



# LAW OFFICE OF KENNETH E. BERGER, LLC

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## SAFETY FIRST JUSTICE ALWAYS



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## “There’s Always A Choice”

BY: KENNETH BERGER

With a new year comes New Year’s Resolutions. People resolve to lose weight, quit smoking, spend more time with family, and make any host of other positive changes. All these resolutions – just like nearly everything else in life – come down to choices. For as fast as life moves these days, it’s sometimes hard to remember we have a choice. We get caught up, and begin to believe on some level that, “It is what it is (and it isn’t what it isn’t).”

Yet there is always a choice. From our actions to our perspective, we decide whether what is will always be, or whether more is possible. Like most lawyers, I’m prone to use

fear as a motivator. However, I was recently reminded that where there was fear there could be faith...and thus, even greater motivation. I didn’t have to live on edge. I could simply do my part and trust in the result. Somewhere along the way, I’d kinda forgotten that.

None of us are immune from habit, negativity, or fear. Sometimes we all need to be reminded there is another way, and that all we have to do is make a choice. I appreciate the friend who gave me that reminder, and extend the same to you in what I hope will be the greatest year of choices in your life.

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## Berger Joins Boger For Columbia's Only Local Legal Program

BY: ALIVIA TROXELL

Personal injury attorney, Kenneth Berger, joins fellow South Carolina lawyer, Brian Boger, every other Sun. at 9 a.m. for Columbia's only local legal program, *Talk Legal*. Berger humbly accepted the invitation to co-host *Talk Legal* in 2016, viewing it as an opportunity to give back to the community.

"I've written two books and published tons of information on my website," Berger said. "*Talk Legal* is just one more way I can educate people about their legal rights and obligations in South Carolina. It is also exciting to be a part of something truly local."

*Talk Legal* originated with Boger in 1997 and recently transitioned to 95.9FM The Point. A diverse group of guests have entertained radio listeners on *Talk Legal* over the last 18 years, including: attorneys, authors, artists and performers from across the state. The program addresses current legal controversies and high profile cases, while also keeping listeners up-to-date on important changes in the law.

Berger praised *Talk Legal* for allowing him to reach an audience whom he might not otherwise.

"It is rare for someone to go their life without the need of some form of legal assistance," Berger commented. "If we could be a part of their lives and help provide them with powerful information, then it might prevent them from greater worry and stress when the unexpected happens."

Tune in to *Talk Legal* every Sun. at 9 a.m. or online at [makethepointradio.com](http://makethepointradio.com).

## FOR REFERRING ATTORNEYS

If you are one of our many referring attorneys, we want to thank you for allowing us to serve. Your trust means a great deal.

We seek to strengthen your relationship with the client by providing him/her with a great experience, as well as a great result. Additionally, we always make it a point to emphasize that you are truly the person to thank, as it was your good judgment that allowed us to take part in their representation.

If questions arise in the coming month concerning a life-changing injury or wrongful death case, we are here to help. From simply answering your questions to being associated on or referred the case, please let us know what we can do to benefit you and the client. Likewise, if you have a potential client call us directly, be sure to have him/her say who made the referral so we know who to thank.

To discuss anything from litigation tactics to our core values, call us at (803) 790-2800 or email [kberger@berger-lawsc.com](mailto:kberger@berger-lawsc.com).



## THE BEST AMONG US: REAL ESTATE BY DESIGN

Rhonda Caldwell (pictured left) is one of our beloved former clients and the owner of Real Estate By Design. Throughout our time representing Rhonda, she shared with us her love of realty and the "big why" behind her work – her nine-month-old son, Asher.

Rhonda is a Finance and Marketing graduate from the University of South Carolina. In 2015, she combined her interior design training and passion for home staging to begin Real Estate By Design. Real Estate By Design has a Facebook following of nearly 300 people and is rated five out of five stars. Rhonda's perfect rating testifies to her incredible work ethic, in addition to her two favorite words: "Never stop!"

One of her clients, Jermaine Sims, commented, "[Rhonda] is a great person to work with. I see big things in her future."

For your local real estate needs, call Rhonda today at (803) 924-4939 or visit her Columbia, SC office on Wildewood Park Drive.

# MEET OUR TEAM:

## PHILIP HAMMOND, ESQ.

Although born in Kentucky, South Carolina has been home since my first birthday. I am extremely passionate about helping people across the state. As associate attorney to our firm, it is my duty and privilege to hold those responsible for causing our clients' injuries and breaking South Carolina's safety rules - the laws and regulations that are in place to keep everyone in our community safe. I also strongly support and value the firm's approach in taking on a small percentage of potential cases, because it allows us to provide our clients with the significant amount of time and support they deserve.

The professional organizations I participate in include: the South Carolina Association for Justice, the South Carolina Bar Association, and the Charleston County Bar Association. Furthermore, I am admitted to practice in every South Carolina court, in addition to the Federal District Court of South Carolina and the Federal Appellate Court.



### The Story Behind the Law Office of Kenneth E. Berger, LLC: *Celebrating Five Years of Service to Our Community*

What led us to represent truly injured people? Why do we place special emphasis on representing people with brain injuries, children hurt at day care, and victims of DUIs? Is it just about the money...or is there something deeper and more personal that drives us?

On January 3, 2011, Kenneth ("Kenny") Berger started the firm. He had recently turned 29. Most people said he was too young to go "out on his own," but Kenny had a clear vision of what his firm would become. His father started a dental practice at the age of 25, so in many ways Kenny felt like an old man by the time he started his own practice.

Even though we had only two rooms and shared space with another business when our doors first opened, Kenny understood that if you always put clients first and focus on values rather than profits, the firm would grow. And it did...

From the start, we have known the type of practice we want and what it is we seek to accomplish. Since day one, we have been dedicated to helping good people who experience life-changing injuries at the hands of another person or business. We all have a right to safety. When one person's right to a safe road, doctor, or place of employment is violat-

ed, our entire community is threatened. Our firm confronts community dangers and works to keep families safe by holding rule-breakers accountable for the harm they cause. The goal of a safer, healthier community is at the heart of every case we accept and the motivation behind every step we take as a firm.

Giving back is critical to this mission. That not only means supporting various charities, but also providing you with as much free information as possible. Throughout our website, you will find hundreds of informational articles, dozens of educational videos, and an ever-growing number of client and colleague testimonials. On our site, you can also read the stories behind some of our past successes.

We want to earn our client's trust, respect, and admiration. We want other attorneys and judges to use words like, "honest," "hard working," and "effective," when describing us. And we want people like you in our community and across South Carolina to know that when good people suffer serious harm, we are here to help.

In the last five years, our office space, staff, and impact upon the community have grown. We don't intend to stop any time soon.



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# PEER REVIEW:

## AVVO ENDORSEMENT

BY SHELLY LEEKE, ESQ.  
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC

“I endorse this lawyer. Kenneth Berger is a professional, competent personal injury lawyer, and a friendly person. I have had the pleasure of discussing case matters with him on several occasions. *Kenny’s knowledge of the law as well as his commitment to serving his clients makes him a good choice for someone needing a lawyer in the Columbia area.*”

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