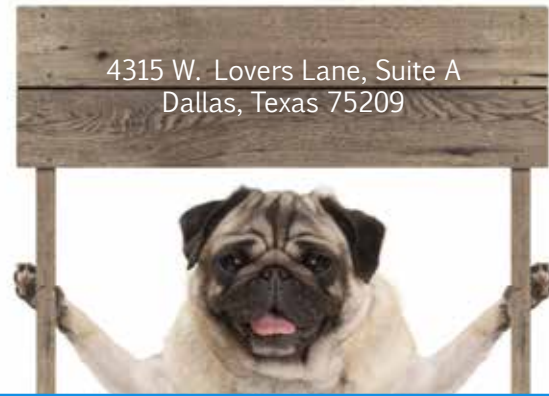


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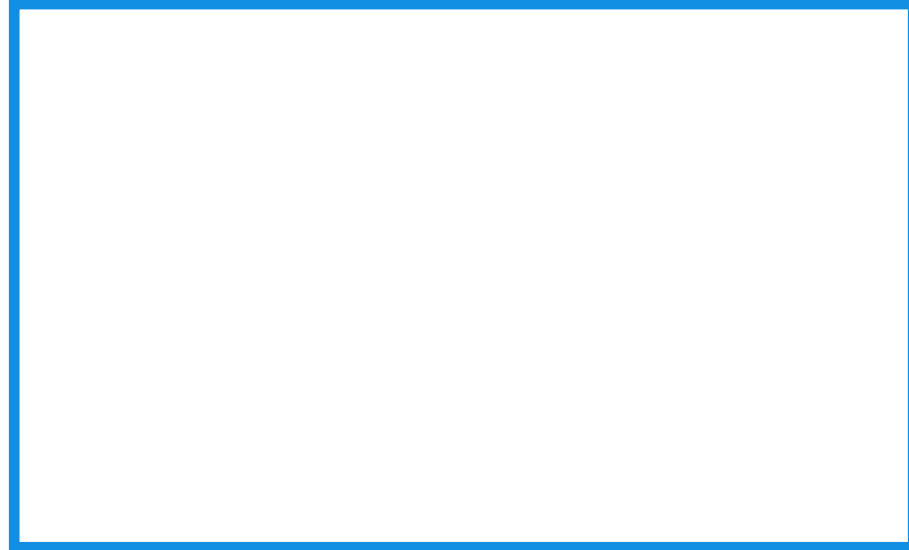
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SPORTSMANSHIP AND STRATEGY

Sharing My Basketball Journey With Attorney at Law Magazine

As we close the chapter on another year, I'm excited to share a highlight that truly stands out — my feature in Attorney at Law Magazine. The feature, "Athletes in Law," is a peek into the playbook that has guided me from my basketball games to courtroom battles with The Button Law Firm, where we champion the rights of families navigating the aftermath of daycare and child injuries.

As I look back at my years in sports, my path from the basketball court to the courtroom feels like a narrative cut from the same cloth — where teamwork, determination, and strategy play pivotal roles. Basketball taught me the power of a united team and the discipline to pursue excellence relentlessly. These are the very principles I carry into each case at our firm.

In the magazine piece, I wanted to highlight just how integral teamwork is in both basketball and law. At our firm, we approach each case not just as lawyers but as a collective force, pooling our unique skills to advocate passionately for every family we represent. Just as

a basketball team huddles up to devise a play, we collaborate to craft winning strategies for our clients, ensuring we're always on top of our game. Neither basketball nor the courtroom allows for solo players.

I'll never forget the countless lessons from my father, a seasoned basketball player himself, who would often tell me about the legends of the sport. He taught me that behind Michael Jordan's leaps and Larry Bird's shots were hours of practice and unwavering dedication — lessons that resonate with me every time I prepare for a trial. It's about setting the stage meticulously, much like prepping for the big game, ensuring we've got the right plays to bring justice to those we serve.

Our approach at The Button Law Firm is to operate just as a championship-winning team would. From detailed prep work to strategic execution, we handle each case with precision and care, ensuring we're always ready for the trials and hearings that decide our clients' futures.

In the magazine article, I also wanted to delve into how the unending support from both my parents nurtured my passions — balancing a love for law and sports. Their encouragement is a constant reminder of the well-rounded focus needed to tackle the challenges we face in legal practice and in life.

