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THE QUIET WAYS FATHERS SHAPE US

WHAT MY DAD TAUGHT ME ABOUT SHOWING UP

Father's Day has a way of making you think about the things you didn't fully understand as a kid.

When I was younger, I don't think I realized how much I was learning from my dad. Not because he sat me down for big life lessons or gave long speeches about character, responsibility, or work ethic. A lot of what he taught me came in quieter ways.

It came from watching him.

It came from seeing how consistent he was. How seriously he took responsibility. How he approached work. How he showed up for the people and things that mattered to him.

One of my favorite memories with my dad was going fishing on my birthday. We would often go striper fishing at Lake Texoma, and over time, it became our father-son tradition.



As a kid, I looked forward to those trips because they were fun. But looking back now, I realize they were about more than fishing.

They were about the time together. They were about having space to talk, reflect, and just be present with each other.

Most of all, they were about him showing up for me.

That's one of the lessons from my dad that has stayed with me the most: you show up.

Not just when it is easy. Not just for the celebrations. Not just for the fun parts. You show up when someone needs you.

You show up when something is hard. You show up when there is work to be done.

That lesson has shaped how I try to live my life and how we approach families at The Button Law Firm.

When families come to us, they are often in one of the hardest moments of their lives.

Their child has been hurt. Their trust has been broken. They are trying to understand what happened, what comes next, and how they're supposed to move forward.

In those moments, showing up matters.

Sometimes that means being there for the major parts of a case, appointments, hearings, depositions, trial preparation, or difficult conversations.

Sometimes it means helping a family think through what they need outside of the legal case, like finding a safer daycare or understanding what support they may need after everything changes.

Sometimes it means being there after the case is over, and the family is still living with what happened.

To me, that is what responsibility looks like.

It's not just showing up when the work is visible. It's not just being present when there is something to celebrate. It's being steady when people are depending on you. It's taking their trust seriously. It's doing what you said you were going to do.

As I've gotten older, I have come to understand more clearly that fathers and other parental figures shape us in ways we may not recognize until much later. They influence how we treat people, how we handle pressure, how we define responsibility, and how we decide who we want to be.

For me, Father's Day is a chance to be grateful for those lessons.

I am grateful for the time my dad gave me. I am grateful for the example he continues to set. And I am grateful that the lesson of showing up is one I get to carry forward every day.

- Russell Button

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR WITH JENNIFER AND LILIANA HOW TWO ROLES HELPED TRANSFORM OUR CASE TEAM

This month, we are celebrating Jennifer Guzman Jarquin and Liliana Tatengo, who have both reached their one-year anniversaries with The Button Law Firm.

Their first year at BLF has been an important one because their roles have strengthened how our case team supports the children and families we represent.



When Jennifer joined BLF as our Child Advocate, it was the first time our firm had a designated person in that role.

It was a meaningful step forward for our team and for the families we serve.

After a daycare or child injury, families are often trying to make sense of so much at once.

They may be watching for changes in their child's behavior, trying to understand symptoms, looking for the right type of help, and wondering what is normal after trauma and what needs more attention.

Jennifer helps walk families through those questions with care and clarity.

With her background in social work and mental health, Jennifer helps families feel heard, supported, and better equipped to understand what their child may be experiencing after an injury.

Her work helps make sure a child's emotional, behavioral, and developmental needs are not overlooked.

"Adding Jennifer as our Child Advocate changed the way we are able to support families," Russell Button said. "She helps us see and understand the impact on a child in a deeper way, and that has made a real difference in how we care for our clients."

Ashley Knarr added, "Jennifer brings compassion, patience, and a level of understanding that families truly need during some of the hardest moments of their lives. Her role is one of the things that sets BLF apart."



Liliana has also played a key role in strengthening the case team this year.

As a paralegal, Liliana helps ensure cases move forward. Her consistency, communication, and compassion have made her someone both clients and team members can count on.

Liliana brings nearly 10 years of legal experience and a strong desire to help people facing difficult systems and hard decisions. At BLF, she uses that experience to stand up for kids and families during some of the most challenging moments.

"Liliana has brought passion to the case team from day one," Russell said. "She understands how important the early stages of a case are, and she helps families feel supported while also keeping the case moving forward."

Ashley said, "Liliana is thoughtful, dependable, and deeply committed to the families we serve. She has been such an important part of this transformative year for our case team."

Together, Jennifer and Liliana represent something we care deeply about at BLF: doing more to keep families moving forward.

We are so grateful for Jennifer and Liliana's first year with BLF, and we are excited to continue watching the impact they make.

