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EIGHT YEARS OF EVOLUTION: ASHLEY CELEBRATES 8 YEARS WITH THE BUTTON LAW FIRM

Eight years ago, I walked into The Button Law Firm excited to be part of something meaningful, but I couldn't have imagined just how deeply this work would shape me.

I knew we were going to help people, and I knew the cases would matter. But I didn't fully grasp how much I would grow—how much I would be challenged and transformed by the experiences, the people, and the mission we're committed to every single day.

“This year, my growth has felt more intentional than ever. It's no longer just about becoming a better lawyer; it's about becoming a stronger leader, a more effective advocate, and a more grounded version of myself.”

Success isn't only about courtroom victories—it's also about who I am for the people around me, both inside and outside of work.

One of the most powerful shifts has been how we support families beyond the legal process. Adding a full-time Child Advocate to our team was a game-changer, not just for our cases but for me personally. Watching how this role has transformed the way we listen to and care for families has reminded me of why I'm here.

It's helped me slow down and reinforced the belief that being great at what I do means being present, empathetic, and deeply human.

I've grown as a communicator and a leader because of what I've learned from the families we serve and from our team. Sometimes being a strong advocate simply means asking better questions, listening more, and recognizing that even small steps forward can create lasting impact.

This year's BLF Attorney Retreat was another marker of success for me. It wasn't just about legal skills or strategy sessions, though those were valuable. It was about being surrounded by a team of people who care just as deeply about this work and are constantly striving to improve.

Watching Kaitlyn and Rena push themselves every day, from sunrise runs to late-night brainstorming, was a reminder of what we're building here. It's not just a law firm; it's a family of people who refuse to be average.



Their energy and determination light a fire in me, showing that leadership is as much about encouragement as it is about example.

That kind of energy fuels me. It pushes me to keep showing up when things are hard, holding space for others, and continuing to learn even when I think I've got it all figured out. Looking back, I don't feel like I've "arrived" at some endpoint. I feel like I'm just hitting my stride. The wins feel deeper, and the obstacles fuel my desire to do better, learn more, and keep fighting for what's right.

To the BLF team: thank you for walking this road with me. You've taught me more than you know. And to the families who have trusted us with their most vulnerable moments: you are the reason I continue to grow, lead, and love this work with my whole heart. You've shown me that our work is about more than cases—it's about healing, trust, and building something that will matter for years to come.

Eight years in, and I'm more inspired than ever. Here's to the evolution behind us—and everything still to come.

A SWEET (& SALTY) NEW CHAPTER

HOW THE SANTOS FAMILY TURNED TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH

At The Button Law Firm, we're not just here for families during their case—we're here long after justice is served and the courtroom is behind them. One of the most meaningful parts of our work is staying connected with the families we've helped and cheering them on as they continue to heal, grow, and thrive.

One of those families holds a special place in our hearts.

It was a devastating experience for their family, and we knew from the beginning how important it would be to fight for accountability and answers.

Years ago, the Santos family came to us after their daughter suffered a serious injury at the State Fair of Texas. What should have been a fun day out ended in tragedy when she broke her leg due to the negligent operation of a ride.

Their daughter's injury required extensive medical treatment and recovery time, but this family met every challenge with strength and determination.

It was clear from the start that they were doing everything they could to support her and advocate for her future. We were honored to stand by them and help guide

them through the legal process while they focused on what mattered most—her healing.

Over the years, we've had the privilege of keeping in touch and watching their story continue.

Their daughter is doing great and heading off to college in the fall. The family also recently launched a small business called Michael's Pretzel, turning their passion for food into something truly special for the Dallas community.

If you haven't tried one of their handmade pretzels yet, trust us—you're missing out.

You can find their stand at the Harry Hines Bazaar, where they've built a loyal following and continue to serve up some of the best pretzels in town. It's more than just a pretzel stand—it's a family-run business built on love, hustle, and a whole lot of heart.

We're so proud of what they've created and of the life they've built since their case. Their journey is a testament to resilience, hard work, and the power of community support. They turned a painful chapter into motivation to keep going—and today, they're doing amazing things.



