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WHY ANNIVERSARIES MATTER AT BLF

A REFLECTION ON CONSISTENCY, COMMITMENT, AND TRUST

January is always a time when people look ahead, but at The Button Law Firm, it is also a time to pause and look back. This month marks several anniversaries for our firm and our team members, and it feels like the right moment to reflect on what those milestones truly mean.

At BLF, anniversaries are not about numbers on a calendar - they're a celebration of consistency and dedication.

They honor the team members who show up, stay committed, and continue to do the work the right way, especially when the work is challenging and families are counting on us.

BLF was built to be a place families could turn when something went wrong. A place that takes child safety seriously, treats people with respect, and stays focused on doing meaningful work.

Every new year is a reminder that families trust us during some of the hardest moments of their lives, and that trust is something we work to earn every single day.



January is also an anniversary month for several team members. Sarah is celebrating three years, Kaitlyn is celebrating two years, and Carmen is celebrating one year on the team.

These milestones represent individuals choosing to grow here, invest in this work, and care deeply about the families we serve.

That matters because the work we do asks a lot of the people doing it. Families reach out during moments of fear, confusion, and stress.

They need patience, consistency, and people who truly care in their corner.

“WHEN I THINK ABOUT OUR ANNIVERSARIES, I THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE. THE FAMILIES WHO TRUST US AND THE TEAM MEMBERS WHO SHOW UP FOR THEM EVERY DAY.”

- ASHLEY KNARR

Trust is not built in a single moment or a single case. It is built over time, through clear communication, follow-through, and showing up when it matters most.

As we move further into the new year, our eleventh anniversary will keep us grounded. It will remind us to protect what makes our firm special, continue building a team that leads with compassion, and support families across Texas.

We are grateful for the people who have been part of this journey, and we look forward to continuing this work with the same care, commitment, and consistency that brought us here.

*- Russell Button and
Ashley Knarr*

This January also marks 11 years for The Button Law Firm.

When we think about that milestone, we think about our purpose.

TWO YEARS OF SHOWING UP: KAITLYN'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY AT THE BUTTON LAW FIRM

Two years can hold a lot of life.

Since joining The Button Law Firm in 2024, Kaitlyn Moreno has gotten married, turned 30, reached four years as a licensed attorney, and taken her first trip to Europe.

She's traveled more than she has in years — attending three weddings, including one overseas for one of her closest friends, and visiting New York for the first time.

She describes the past year as "travel-packed," a year where weekends made room for memories. And somehow, it all went by fast.

But amid all the milestones and movement, one moment stands still.



Just days before her two-year anniversary at BLF, Kaitlyn wrapped up a case she began working on when she first started — a wrongful death case that stayed with her from day one.

Although the client had passed, Kaitlyn spent years learning who she was through her family's words, memories, and love.

She's someone I'll talk about for the rest of my life.

Even though I never met her, through her family's statements and love for her, I feel like I knew her personally.

- KAITLYN MORENO

That connection is what defines Kaitlyn's work.

"Kaitlyn brings an incredible level of heart and passion to every single client she speaks with," Russell Button shared.

"She treats people like family from the very first conversation, and that care shows up in everything she does."

It's a quality that has been constant over the last two years, whether Kaitlyn is navigating the weight of a long, complex case or simply being present for a family during one of the most difficult moments of their lives. Her approach is thoughtful, steady, and deeply human.

Ashley sees that commitment every day.

"Kaitlyn never forgets that these cases represent real people and real families," she said. "She listens, she cares deeply, and she shows up fully, not just as a lawyer, but as a friend."

As the year sped by, Kaitlyn continued doing what she has always done: carrying her clients' stories with her, honoring them with care, and putting in the work even when no one is watching.

Her two years at The Button Law Firm have been filled with change, growth, and unforgettable moments.

And if the last two years are any indication, Kaitlyn will continue to be someone who shows up - for her clients, her team, and her community.