BLF CLIENT REVIEW

I cannot say enough about The Button Law Firm and the level of care, urgency, and compassion they bring to their clients. From the very beginning, they were incredibly attentive and responsive. This wasn't a situation where you feel like just another case number; they truly made me feel heard, supported, and prioritized during one of the most stressful times of my life, when something happened to one of my children. They explain things clearly, keep you updated, and make sure you understand what's happening every step of the way, which is so important when you're dealing with something overwhelming. If you are looking for a law firm that is not only highly professional and effective but also compassionate, responsive, and truly invested in your family's well-being, I would absolutely recommend The Button Law Firm. They go above and beyond in every sense, and that kind of dedication is rare!

- Nancy A.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF BETTER ADVOCACY

HOW OUR ANNUAL ATTORNEY WORKSHOP HELPS US BETTER SERVE FAMILIES

Each year, the attorneys at BLF set aside a few days to step away from the day-to-day pace of cases and focus on something extremely important: how we can continue becoming the best team possible for our clients and our community.

This year, Russell, Ashley, Rena, and Kaitlyn spent three days in Austin learning, discussing, planning, and working through the systems that help our case team handle complex and catastrophic daycare and child injury cases with consistency and care.

While most people see the final result of our work, there is a lot of preparation that happens long before it.

At BLF, that preparation is intentional.

Each year around November or December, Russell and Ashley sit down and look closely at where the case team is, how cases are being handled, and what the attorneys need next.

The goal is not to cover everything. The goal is to focus on the topics that matter most and spend focused time working through them, which results in making a difference for the clients and families we serve.

“This workshop is about making sure we are not just working hard, but working better,” Russell said.



“Even when a case teaches us a hard lesson, preparation is what allows us to learn from it, improve, and make better decisions for the next family that needs us.”

One of the leadership concepts discussed during the workshop was “do one, show one, supervise one.”

The idea is simple: do the work, teach the work, and then guide others as they grow into doing it themselves.

For our team, that means building lawyers who are not only capable of handling complex cases but also confident, prepared, and supported as they continue developing.

Ashley said, “The families we serve are often going through one of the hardest moments of their lives. We owe it to them to keep growing, keep training, and keep building systems that allow us to show up with clarity and consistency.”

The workshop is also a reminder that strong legal work doesn’t just happen by accident.

It’s built through preparation, honest conversations, continued learning, and a commitment to getting better year after year.

At BLF, we believe being a great team for our clients means never assuming we have it all figured out.

It means taking the time to evaluate what is working, identify what needs to improve, and build the systems that help us serve families at the highest level.

Because when children and families are counting on us, preparation matters, consistency matters, and continuing to grow as a team matters.

BLF BEHIND THE SCENES



Rena and her family after finishing an escape room



Russell, Ashley, and their families spending a day on the lake



Ashley and Elizabeth at the Carousel Lounge in New Orleans

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I'M DIGGING THE
SUMMER WEATHER!

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TWO MONTHS OF QUESTIONS HOW ONE PARENT'S PERSISTENCE UNCOVERED THE TRUTH

A Texas mother knew something was wrong when her son started coming home from daycare with fingernail marks, scratches, and scabs under his arms.

She reported her concerns to the daycare, but each time they were dismissed. Two months later, she found the same types of injuries under her little boy's arms and went back to the daycare demanding answers.

This time, surveillance footage confirmed what the family feared. A frustrated caregiver had repeatedly yanked, lifted, and mishandled the toddler instead of caring for him safely.

The video showed the little boy acting like a normal toddler. The caregiver responded with forceful and aggressive handling. One caregiver grabbed him so hard that she left nail marks and broke his skin through the jacket he was wearing.

This should never happen in a daycare. Texas daycares are required to follow minimum standards designed to keep children safe. Caregivers are not allowed to yank, pull, aggressively grab, or use physical force as discipline.

The daycare director also had a responsibility to monitor caregivers and protect the children in the center's care. That did not happen here.

The impact on this toddler went far beyond the physical marks. His injuries made everyday activities like bathing painful.

Months later, he cried when lifted under his arms. He regressed from being potty-trained back to needing pull-ups.

He struggled to sleep alone, became intensely anxious when separated from his parents, and showed fear during daycare drop-offs that used to be happy and easy.

After the truth was uncovered, the family contacted The Button Law Firm.

Our team held the daycare center accountable for its negligence, unsafe discipline, and failure to protect this child.

We secured justice and a life-changing result that provided for his medical care, long-term therapy, and other damages, helping this little boy and his family begin moving forward.