I'd love for you to read more about how these athletic and legal worlds converge to shape a unique perspective on law practice. You can scan the QR code provided to access the full Attorney at Law Magazine article.

Let's finish 2024 strong and kick off the new year with vigor and a clear game plan. Join us on this journey; it's one we promise will be filled with inspiration, positivity, and justice.

-Russell Button



EMPOWERING PARENTS ONE HOME AT A TIME

How Brandon Scribner Is Connecting With the Community

Brandon Scribner, a dedicated Realtor and real estate consultant in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, knows that real estate is more than just buying and selling properties — it's about building lasting relationships and uplifting the community. With a unique blend of professional expertise and a personal commitment to safety and well-being, Brandon has found fulfillment in a career centered on helping individuals and families thrive.



Brandon's connection to The Button Law Firm runs deep. He shares a special bond

with Kaitlyn Moreno, one of our daycare and child injury lawyers, stemming from their days at Naaman Forest High School in Garland, Texas. "Ranger Pride!" Brandon exclaims, fondly remembering how their friendship has grown over the years. He expresses gratitude for their continued connection and the opportunity to witness Kaitlyn's success.

As a proud #GirlDad, Brandon understands the anxiety of selecting a daycare. "The moving process is stressful enough as it is," he explains. Brandon shares The

Button Law Firm's "10 Tips for Finding a Safe Daycare" guide to alleviate some of that stress for his clients. This invaluable resource helps parents feel more informed and confident in choosing the right daycare for their children.

"Safety matters," Brandon emphasizes. The guide provides essential insights, covering critical factors like child-to-staff ratios, permits, and insurance. One of his clients even praised the guide's comprehensive checklist, expressing excitement about using it during daycare interviews. For Brandon, providing this guide is another way he puts families first, ensuring they have the tools to make well-informed decisions.

Brandon Scribner's story is a testament to the power of community, the importance of building strong relationships, and the impact of putting people first. Whether through real estate expertise or advocating for child safety, Brandon continues to make a difference, one family at a time.

GET TO KNOW BIANCA!

ENERGIZING OUR TEAM WITH NEW TALENT

The Button Law Firm is thrilled to welcome Bianca Jones, who joined our team as an administrative assistant in August. Having just completed her first 90 days with us, Bianca has already made a remarkable impact with her invaluable skills, dedication, and attention to detail. We're so grateful to have her on board!

Bianca is often the first point of contact for many of our clients. She handles phone calls with warmth and professionalism, gathers essential information, and ensures callers are connected with the appropriate team member. She is also a jack of all trades since her responsibilities go beyond communication. Bianca plays a crucial role in our operations, meticulously entering data into our systems and coordinating with our network of referral attorneys to promote the best possible outcomes for our clients.

BLF isn't the first law firm Bianca has worked for, but she did admit this was the first one she could truly call home. There isn't anything better than a new team member exclaiming, "I don't think I've ever worked at a law firm that had everything so together!" She appreciates our streamlined processes, designed to ensure accuracy and consistency in everything we do. What she enjoys most about her role, however, is the interaction with clients. She has a genuine, compassionate nature and loves guiding clients through their initial contact with the firm and directing them toward the help they need, even if it's outside our wheelhouse.

Her journey to Texas is as heartfelt as her career. Originally from New Orleans and having spent 12 years in Southern California, Bianca moved to Texas to be closer to her brothers. Her two brothers played a big part in her relocation, and now



"The Three Musketeers," as they call themselves, are reunited! When she's not trying out new restaurants with her brothers, she spends her weekends babysitting children or caring for dementia patients. The work is never easy, but it is fulfilling.

As Bianca looks to the future, she is excited about taking on more responsibilities and continuing to grow within the firm. Her ability to blend her caring personality with her professional role makes her indispensable to The Button Law Firm. Join us in welcoming Bianca to our family and watch as she continues to make a significant impact at BLF!

WHY ARE KIDS LEFT BEHIND SO OFTEN?

How Noah's Story Underscores the Importance of Safety Checks

All too often, we hear about a small child left behind in a locked vehicle. At The Button Law Firm, the heart-wrenching story of 5-year-old Noah* resonates deeply with our team. It's a stark reminder of the type of negligence that is entirely preventable and distressingly common in daycare settings.

