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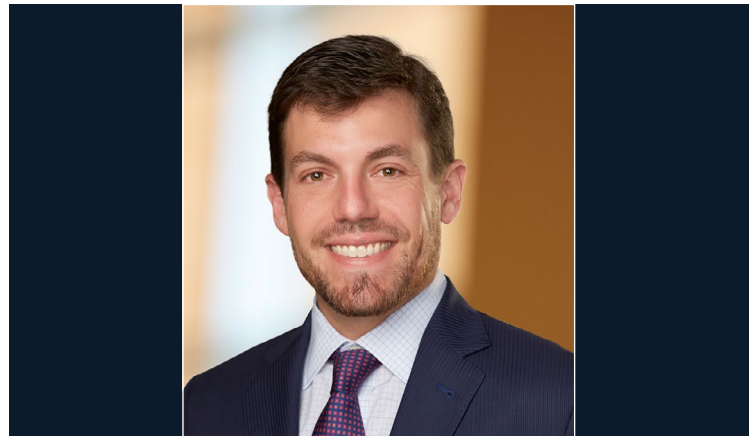
July 2017 Newsletter

SAFETY FIRST
JUSTICE ALWAYS

A View From the Road

I took a cross-country road trip last month. A buddy of mine and I rented a car in Columbia, and proceeded to drive out to Seattle. I'd previously taken the southern route home from the west coast, but had never seen the upper Midwest, let alone Big Sky Country. Along the way we stopped in a lot of interesting towns and met some very memorable people.

What stood out most of all, however, was the grand scale on which our country accomplished its endeavors when we came together as a people. From the labor that went into cutting interstates through mountains to the ambition it took to create Mount Rushmore, I was reminded of how great a people we are when united. The contrast came when you'd look up at the little TVs being played around a hotel breakfast room and see talking heads spouting off whatever nonsense they could to drive ratings. I stay away from cable news, and most news in general, because I prefer facts. And the fact is, we are much greater as a nation when we come together behind a common goal.



Across the country, I saw plaques and monuments commemorating wars we won as a single nation; national parks which symbolized our commitment to goals greater than profit; and countless miles of farmland where our nation's crops were grown to feed people at home and abroad. I came home with the realization that we have never been better positioned for greatness as a people, but that such greatness would only be realized through shared goals and shared effort. We can accomplish anything we set out to do as a country, we simply need each other to do it.

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:



Sight and Sound

Over the years, our firm has relied on Sight and Sound for all of our audio visual needs. From hanging televisions in our lobby to display photos of our LOKB family, to installing equipment in our conference rooms for seminars, presentations and video conference calls, Brian Fisher and his team have always taken care of us.

Sight and Sound is Columbia's locally owned and premiere AV company. They have worked with numerous law firms and prominent businesses throughout the Midlands greatly enhancing the look and feel of lobbies, meeting rooms and offices. Additionally, they have completed countless residential installations. If you ever find yourself in need of anything from a TV mount to an entire home theater system, Brian and his team would be our first choice.

They pride themselves on customer service, as well as being prompt & professional. To contact Sight and Sound, email brian@sightandsoundsc.com.

FIRM SNAPSHOT:

Kelly Purvis

We are proud to introduce you to our newest team member, Kelly Purvis. Kelly grew up in Upstate New York and relocated down south with her family when she was twelve. She began working in law in 2011 as a file clerk and worked her way up to litigation paralegal. This is where she discovered she has a real passion for litigation and the relationships that develop with clients.

Outside of work, she spends time with her husband, their three children, and their poodle named "Si." They enjoy going to church together and traveling back to New York to visit family when they get the chance. Her diligence and passion will only enhance our ability to serve clients and the community.



CASE RESULT:

Fatal Hit and Run

On January 14, 2016, Ryan Kelly struck and killed 15-year old Errik Giles with his vehicle as Errik was walking home. Mr. Kelly then fled the scene, leaving Errik's body on the side of the road.

That is when Mr. Kelly's attempt to further conceal his act began. It is believed that Mr. Kelly drove his vehicle home, and attempted to hide the car in a nearby shed. Reports indicate that he then took his dog on a walk near the scene of the crime, where he proceeded to call 911 from a neighbor's home and provide false information to the dispatcher and authorities. Fortunately, law enforcement officers were able to identify the vehicle that hit Errik from debris in the roadway, and ultimately arrested Mr. Kelly for fleeing the scene.

South Carolina's civil laws require a driver to do everything possible to avoid striking a pedestrian. And though law enforcement ruled that Mr. Kelly was not at fault for actually hitting Errik, we were able to obtain the bodily injury and property damage limits from multiple insurance companies based on the possibility of a seven-figure jury verdict. As we made clear, law enforcement's findings may have resulted in some percentage of comparative fault being placed on the child, but they would not overcome a conspicuity expert's testimony, and much less a jury's desire to see Mr. Kelly pay for his wrongdoing.

The Giles have lost a son. He cannot be replaced. Our job was to hold Mr. Kelly accountable in our civil courts and attempt to provide Errik's family with some degree of comfort. We did all we could, and hope our criminal courts do much more when it comes time for sentencing.

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CLIENT REVIEW:

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via Facebook

Kelly A. from Columbia, SC

“My family and I are so grateful for Mr. Berger’s knowledge and loving support. After a serious accident, I suffered physical and emotional trauma. However, after Mr. Berger visited me in the hospital, I knew that I was in good hands and that all would be well...and it was! Ongoing updates made the process much easier especially since I knew that he was working hard on my behalf. I am forever grateful. Kenneth and everyone at the law firm is wonderful, and they treat you like family! They are amazing!”

