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7 YEARS STRONG! How Rosie Melendez Helps Families Rebuild After Tragedy

Seven years is no small feat! This month, we celebrate Rosie Melendez. our exceptional litigation paralegal, and her incredible journey with The Button Law Firm, Rosie's dedication, compassion. and tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on our team and the families we serve. Reflecting on her time here, Rosie describes these seven years as nothing short of an "amazing journey."



For Rosie, the most rewarding part of her work is seeing the impact she and the BLF team make on families during their most challenging times. As a parent herself, Rosie understands the fears and vulnerabilities parents face, especially when trusting others to care for their children. "Families come to us after the worst experiences of their lives," she says. "I would want someone to fight for my child the way we do for these families advocating not just for justice, but for real change to make daycares safer."

Over the past seven years, Rosie's role has evolved alongside BLF's growth. What started as a small team of three handling every aspect of every case has grown, allowing Rosie to focus on complex, high-stakes cases that require her sharp attention to detail and collaborative approach. "I get to work closely with Ashley and Russell on the most intricate

cases," Rosie explains. "Every day brings new challenges and opportunities to learn, even after seven years."

Reflecting on Rosie's journey with BLF, Russell says, "Rosie has been an essential part of our team for seven years, and I couldn't be prouder of her growth and dedication. She brings heart, drive, and an incredible work ethic to everything she does. Rosie has always led by example, and we are beyond grateful for her commitment to our team and the families we serve."

As she looks toward the future, her goals remain clear: continue delivering outstanding results for every client and to further BLF's mission of making a lasting impact on the community. We are incredibly honored to have her on our team. Thank you, Rosie, for your dedication and heart — you are truly one of a kind!

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DANGEROUS ANIMALS AT DAYCARE

The Hidden Dangers Every Parent Needs to Know

I've seen more heartbreaking stories than I can count, but the ones involving dangerous animals at daycares never get any easier to stomach. These aren't freak accidents. They're preventable tragedies — avoidable if only the people in charge did their jobs.

Parents trust daycares to provide a safe environment. That's the bare minimum. But too often, careless oversight, neglected maintenance, and ignored safety protocols turn places that should be full of laughter and learning into sites of unthinkable harm

Imagine dropping your child off in the morning, expecting to pick them up happy and safe, only to get a call that they're in the ER. That was the heartbreaking reality for one family after their child suffered hundreds of ant bites while playing outside at daycare. The facility let the outdoor area fall into disrepair, allowing ant colonies to spread unchecked. No one had bothered to inspect the play area before sending the kids out. No one noticed the child step into the swarm. By the time they realized what was happening, it was too late. He suffered painful bites all over his body and a severe allergic reaction that left him fighting for his life. His family watched in horror as their child had to be resuscitated. All because of something as simple as a failure to check the playground.

Another devastating case involved a young child bitten by a venomous snake — at daycare. Not in a forest. Not out on a hike.

On a concrete playground where children were supposed to be safe. The davcare hadn't bothered to inspect the area or closely supervise the children and didn't see the danger lurking just feet from where the kids played. The child got close enough to a copperhead snake before anyone noticed, and the result was a terrifying, life-threatening bite. The pain, the fear, the emergency response it all could have been prevented



Then there was the child who was mauled by a stray dog that got into the daycare playground through a broken fence. A fence meant to protect became a hazard because the daycare ignored it for too long. The child suffered not only physical wounds but deep psychological trauma. If a daycare can't even maintain something as basic as a fence, what else are they neglecting?

The pattern here is clear. It's not about bad luck. It's about negligence. Daycares that fail to inspect their play areas, ignore basic maintenance, or fail to train their staff properly are putting children in harm's way. And the consequences are life-altering.

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As parents, you have every right to demand answers before trusting a daycare with your child's safety. What are their inspection procedures? How do they handle emergency situations? Are staff trained to recognize hazards before they become disasters? These questions could make all the difference.

At The Button Law Firm, we fight for families whose children have been harmed by negligence like this. When we hold these facilities accountable, we aren't just seeking justice for one family - we're pushing for real change to protect all children.

Every child deserves a safe place to play, learn, and grow. And every parent deserves peace of mind knowing that when they drop their child off in the morning, their child will be safe when they come back.

If you're looking at daycares, ask the hard questions. If you suspect negligence, take action. And if the unthinkable has already happened, know that we're here to stand with you and fight for what's right.

