



# HOT-BUTTON ISSUES

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## MY 5-9 BEFORE OUR 9-5 BEFORE THE CALLS, CASES, AND COURTROOMS

Most people see the workday when it officially begins.

They see the phone calls, meetings, case strategy, client conversations, and decisions that happen once the office is open.

But for me, the day starts before that. The hours before work aren't just about getting ready. They're about getting grounded.

When families come to us after something traumatic has happened to their child, I can't roll into the day unprepared. I have to be clear, focused, and ready to carry hard conversations, think through serious problems, and make decisions that matter.

That doesn't happen by accident. For me, it starts early in the morning.

### Protecting the Time to Think

The first part of my morning is intentionally quiet. I usually start with coffee, and I try not to look at my phone right away. Ashley and I both keep email off our phones, and that's intentional.

There's enough urgency once the day starts. If I begin the morning reacting, I lose the chance to think clearly before the day takes over.

A lot of that quiet time is spent working through problems. Usually, before I go to bed, I already know the issues I need to solve.

It may be a case question, a leadership decision, a strategy issue, or something I need to approach differently.

Sometimes I write it down. Sometimes I make a list. Sometimes I just sit with it and think through it.

The purpose is the same: I'm trying to create clarity before the pressure of the day begins.

That time matters because families come to us after moments that changed their lives. They're looking for answers, direction, and someone who can help carry the weight.

I can't do that well if I haven't prepared my own mind first.

### The Workout Changes the Way the Day Feels

Working out is another important part of my morning. When I get my workout done early, I feel more focused and dialed in. I move into the day with more energy and control.



When I don't, I notice it. It takes me longer to get going. I feel like I'm catching up instead of starting with momentum.

Some days, I have to be flexible and move the workout to the evening unless it's already an off day. The point isn't perfection.

The point is having habits that keep me steady, even when the day doesn't unfold the way I expected.

### The Ordinary Parts Matter Too

Not every part of the morning is strategy, study, or discipline. Some of it is just life. I make breakfast and lunch. I get ready for the day. My wife, Sammy, walks our dog, Chuie, in the mornings. The house starts moving.

Sometimes those are the moments that help keep everything else grounded.

### Why This Matters to Our Work

I don't protect my mornings because I care about having a perfect routine. I protect them because of what our work requires.

Before the calls begin, before the meetings start, before the workday officially opens, I'm already thinking about how to show up the right way.

The 9-5 is what most people see. The 5-9 is what helps make that possible. What does your 5-9 include?

- Russell Button

# EURIKA & ERIKA: DOUBLE THE NAMES, DOUBLE THE IMPACT

At The Button Law Firm, some of the most important work happens during the very first phone call, when a parent is overwhelmed, emotional, uncertain, or simply trying to understand what just happened to their child.

Those conversations set the tone for everything that follows, and on our team, two people have helped guide families through those moments with compassion, patience, and consistency: **Eurika Webster and Erika Chavez.**

This year marks three years at BLF for Eurika and one year for Erika, and together, they've become an essential part of the firm's intake team and one of the most recognizable duos in the office.

And yes, people definitely mix up their names. A lot.

But while callers may occasionally confuse whom they're speaking with, families quickly remember the way they were treated: with kindness, understanding, and the reassurance that someone was truly listening.

Together, Eurika and Erika handle the majority of the firm's intake calls, often speaking with families during some of the hardest moments of their lives.



Over the years, Eurika has become known for her steady presence and ability to make people feel comfortable from the very beginning.

"Eurika has an incredible ability to connect with people," said Russell Button. "You can hear the compassion in the way she speaks to families, and she consistently makes people feel like they matter from the very first conversation."

That same care has helped shape the intake experience across the firm.

"Eurika brings so much heart to what she does," said Ashley Knarr. "She's thoughtful, dependable, and genuinely cares about every family she talks to. That makes a bigger impact than people realize."

Over the past year, Erika has brought that same energy and dedication to the team. Since joining BLF, she has quickly become a reliable and positive presence not only for the families who call, but for everyone around her.

Whether she's helping organize intake information, supporting clients, or keeping things moving behind the scenes, Erika approaches every task with patience and a willingness to help wherever needed.

"Erika came into the role ready to learn and make a difference immediately," Russell said. "She's incredibly hardworking, brings great energy to the office, and has become someone the team can truly rely on."

Ashley agrees. "Erika has such a positive presence about her," Ashley said. "She's organized, caring, and always willing to step in wherever she's needed. She's made a huge impact in just one year."



Together, Eurika and Erika bring our core values to life, especially **Family and Team.** Their work is a constant reminder that how families are treated matters just as much as the work itself.

We're incredibly grateful for the compassion, dedication, and teamwork both Eurika and Erika bring to BLF every single day, and we're excited to celebrate this milestone with them both.

