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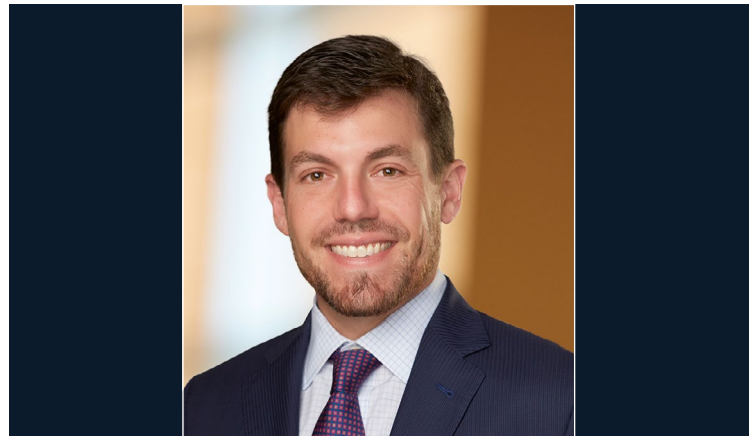
SAFETY FIRST
JUSTICE ALWAYS

“Nuts!”

This was General Anthony McAuliffe’s reply to the German Commander upon being informed that his men were encircled near Bastogne in December 1944. The Germans gave Gen. McAuliffe two options: surrender or be annihilated. Gen. McAuliffe and the men under his command chose instead to fight, ultimately withstanding the barrage until reinforcements arrived on December 26.

There are countless stories of holiday miracles drawn from many faiths, yet it is the bravery of these World War II veterans – themselves of many faiths, races, and ethnicities – in the face of overwhelming odds on a frozen patch of land in Belgium, that resounded loudest with me this year.

I have never been to war or under fire. I have never been threatened with annihilation. I have never been deprived of food, clean water, warm clothes, or a bed. Yet those men were. In fact, many of them volunteered to be on the front line of a war against tyranny. And as I think back on it, not once has a veteran of any war ever directly asked me for a thing. When you thank a soldier for their service they



thank you for your support or just say they were doing their job. And that’s true, they were; but what a job it was.

In addition to words, I’ve chosen to show my appreciation by giving to the Honor Flight Network. It’s a great organization that you can learn more about at: honorflight.org. Regardless of whether you give money, I know we will all continue to give our respect to that branch of our society, past and present, who have fought abroad to protect our peace at home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Berger'.

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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@bergerlawsc.com**.

BEST AMONG US:

MORE Justice



Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice (MORE Justice) is an interfaith coalition of 27 congregations that are diverse in race, religion, socioeconomics and geography. They come together to powerfully address system wide problems via direct action. In 2017, over 500 community members prioritized mental health and education for research and action. Through working together to address serious community-wide problems, they are able to build closer relationships with our neighbors, research deep problems in our community, and powerfully advocate for measurable changes to address those problems at the root. For more information on MORE Justice, and to learn how you can get involved, you can visit www.morejusticecolumbia.org.

FIRM SNAPSHOT:

Brad Lanford

We are excited to welcome Senior Litigator, Brad Lanford, to our team to assist us in our mission to seek justice in our community by protecting the lives, rights and dignity of those who have been harmed. Brad grew up in Boiling Springs, South Carolina, attended Winthrop University for his undergraduate degree, then the University of South Carolina School of Law for his Juris Doctor. Brad brings years of legal experience, first working as a staff attorney at the South Carolina Supreme Court while moonlighting as a legal writing instructor at the Law School, and then went on to work for an insurance defense firm for thirteen years. Brad and his wife Jenny have two children who they enjoy watching play softball and baseball. In his free time, Brad can be found watching movies and sports, or reading a good book.



CASE RESULT:

Aggressive Dogs & Bicycles Don't Mix

On October 31, 2015, a family in York County, SC allowed their dog to get out the back door. This wasn't the first time and it wouldn't be the last. The unleashed dog made its way to the front yard where it crouched behind some shrubbery. At the same time, a businessman and his young daughter were walking along the opposite side of the road. The man saw the dog "lying in wait," and stopped. At the same time, a bicycle came around the corner. The businessman and his daughter watched as the dog dashed in front of the bike, taking out its front wheel.

The man on the bicycle was an avid cyclist. He had recently moved to South Carolina after working in a New York steel mill for the last 29 years. His name is Al.

When the dog struck the front wheel, Al went over the handle bars. His helmet, face, and shoulder scraped along the pavement. His injuries were significant. Though Al's concussion symptoms resolved within 6 months, the feeling along the right side of his face never returned. Nerves in Al's face were severed. He went through surgery to repair his fractured facial bones, yet the doctors could do nothing for the destroyed nerves.

Al is a tough guy. I enjoyed representing him, as well as breaking bread with him. He is not the emotional type. However, when you take away a man's ability to feel his wife's kiss, or a grandchild's cheek against his own, it means something.

After depositions, a mediation, and finally obtaining a trial date, the homeowners' insurance carrier finally paid what they should have 9 months earlier. The money did not give Al back the feeling in his face, but it did give meaning to his injury and a feeling of closure for his family.

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CLIENT REVIEW:

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via Google

Taralee W. from Columbia, SC

“Having driven for over 40 years without an accident and also being an insurance agent for 26 years, I thought I could handle my accident claim independently. My son strongly suggested I contact Kenny for advice and from the first meeting I was convinced he had all the positive attributes and the skill and empathy I needed. His professionalism, ethics, attention to detail and confidence showed in every meeting. I had the unfortunate luck of being in a second accident when a girl broadsided my driver’s side before the first accident was settled and Kenny was there for me. I could not recommend an accident attorney more highly than Kenny Berger.”



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