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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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# Reckless Teenager Nearly Robs Our Nation of a Marine

BY KENNETH BERGER

When a teenage driver chose not to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic, he harmed a U.S. Marine. The collision resulted in the Marine – who served our nation in war – being thrown from his motorcycle.

When EMS arrived, they found our Marine lying motionless in the road. The emergency techs drove him to a local hospital, but the severity of the Marine's leg injuries required transfer to a trauma center where surgery was performed.

In the weeks following surgery, our Marine battled pain and infection, in addition to uncertainty over his future. Unable to walk and unable to work, our Marine was in danger of discharge. The teenager who hurt him worse than any foreign enemy continued on with life as normal.

I'm glad to say that after many months, our Marine ultimately recovered to the point where he was able to continue serving the country. He also obtained a significant settlement with the help and guidance of our firm.

Reckless driving, such as that which severely harmed a young Marine, is all too common in South Carolina. That is why lawyers and jurors alike must be committed to enforcing the rules of the road which keep us all safe. Jury verdicts that send a clear message to dangerous drivers and the companies that insure them are truly the last line of defense between safety and danger in our communities. That takes jurors willing to protect the innocent, just as people like our brave Marine have protected each of us.



## REXY'S RECIPES: GLAZED DONUTS

via Thrillist

### Ingredients:

- VEGETABLE OIL
- 1 CAN ORIGINAL PILLSBURY BISCUIT DOUGH
- 1 ½ CUP CONFECTIONERS' SUGAR
- 3 TBSP MILK
- 2 TSP VANILLA EXTRACT

### Directions:

1. IN A LARGE POT, HEAT 1 IN. OF OIL UNTIL IT REACHES 350 DEGREES ON A THERMOMETER.
2. POUR SUGAR IN A MEDIUM BOWL AND SLOWLY STIR IN MILK, A LITTLE AT A TIME, UNTIL SMOOTH. THEN, MIX IN VANILLA, COVER WITH PLASTIC WRAP, AND SET ASIDE.
3. SEPARATE THE BISCUITS AND LAY THEM FLAT. USING A BOTTLE CAP, CUT A CIRCLE IN THE CENTER OF EACH BISCUIT TO CREATE DONUT HOLES.
4. COOK THE DONUTS 2 AT A TIME IN THE OIL UNTIL GOLDEN (APPROX. 1 MINUTE PER SIDE), PLACE ON A WIRE RACK, AND REPEAT WITH DONUT HOLES, BUT WITH LESS FRYING TIME.
5. WHILE STILL WARM, DIP DONUTS IN GLAZE, TURNING TO COAT COMPLETELY. RETURN THEM TO THE WIRE RACK AND ALLOW EXCESS GLAZE TO DRIP OFF. BEST SERVED WARM.



Prep Time: Cook Time: Servings:

10 MINS 15 MINS 16 DONUTS

# 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. After earning my bachelor's degree at Campbell University in North Carolina, I graduated law school in Charleston and worked at Uricchio, Howe, Krell, Jacobson, Toporek, Theos & Keith, P.A. for six years. My wife and I recently decided to move home to Camden with our two dogs, Elvis and Dixie, to start and raise our family there. Thankfully, the timing aligned with the opportunity to work with the great team and clients at the Law Office of Kenneth E. Berger.

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.



### The Story Behind the Law Office of Kenneth E. Berger, LLC: *Celebrating Five Wonderful 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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# FIRM SNAPSHOT: TICKET GIVEAWAY

If you're not connected with us on social media, now is the time to click "Like." (*If you think Rexy's Recipes is fun, you should see our photo album of "Where In The World Is Rex" Wednesdays.*) By following us on Facebook, you'll stay up-to-date on our team members, Kenny's latest articles and videos, and the organizations we support. It may also mean an opportunity for you to win one of our giveaways, like Robert Baker and Tamatha Lalima (pictured right).

As a firm of avid USC and Clemson fans, we had the privilege of giving two tickets away on Nov. 25 to South Carolina's most anticipated college football game of the season. Robert and Tamatha enjoyed their afternoon cheering for opposing colleges from the fifty-yard line. Although Robert's team (Clemson) won the game, Tamatha felt like a winner too with the memories they created together.

***Congratulations again, Robert and Tamatha.***

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