BLF CLIENT REVIEW

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Words cannot describe how amazing The Button Law Firm has been to our family during the most difficult time of our life. Literally a nightmare and they have guided us through the entire process and checked on us. Kaitlyn has made sure I never felt alone in the process and we wouldn't have been able to get where we're today if it wasn't for her. She truly has a heart of gold & a passion for what she does. The firm has had me in tears many of times because you can hear and feel that each and everyone one of them at this firm is here for you and your family as they show you they truly care with every email, call, text, package, and simply just showing up when they don't have to go the extra mile.

I wouldn't recommend any other firm.

- Sarah P

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WHEN THE WEATHER TURNS COLD

SAFETY STILL COMES FIRST

When the temperature drops, parents naturally start thinking about how to keep their children warm and safe. But cold-weather safety is not just about grabbing a coat on the way out the door.

It is also about how a daycare plans for outdoor play, supervises children in changing conditions, and responds when the weather creates additional risks.

If your child attends daycare during the winter months, there are **three key things parents should look for** to help ensure their child is protected.

1 CHILDREN SHOULD BE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER

That means layers that keep them warm, along with a coat, hat, and gloves or mittens that actually stay on.

Daycare staff should also be aware of safety concerns with cold-weather clothing, like hoods or strings that can get caught during play.

If outdoor time is part of the routine, parents should feel confident that proper clothing is expected and communicated, not left to chance.

2 OUTDOOR TIME SHOULD BE ADJUSTED BASED ON THE WEATHER

Fresh air and movement matter, but winter conditions can change quickly, and safety should always come first.

On colder days, outdoor play may need to be shortened, moved to a sheltered area,



or replaced with indoor movement time.

A safe daycare is paying attention to the weather and making thoughtful decisions instead of sticking to a routine that ignores what is happening outside.

3 SUPERVISION MATTERS EVEN MORE IN THE COLD WEATHER

Young children cannot always tell when their hands are too cold or when they are starting to feel uncomfortable.

That is why daycare staff should actively watch children outside and check on them regularly, especially their hands, fingers, and faces.

Being present on the playground is not enough.

Caregivers should be close, engaged, and paying attention to how each child is doing.

Cold weather will always be part of childhood, and outdoor play can still be a healthy part of the day when it is handled responsibly.

What should never be optional is supervision, communication, and thoughtful decision-making.

When daycares take cold-weather safety seriously, and parents feel empowered to speak up, children are better protected.

Families deserve to feel confident that their child's care does not change just because the temperature does.

BLF BEHIND THE SCENES



Ashley on her Houston vacation to see friends and family



Ashley and Elizabeth with their friend Bri celebrating the new year in Baton Rouge



Kaitlyn and her sister on their New York trip

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WHEN A DAYCARE FAILED TO PROTECT A LITTLE GIRL

SUPERVISION FAILURES

Recently, a Texas family received a call from their child's daycare that quickly turned into something far more frightening.

Their little girl had been bitten by a venomous snake while playing on the daycare playground. The parents were terrified.

The daycare sat near wooded areas known for dangerous wildlife, and the playground fence had large gaps that allowed animals to slip through.

Even with these risks, children were taken outside without anyone checking the area or supervising them closely.

To make matters worse, after the incident, daycare staff did not call 911.

Instead, her parents rushed her to the emergency room themselves.

By the time they arrived, her hand and wrist were swollen, dark, and painful.

Doctors quickly administered anti-venom before transferring her to a children's hospital for observation.

In the weeks that followed, the little girl continued to struggle. She experienced ongoing pain, separation anxiety, night terrors, and disrupted sleep.

When the family reached out to our team, one of their biggest questions was whether pursuing legal action would even be worth it. They didn't want to put their daughter through more stress than she had already endured.

We understood that fear - but after investigating, it was clear this daycare's history of neglect couldn't be ignored.

We supported the family throughout the process and achieved a life-changing result, giving the parents the peace of mind that comes from knowing they stood up for her.

Cases like this often start with uncertainty. Parents often worry they're overreacting or wonder if it is "serious enough" to speak up about.

We want you to know you don't have to have all the answers before reaching out. The most important first step is having a conversation with someone who will listen, hear your concerns, and help you understand your options.