I know I can always count on my friends and my newly retired dad to join me on those misty mornings. Even my fiancé has gone fishing with me to see just why I love it so much.

As for Ashley, I wanted to see what hobbies she would like to revive this year, and I was surprised to learn that she's an excellent artist with a sketchbook filled with drawings. Similar to how I love to fish, Ashley loves sketching to help unwind and have some time to herself. All she needs to do is focus on what's in front of her and draw. With how busy our work can be, sometimes this is just what you need after a long day.

Ashley is also a big-time sports fan, if you didn't already know. Despite her schedule, she does her best to stay up to date with her favorite teams like the LSU Tigers, Miami Heat, Miami Dolphins, and Miami Marlins. As you can imagine, that's not an easy feat!

I hope this year you can spend more time doing what you love, whether fishing, sketching, or sitting down to watch your favorite sports team. Our hobbies enrich our lives, so prioritize them as best you can. I know I'll be trying my best this year, along with all I have planned for The Button Law Firm.

*-Russell Button*

# THANK YOU, ROBERTA

*SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND MORE!*

In the heart of Houston, there's a remarkable individual making a difference. Meet Roberta, an extraordinary mother and dedicated social worker with an unwavering passion for aiding children in need. Equipped with a master's degree in social work from The University of Houston, Roberta embarked on a journey that has seen her touch the lives of many.

Her career kicked off as a social worker for Houston nonprofits, where she actively contributed to families and children navigating challenging situations. This invaluable experience set the stage for her next chapter at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where she played a pivotal role in providing counseling, assessing patient needs, and connecting families with community services for post-hospital support.

Having left an indelible mark on the health care landscape, Roberta now finds herself at the heart of education as a school social worker, officially working as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Fort Bend Independent School District (ISD), one of the largest school districts in the Greater Houston Area. Here, she seamlessly blends academic and emotional support for students, all while championing a safe and nurturing educational environment. Most recently, as Chair of the Holiday Assistance Committee for the district, she led her

department in helping hundreds of students by securing sponsors for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Roberta cherishes her role as a mother to three children and a partner to her husband, Faisal. In the midst of her fulfilling career, she consistently finds time to prioritize family, embodying the spirit of compassion and care that defines her work. Roberta is more than a social worker; she is a beacon of support, illuminating the path for Houston's youth and leaving an enduring impact on the community she serves.

As we celebrate the incredible impact Roberta has made on the lives of Houston's youth, let's come together to express our gratitude. Join us in extending a heartfelt thank-you to Roberta for her unwavering dedication and the positive influence she continues to have on the well-being of children in our community!



## THE HEART-WRENCHING TALE OF ELLIOT'S ALLERGIC REACTION

### Legal Action Brought Accountability to a Negligent Daycare

life-threatening allergic reaction. He became distressed and afraid as his throat began to close up, and hives formed across his chest.

The daycare failed to tell caregivers of his allergy, did not post his allergen information anywhere in the classroom, and had no protocol for quickly and safely handling a medical emergency like Elliot's. To make matters worse, the staff confessed that they did not have his parent's correct contact information and were unable to reach both parents as their son was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance. This was a terrifying situation for Elliot.

Elliot arrived at the hospital barely able to breathe and vomiting. Fortunately, the doctors were able to provide him with epinephrine to ease his allergic reaction. Still, Elliot would later have to

undergo extensive allergy skin testing and bloodwork, which verified that Elliot was experiencing an allergic reaction to nuts.

While he may have physically recovered from the incident, Elliot has since experienced severe emotional stress. He became significantly more dependent on his mother, refusing to sleep in his own bed and even having an aversion to food in fear of an allergic reaction.

After Elliot's family came to us to investigate the case, we discovered that this daycare had over 20 citations against them for missing records, improper training, and much more. With the daycare's blatant neglect and its citation-filled history, we were able to win this case for Elliot and his family. Justice was served, and now this family can finally focus on Elliot's complete recovery.