BLF CLIENT REVIEW

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The Button law firm has been great. Specifically attorney Rena has been an absolute gem in the difficult and emotional process of navigating seeking justice for harm our child experienced at a daycare facility. No matter how many questions I have, or how many times I have had to reach out Rena has always been extremely accessible, forthcoming, knowledgeable and exhibited genuine care and concern that has helped ease our mind through this process. We have always felt extremely supported, and definitely feel like Rena and the firm have our daughter and families best interests in mind at all time. We highly recommend the Button Law firm, and are so grateful for the fight they have fought for our baby! – Allison Pedigo

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JENNIFER JOINS BLF:

HOW OUR DEDICATED CHILD ADVOCATE IS CHANGING THE GAME

At The Button Law Firm, every role on our team is rooted in purpose, and one of our newest team members, Jennifer, brings that to life in a truly meaningful way. As our Child Advocate, Jennifer is making a difference by ensuring the voices of children and families are heard and centered throughout the legal process.

Jennifer joined us with a strong background in social work and mental health. She holds a master's degree in social work and spent years working with families who were navigating trauma, loss, and complex emotional challenges. In that role, she learned how to listen deeply, provide steady support, and connect families with resources that allowed them to begin healing. Now, she brings that experience to BLF, helping us deepen the care and support we offer families facing life-altering child injury cases.

In her role, Jennifer works alongside our attorneys to build the damages portion of each case, making sure the long-term emotional, psychological, and developmental effects of an incident are fully understood and documented.

DOES EVERY LAW FIRM HAVE A CHILD ADVOCATE?

No, but we do. We want to go above and beyond to make sure your child is protected.



She also serves as a compassionate guide to parents, helping them recognize the early emotional and behavioral changes their child might experience after trauma and connecting them with helpful tools and resources along the way.

What stood out to Jennifer about The Button Law Firm was the team's commitment to doing things differently. "When I found BLF, I immediately connected with the mission and the values," she says.

"It was clear this wasn't just about law, it was about truly showing up for families." She felt the same connection to our culture of collaboration and support. "Everyone here works together and lifts each other up. It feels like a family."

That sense of community also extends to Jennifer's life outside of work.

She and her husband live in a very lively household, with four dogs and four reptiles keeping them busy and entertained. Whether they're out fishing or hiking or just spending time wrangling bulldogs and tortoises, Jennifer finds joy in the small, chaotic moments.

We're so excited to have Jennifer as a member of the BLF family.

Her experience, heart, and advocacy are already helping us better serve the families who trust us, and we can't wait for you to get to know her.



BLF BEHIND THE SCENES



Elizabeth and her friend Harper and niece, Vivian



Ashley and Adam visiting the Fort Worth Stock Yards



Margo and Austin celebrating at a friend's wedding

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WHEN NEGLIGENCE STRIKES A CHILD'S EPIPEN INJURY AT DAYCARE

In 2024, an incident at a Waxahachie daycare left a 4-year-old in need of emergency medical treatment after another child found an EpiPen in a backpack. The child, mistaking it for a "special marker," injected themselves, causing immediate harm and long-lasting emotional trauma for both them and their family.

The backpack containing the unsecured medication had been left within reach of the children. Despite being supervised by three teachers and an assistant director, no adult intervened before the EpiPen was used. Staff also failed to respond appropriately afterward. Emergency services weren't contacted until the child's mother arrived and had to instruct the panicked assistant director to call 9-1-1.

The child's mother was overwhelmed and unsure what to do next. She reached out to

our team for guidance. We helped her document everything—each conversation with the daycare, communications with staff, and any changes in her child's behavior. We also recommended that the child be seen by their pediatrician as soon as possible to monitor medical and emotional recovery. We ensured that Texas Health and Human Services (THHS) was notified and a formal report filed.

Our investigation revealed multiple violations of state childcare standards: medications must be stored securely, caregivers must supervise children properly, and staff must respond immediately in medical emergencies.

None of these standards were followed. The daycare's lack of oversight and inadequate training created a dangerous environment with real consequences.

Throughout the process, we worked with the family to make sure their story was heard.

We addressed the physical injury and the lasting emotional and psychological toll on both the child and the family. At every step, the family received support and guidance so they never felt alone.



Ultimately, our work provided accountability and helped the family begin to rebuild their sense of safety and trust. Incidents like this are preventable, and when a daycare fails to protect a child, we step in to hold them responsible and help families move forward.