



# LAW OFFICE OF KENNETH E. BERGER, LLC

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## SAFETY FIRST JUSTICE ALWAYS

### “Do Well By Doing Good”

I recently had the privilege and honor of being inducted into the Melvin Belli Society. Mr. Belli was the original “King of Torts,” bringing justice to countless people maimed by the negligence of others. The Society which bears his name includes some of the most respected trial lawyers in the country.

Each year, one of those lawyers is recognized above all others at the annual dinner. This year’s award recipient, Steve Gursten (Michigan), said something during his remarks that resonated with me, and which I hope I not soon forget. Steve observed that in our field and in our lives, we “do well by doing good.”

Trial lawyers have a reputation for greed; for chasing ambulances; for exploiting our jury system. And while that is true of some, in my experience the vast majority of trial attorneys make countless sacrifices in the name of service to others. The ones who do best are often those who do the least for themselves and the most for their clients.



This trait is not unique to trial attorneys, but to many of the most successful people in our country. They solve large problems that impact countless lives, and as a result, do well for themselves. While TV and the Internet is replete with stories of avarice, and while plenty of people get rich through short-cuts and deceit, I believe that those we remember and those we respect are those who do well by doing good. As Steve reminded me and as I now share, each of us has this choice, and each of us is well-served through the service of others.

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# REXY'S RECIPES:



## Buffalo Chicken Roll Ups



### Ingredients:

2 CUPS CHICKEN, COOKED  
1/2 CUP BUFFALO WING SAUCE  
1/4 CUP BLUE CHEESE  
1 CUP CHEDDAR CHEESE  
8 OZ LIGHT CREAM CHEESE  
2 TBSP SOUR CREAM  
4 LARGE FLOUR TORTILLAS

### Directions:

1. In a mixing bowl, combine blue cheese, cream cheese, sour cream and cheddar cheese
2. Toss in chicken with 1/2 cup of buffalo wing sauce
3. Lay out tortillas and spread an even layer of the chicken and cheese mixture
4. Roll up tightly and put in fridge to chill for two hours
5. Slice each tortilla into 1 inch sections and serve

Football season is right around the corner and you know what that means... time for tailgating and good food! If you're tired of bringing the same dishes to the games with you, try this fun twist on buffalo chicken dip. It is less messy but as equally delicious!

# BEST AMONG US:



## Steve Chaney

At the 2017 Brain Injury Association of SC Annual Conference, we had the pleasure of meeting Steve Chaney from AccessNSM. AccessNSM is a division of National Seating & Mobility that offers stair and chair lifts, door openers, ramps, bath modifications, and much more. AccessNSM strives to offer custom mobility, rehab and adaptive seating systems following a life changing incident. They come into your home and design a plan to ensure that you have the best possible access to life as it once was. Steve has been in this line of work for 12 years and says, "there are times in your life that you just don't like the job you have, but this is not the case for me!" His passion to provide others a better life when they don't always have the means, is what drives him. He currently services all of North and South Carolina. For more information on AccessNSM and their services, call (828) 277-2577 Ext. 204 or email Steve at [steven.chaney@nsm-seating.com](mailto:steven.chaney@nsm-seating.com).

# FIRM SNAPSHOT:

## What's New at LOKB?

2017 has been a wonderful year for us here at the Law Office of Kenneth Berger. Not only have we added to our team, but we have also completed a major exterior renovation. We are always working to make our office as accessible and comfortable as possible for our clients. These renovations included a new ramp, railing, and facade.

We are looking forward to the future of our law firm and the ways in which we will continue to serve our community. If you are ever in the area, please stop by to see our new space and meet our team. We would love to see you. As always, when you need us we are here to serve.



# CASE RESULT:

## Another Hit and Run

On October 14, 2016, Agustin Islas-Rivera chose to blow through a stop sign. He struck a vehicle coming from his left, then fled the scene, leaving a young mother in need of neck surgery and a child screaming in her backseat. Though the Defendant chose to initially dispute this characterization of his acts, independent witnesses did not. In fact, it was these independent witnesses' Affidavits, combined with footage from the arresting officer's bodycam video, that gave us the strongest evidence of how reckless, yet unremorseful Mr. Islas-Rivera was on the night of the crash.

Prior to being harmed by the Defendant, our client enjoyed an active lifestyle, fast-paced job, and all the joy that a young mother experiences with her first child. Afterwards, she was plagued by chronic pain to the point where even picking up or holding her son became a near impossibility.

Our client's cervical MRI confirmed what we had already learned from her friends and family – there was a clear change after the Defendant crashed into her. Specifically, the MRI showed disc protrusion at C4-5, causing cord compression.

As a result of the painful, dangerous nature of this injury, surgical intervention was recommended. We obtained a cost projection for the surgery. When those costs were combined with the likelihood of a large punitive verdict, the insurance carrier had no choice other than to pay its substantial policy limits or risk an "excess verdict."

While our young client is not yet 100%, she is on the path to recovery and now has the financial resources to obtain the medical care her damaged spine requires and hopefully regain as much of her former life as possible.

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# CLIENT REVIEW:

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*via Facebook*

Jason L. from Columbia, SC

“Kenny is a superb attorney, along with Andrew, and Tarsha is a great paralegal. The service I received from the time my case was accepted, to the time it was settled was nothing short of excellent...Seriously, the Law Office of Kenneth Berger, in my opinion, is a law firm that is honest, reliable, and basically gets results. Thanks again to everyone. I have already been, and will continue to be, an advocate for this firm.”