Any parent can understand the gravity of a child's food allergies, and perhaps every parent's worst nightmare is their own child experiencing a life-threatening reaction when they aren't there. This is what happened to Elliot\* who was supposed to be under the watchful eye of a daycare facility. (\*His name is changed to protect the client's privacy.)

Despite having paperwork on file that detailed Elliot's nut allergy, the caregivers were never informed or even trained to handle an emergency situation. Sadly, during snack time, Elliot was given trail mix, a snack filled with different nuts. Soon, his body went into anaphylaxis, which is a severe,



# HAPPY ONE-YEAR WORK ANNIVERSARY, SARAH!

## How Sarah Became Integral to The Button Law Firm

Sarah Nava is our vibrant and dedicated administrative assistant who has now been with us for one year! Having spent a fulfilling 12 months contributing her skills to the team, Sarah has quickly become an integral part of the team's daily operations.

In her role, Sarah works closely under the guidance of Elizabeth, tackling a myriad of operational tasks that keep the firm running seamlessly. Truly a versatile team member, Sarah doesn't hesitate to dip her toes into different aspects of the firm, providing valuable assistance to Jacqueline in marketing, Eurika with intake, and the paralegal team. Sarah shares, "It's never boring!"

Sarah's journey here has been a continuous learning experience. Accustomed to being

independent, Sarah shared that she had a hard time asking for help, but we made sure she knew we were always here to help her! Over time, she has learned to allow herself to receive help as she soon recognized the sincerity and support of her team.

One aspect that makes The Button Law Firm stand out for Sarah is its genuine commitment to making a difference in the lives of its clients. "The Button Law Firm is an incredible place with a team that actually wants to make a difference and find the best outcome possible for their clients," said Sarah. After joining the team, she's been able to uplift clients and help them through their legal journeys.

In a year filled with growth and learning, Sarah has come to cherish the kindness



of the clients she works with. The team at The Button Law Firm has fostered an environment where everyone, from leadership to the entire team, genuinely wants each other to succeed and thrive. Sarah is excited to continue her journey with the firm and eager to improve, learn, and contribute to the success of the team. "Anything I can do to improve, I will try and learn!"

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## CLIENT REVIEW

***"The Button Law Firm was very easy to work with and extremely professional. It was a relief to have the help of Rena and the team as we navigated a difficult situation. I highly recommend working with them. We appreciate all the help and guidance received during such an emotional time."***

*-Cristina C.*

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# STAY SAFE AND INFORMED IN 2024

## The Ultimate Resources for Daycare Injuries and Car Accidents

The best way to prevent an accident or injury is by being informed and prepared for whatever may come your way. That is why The Button Law Firm team does our best to provide as much information as possible on personal injury, car accidents, daycare and child injuries, and more.

Legal protocols aren't always the smoothest to grasp, and there's a reason why our team has spent years focusing on these! When we offer education and accurate information, we can empower you to protect your rights.

That's why we have written three informational guides to help people better understand their own legal standing and learn how to prevent an injury in the future.

The first guide, **"10 Tips for Finding a Safe Daycare — a Guide for Parents**

**and Families to Prevent Daycare Abuse, Injury, and Neglect,"** can provide families with the tools and resources they need to find the best daycare for their children. Our team has represented countless families over the years, and we've noted the recurring patterns among unsafe daycares. No daycare should ever compromise on safety or harm a child, whether it's intentionally or unintentionally. This guide can help parents keep their children safe and know exactly what red flags to watch out for in a daycare.

For parents whose child has already experienced a daycare injury, we also have **"A Five-Step Guide for Parents Dealing With a Daycare Injury."** The in-depth guide offers detailed guidance on how to:

- Seek immediate medical attention
- Request an incident report from the daycare
- Report the incident to the state
- Inform yourself and investigate
- Know your rights as a parent

As for the final guide, **"What to Do After a Car Wreck,"** it describes precisely what the title suggests! We took clients' most asked questions after they experienced a car accident and answered them in this helpful free guide! When you know what you need to do, you can remove all the stress that occurs when you're unsure of your situation.

As we gear up for 2024, we hope our resources can help educate and keep our community safe. You can access these free guides by scanning this QR code!

