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“Five and Counting”

BY KENNETH BERGER

This December marks the end of our fifth year as a firm. A lot has changed over that time. When we first started, it was a miracle if my assistant, the printer, and I were all working at the same time. We managed to survive and even turn a profit those first twelve months, and thankfully, we've seen growth each year since.

Looking back on it, I can understand why a lot of people thought I was crazy to start my own practice. The economy was no good, there were already too many lawyers in Columbia, and the personal injury field was saturated with television ads.

I can't take credit for anything other than putting in some hours and doing my best. The rest goes to G*d, my family, friends, mentors, team, and clients. I believe that if you surround yourself with great people, great things tend to happen.

You may be tired of hearing me say it, but “Thank you.” If it wasn't for people like you, there would be no law firm, no past clients, and certainly no future. I am blessed to send you this newsletter and to practice law. I pray that the coming year brings you many blessings as well.

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SC Bar Hosts Its First Traumatic Brain Injury Seminar

BY KENNETH BERGER

On October 23, 2015, the South Carolina Bar held its first seminar dedicated exclusively to traumatic brain injury. We were fortunate to help coordinate the event and bring in speakers from around the country, including the Chairman of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA), Dan Chamberlain. Mr. Chamberlain traveled from Indianapolis, IN to speak on advances in brain imaging, which are changing the way brain trauma is diagnosed and treated.

After Mr. Chamberlain's presentation, fellow BIAA Board Member, Sheldon Herring, discussed neuropsychology (i.e. the study of the relationship between the brain and behavior). Dr. Herring - a pioneer in the field of TBI rehabilitation - was followed by two of the leading TBI defense lawyers in the country, Gregory Kendall and Brandon Woodard. Greg and Brandon joined us from Cincinnati, OH, and even though they are on the opposite side of the aisle from me, I have great respect for their knowledge and unwavering commitment to the study of TBI.

Tom Burns, a specialist in pediatric neuropsychology, came next. Dr. Burns spoke passionately about some of the young patients he has encountered over the years, and the tremendous progress many of them have made. His lecture paved the way for Harvey Jacobs, who gave a top-notch presentation on life care planning. Dr. Jacobs specializes in helping identify the care people with brain injuries will need over the course of their lifetime. Because TBIs tend to cause different problems at different points in life, experts such as Dr. Jacobs are needed to ensure patients get the long-term care their injury demands.

Our last speaker of the day, Dede Norungolo, is herself a brain injury survivor. From trauma patient to empowered advocate, Ms. Norungolo is a specialist at Clemson University's Student Disability Services...and a role model for many of her students.



REXY'S RECIPES: MCGOWAN SPECIAL

A Husty family tradition for 50 years...

Ingredients:

- 2 CUPS GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS
- 1 1/3 CUP WHITE SUGAR
- 4 OZ SOFTENED BUTTER
- 1 BOX DREAM WHIP/2 PKGS (REQUIRES MILK AND VANILLA)
- 3 CANS BLUEBERRY PIE FILLING
- 2 8 OZ PKGS SOFTENED CREAM CHEESE

Directions:

1. IN A MEDIUM BOWL, MIX THE GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS WITH 4 OZ OF BUTTER AND 1/3 CUP OF SUGAR.
2. WHEN THE MIXTURE IS THICK AND COARSE, SPREAD AND PACK EVENLY INTO A 11 X 13 PAN AND BAKE AT 375 FOR 8-10 MINS UNTIL LIGHT BROWN.
3. IN A LARGE BOWL, USE AN ELECTRIC MIXER TO PREPARE THE 2 DREAM WHIP PKGS AS INSTRUCTED ON THE BOX.
4. WHEN THE DREAM WHIP IS THICKENED AND PEAKS, BLEND IN CREAM CHEESE AND 1 CUP OF SUGAR UNTIL SMOOTH.
5. SPREAD 1/2 OF THE WHIPPED MIXTURE ON TOP OF THE GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST.
6. EVENLY DISTRIBUTE THE PIE FILLING (SEE PICTURE).
7. LASTLY, SPREAD THE REMAINING WHIPPED MIXTURE OVER THE FRUIT FILLING AND REFRIGERATE OVERNIGHT FOR BEST CONSISTENCY.



THE BEST AMONG US: DERRICK E. MOBLEY, ESQ.