Happy BLF anniversary, Eurika and Erika!

## BLF CLIENT REVIEW

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I honestly do not know what I would have done without Erika. She went far beyond what anyone would normally expect and treated me like a person, not just another client. During a very stressful time, she was always there to answer questions, calm concerns, and make sure everything was handled properly.

Her dedication, professionalism, and compassion truly stood out. It is rare today to find someone who genuinely cares this much about helping people. I am beyond grateful and would highly recommend this law firm to anyone needing strong, honest, and caring representation.

- **Bosko R.**

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# MEET THE “KID DEFENDER”

## RENA SHARES WHAT IT MEANS TO PROTECT CHILDREN AT CAREER DAY

At The Button Law Firm, protecting children is more than just the work we do; it shapes how we connect with families and our community every day.

Recently, one of our attorneys, Rena Piper, had the opportunity to bring that mission into a very special setting when she visited her son Ryen’s fourth-grade class for career day.

Instead of simply introducing herself as an attorney, Rena explained her role in a way the students could immediately understand:

### A “kid defender.”

Through stories, conversation, and thoughtful questions from the class, Rena shared what it means to help families after a child has been hurt and why protecting children matters so much to the work our team does every day.

“Talking to the kids about what we do was such a meaningful experience,” Rena said. “They were incredibly curious and asked really thoughtful questions about safety, helping people, and what it means to stand up for others.”

For many students, it was their first time hearing about daycare and child injury law, or learning that there are people whose job

is to help protect children and hold others accountable when safety is ignored.

But more than anything, the day was about connection.

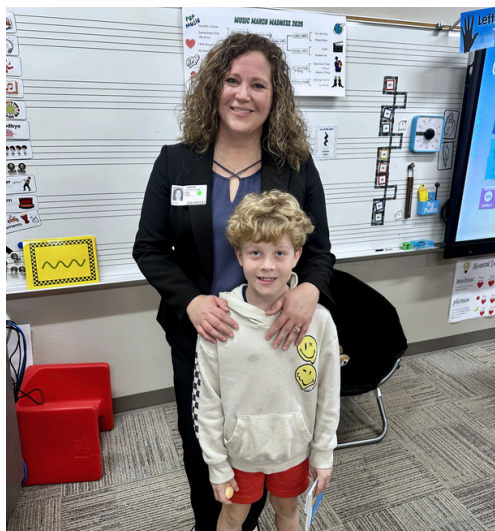
It was an opportunity to show students that being a lawyer isn’t just about courtrooms or paperwork. Sometimes, it’s about helping people through difficult moments, speaking up for those who need support, and working to make things safer for others.

“I wanted them to understand that this work is really about helping families,” Rena said. “At the end of the day, being a lawyer means being someone people can turn to when they need help.”

The visit also reflected something deeply important to The Button Law Firm: the belief that community involvement matters.

Whether it’s through education, outreach, or simply showing up for our own families, moments like these are a reminder that the impact of this work extends far beyond the office.

And for one fourth-grade class, career day came with a new title they won’t forget anytime soon: Kid Defender.



# BLF BEHIND THE SCENES



Ashley and Rob at the summit of Enchanted Rock



Russell, Sammy and their families celebrating Mother's Day



Carmen, Dan, and family after their wedding in Costa Rica

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## HOW DID NO ONE STOP IT? A 14-MONTH-OLD BABY WAS BITTEN **NINE TIMES** INSIDE A DAYCARE CLASSROOM

What happened to this 14-month-old baby should never happen in a daycare.

A toddler was bitten again and again by another child, leaving nine separate bite wounds across his back, many deep enough to break the skin.

When the daycare called his parents, they were told their son had been bitten "multiple times," but that he was okay.

But when they saw the photos, they were horrified. Their baby's back was covered in bite marks. They rushed to pick him up, left asking the same questions any parent would ask:

How does a child get bitten this many times without someone stopping it? How long was he left there before anyone noticed? And how could this happen to a baby who relied entirely on adults to protect him?

The explanations from the daycare kept changing. But the parents knew something didn't add up. A baby doesn't get bitten nine times in silence.

That's when the family reached out to The Button Law Firm.

As the investigation began, the truth became even more concerning. The caregiver admitted she relied on listening to the children rather than maintaining visual supervision.

Texas childcare rules are designed specifically to prevent situations like this, but those safeguards failed.

And for this family, the impact didn't end with the physical injuries. After the incident, the child struggled in new daycare environments, and his parents were left trying to help him process something that never should've happened.

Our team worked to uncover the truth about what happened inside that classroom and hold the daycare accountable for the supervision failures that led to this attack. Together, we secured a life-changing result that helped provide the family with support, answers, and the resources their child needed moving forward.

When parents entrust a daycare with their child, that trust comes with responsibility. And when that responsibility is ignored, families deserve accountability.