Noah's ordeal began like any other day when he was picked up from school and then negligently left unattended in the daycare van. The terror he must have experienced as he tried to escape the van, crying and hyperventilating, stresses a grave lapse in care that should never have occurred. While he was able to exit the van, he remained stuck in the closed parking garage located **across the street from the daycare** until a good Samaritan found him. This incident wasn't just a momentary oversight; it reflected systemic failures within the daycare's operations.

Shockingly, this was not an isolated event. A similar situation occurred a year and a half earlier, showing that this daycare has a disturbing pattern of poor safety protocols and employee supervision. This repetition of carelessness proves this daycare ultimately failed its fundamental duty to ensure the safety of children.

Unfortunately, the emotional impact on Noah has been long-lasting. With new fears of being alone, recurring nightmares, and severe separation anxiety, this event has disrupted his daily life to such an extent that psychiatric intervention became necessary. It is a stark reminder of how deep the scars of trauma can run for children.

In representing Noah and his family, The Button Law Firm was driven not only to seek justice for the immediate failures but also to advocate for broader systemic changes to prevent similar incidents from ever happening again. We held the daycare accountable and ensured that rigorous safety protocols were enforced.

This case serves as a critical reminder for all parents to verify the safety practices of their children's daycare providers. A simple safety check can mean the difference between security and tragedy.

We will persist in serving families like Noah's, ensuring their voices are heard and their grievances addressed as we strive to create a safer and more just environment for all children.

(*All names were changed to protect the client's privacy.)

DAYCARE DANGERS EXPOSED

Russell Discusses a Harrowing Case on the 'Law&Crime' Podcast

At The Button Law Firm, we are dedicated to upholding the safety and well-being of the youngest and most vulnerable. Recently, Russell had the honor of speaking with Jesse Weber on the "Law&Crime Sidebar" podcast. This discussion wasn't about accolades or victories; it was a solemn opportunity to cast light on a grave issue that touches the lives of many families — daycare abuse.

The conversation centered around a harrowing case involving the Children's Courtyard daycare in South Austin, Texas, where unthinkable acts of abuse were captured on live surveillance, leaving families devastated and the community in shock. One of our clients, Mario Davalos, endured every parent's worst nightmare when he witnessed an employee mistreating his 2-month-old son through the daycare's live feed. The distressing footage showed the caregiver aggressively handling the child, including throwing and smothering, acts that no child should ever experience.

After the BLF team did our research, we soon learned that this incident was not isolated. The Children's Courtyard has faced **numerous** allegations and has a troubling history of violations that question its commitment to child safety. Despite these repeated warnings, severe lapses in safety protocols continued.

Our discussion on the podcast stressed the importance of vigilance and advocacy. As a law firm, our role extends beyond the courtroom. We are here to educate and empower parents and provide them with the knowledge and tools they need to protect their children. It's about ensuring no family has to endure such a traumatic experience ever again.

If you're a parent, caregiver, or concerned community member, we urge you to listen to this important discussion. Awareness is the first step toward prevention. By sharing stories like these, we can work together to promote a safer environment for our children. Scan the QR code, take a moment to watch the interview, and join us in spreading the word about the crucial issue of daycare safety.



As we close another year and look toward a brighter future, let's renew our commitment to protecting our children and holding those responsible accountable. Together, we can make a difference and ensure the joys of childhood are not overshadowed by preventable harm.

BLF HIGHLIGHT REEL



Ashley, Elizabeth, and Russell at the Malcolm Gladwell book tour event



Ashley and Cristina at their little sister's wedding reception in Florida



The BLF Team attending the Texas Trial Lawyers Association's 2024 Annual Meeting & CLE Seminar

CLIENT REVIEW

"The Button Law Firm has been by my side the last almost four years, serving me and standing by my side through it all. These people feel like family, not just a firm. During a tough time, Ashley would answer texts/calls any time of the day, truly going above and beyond the normal scope of practice. Russel and his team have been communicative, responsive, and ahead of any challenge thrown their way. The front staff, such as Rosie, is lovely to work with and make an unpleasant experience such as needing a lawyer quite a smooth experience. I can't recommend this law firm enough!!!"

-Andi Otuski