-Russell Button

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THE BUTTON LAW FIRM'S 10-YEAR **ANNIVERSARY**

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Celebrating a decade of dedication, growth, and impact, The Button Law Firm's 10-year anniversary celebration was nothing short of extraordinary. It was an evening filled with gratitude, reflection, and excitement for the future, surrounded by the very people who have played a crucial role in shaping our journey. Looking around the room, it was clear that BLF is more than just a law firm. It's a community built on trust, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Of course, no celebration is complete without incredible food, delicious drinks, and a few fun surprises. One of the highlights of the night? A photo booth that captured countless moments of joy, laughter, and love. From silly props to heartfelt group shots, the photos taken will serve as lasting memories of a night we'll never forget.

One of the most inspiring moments of the evening came when Russell and Ashley took the stage to share their reflections on the past 10 years. Their speeches were heartfelt, raw, and filled with wisdom gained through experience. Russell spoke about the passion that drove him to start BLF, the challenges he overcame, and the incredible team that has helped shape the firm into what it is today. Ashley shared her journey, highlighting the lessons learned, the moments of resilience, and the unwavering belief that BLF has and will continue to truly change lives.

Their words reminded us of how far we've come and how much more we can achieve in the years ahead.

Beyond celebrating BLF's accomplishments, the night was also about appreciating the people who are the heart of our firm. Having our team members' significant others. family members, and friends join us made the event all the more meaningful. Their support behind the scenes is just as important as the work we do every day, and seeing them all together reinforced just how strong and connected the BLF family truly is.

We are deeply grateful for every challenge, every victory, and every person who has been part of this adventure. Thank you to everyone who has supported us, believed in us, and celebrated with us. This is just the beginning — BLF is ready for another decade of making a difference in our community. Here's to the next 10 years!











FROM STRATEGY TO SUCCESS

How Our Marketing Manager Made an Impact in Her First Year at BLF

This month marks one year since Margo joined The Button Law Firm and what a year it has been! From day one, Margo brought enthusiasm, creativity, and a deep commitment to making a difference not just in the firm but in the lives of the families The Button Law Firm serves.

Reflecting on how she arrived at BLF, Margo was searching for a role that was meaningful — a role where her work could have a lasting impact. "When I first spoke to Elizabeth during the interview process, her passion for what BLF does was so inspiring," Margo recalls. "I hung up the phone and thought, 'This is where I want to be."

In just 12 months, Margo has embraced every facet of her role, tackling everything from website updates to social media

campaigns and even creating BLF's seasonal gift boxes. "Marketing can be such a broad field, but BLF has allowed me to dive into so many areas. It's been an incredible learning experience," she says. One of her favorite projects, the seasonal boxes, was a hands-on task that allowed her to see her digital creations come to life. She laughs, "Even my

mom got one and sent me a picture - she loved it!"

Outside of work, Margo prioritizes a healthy work-life balance. Whether reading her way through her ambitious goal of 15 books this year or crafting, she finds joy in creativity and personal growth. As a lifelong animal lover, she's

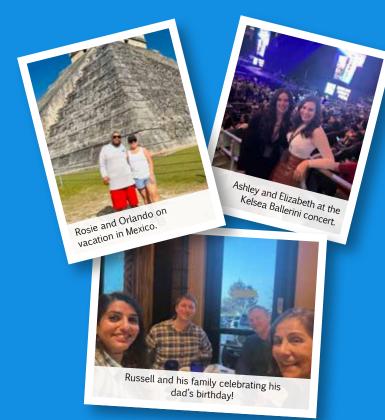
also dreaming of adding a furry friend to her life — a smaller dog to suit her apartment, though her heart is set on someday having a Bernese Mountain Dog.

Looking ahead, Margo is excited to continue strengthening BLF's connection to the community. She emphasizes how much she values being part of a firm that prioritizes making a difference, even on a personal level. "I really would love to give a shout-out to Russell, Ashley, Elizabeth, and the entire BLF team because they have truly made a difference in my life inside and outside of work," she shares.

> "From funny TikToks from Elizabeth to pickleball games with Russell, BLF is a closeknit family that always shows up for you."

Happy one-year anniversary, Margo! Your creativity, dedication, and heart have made BLF stronger, and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve in the years to come.

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CLIENT REVIEW

"Shout out to Elizabeth, Ashley, and Jackie for all of their help handling my case! They handled all of the details for me and explained everything that I needed to do along the way. Communication was great even from the next state over. Thanks to the whole team!"