While serving as an Assistant Solicitor for the 11th Circuit Solicitors Office, Mobley became an accomplished trial attorney. He prosecuted numerous cases involving major drug crimes, felonies, D.U.I.s and hits and runs, many of which resulted in death or injury. Working dual positions, he also successfully prosecuted and defended murder charges. In addition to serving as a criminal defense lawyer, Mobley frequently speaks for the SC Prosecution Commission and assists instructors from the SC Criminal Justice Academy with various law enforcement agencies in the art of accident reconstruction and expert witness testimony.

Should you or a loved one find themselves in need of an established criminal defense lawyer in Lexington, SC, contact Mobley's office at (803) 951-3847 or visit dmobleylaw.com today.



FIRM SNAPSHOT:

CLIENT APPRECIATION BBQ



Due to severe flooding in our area, we were hesitant to host our annual client celebration on Oct. 24. However, our community exhibited incredible strength, determination, and hope amidst the rubble. So with heavy plates of World Famous Little Pigs Barbecue, we enjoyed clear skies and great conversations among our outstanding clients and their families.

Our fall event focused entirely on those we are fortunate to serve and fun for all ages. We encouraged friendly corn hole matches in the front parking lot, and while the adults ate, children were offered Halloween themed coloring pages and handed treat bags to take home. The joy had by all merely reinforced why we work so tirelessly to provide our clients with the utmost care. To view all event photos, visit [facebook.com/BergerLawSC](https://www.facebook.com/BergerLawSC) today.

Five Ways to Create Unforgettable Holiday Memories With Your Children

BY ALIVIA TROXELL

At the Law Office of Kenneth E. Berger, there is nothing we value more than family, and holidays are the perfect excuse to spend more time with those you care about most. As great as the season is, it is also easy for kids, and adults, to get wrapped up in the material perks, like breaks from school, box after box of Grandma's cookies, and of course, presents. So if you are looking for a way to spice up the holidays with your loved ones, we may have a solution for you. Below is a list of five ways to create unforgettable holiday memories with your children.

1. Start a charity tradition.

Traditions provide children with something to look forward to. This year, teach your children the gift of giving by supporting local charities, whether it be volunteering your time, collecting cans, or hosting a friendly penny war. Our audio visual intern, Lindsay Webb, has volunteered since she was four with her mother at a Virginia mall to ring bells for the Salvation Army. She'll never forget the year when a middle-aged woman dropped a \$10,000 check in her red kettle. It is acts of kindness, like the one Lindsay witnessed, that make the holidays even more memorable.

2. Recruit your kids for party planning.

If you are responsible for hosting a get together among friends and family, stress is almost guaranteed to be involved - from decorating the house, preparing meals, and activity planning. Eliminate some of these worries by recruiting your children's aid. Make them feel like heroes for helping out rather than treating it like a chore. Under nearby supervision, designate tasks to kids, like setting the table or wrapping presents.

3. Have a family date night.

For those in Columbia, SC, the options for a family date night seem endless. One example would be taking the family to Main Street Ice or Lights Before Christmas at the Riverbanks Zoo. Even in the smallest towns, there is always something to do. I can personally testify to this. Growing up in a rural area of Anderson, SC, my family celebrated the season by driving through the city's larger neighborhoods and admiring the brilliantly adorned houses.

4. Plan a house scavenger hunt.

Some of the greatest holiday memories can be made from the four walls of your own home. Try something different and strategically place gifts around your house. This creates a fun environment for your children, while having them work together to find their presents. Just be sure to keep a list of your hiding places!

5. Cherish down time (and sleep).

Amidst the hustle and bustle, remember to give your family and yourself time to rest. The holidays are fun but nothing to lose sleep over. At the end of the day, we all need time to unwind and reset for tomorrow's adventures.

While it is important to enjoy the holiday season, it is our duty to ensure safety is everyone's priority. During the months of November to January, our nation experiences the greatest number of household fires, trips, slips, and falls than any other time of the year. Therefore, we ask you to be extra cautious of your surroundings, so everyone's holiday can be full of joyful experiences.

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Client Review by William S. of Columbia, SC
via **GOOGLE**

5.0 ★★★★★

“Kenny handled my workers’ comp case with the utmost integrity and honesty. He and his team led me through a difficult time in my life after my work injury. They were always available to answer all my questions and kept me informed throughout the entire process. *I had complete confidence that the Law Office of Kenneth E. Berger had my very best interest in mind.* By ensuring that I got the best medical care available and fair treatment from the insurance company, they made the process as least stressful as possible. Please consider Kenny for any of your personal injury needs. He has earned my highest recommendation.”

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