

bar talk

PARKER LAW FIRM: The Attorneys You Want But Hope You Never Need



Mayor of Bedford, Jim Griffin, joined Brad at the Business After Hours for the HEB Chamber of Commerce hosted by Parker Law Firm in June.

Message From Brad

The first two quarters of 2017 have been busy for us at Parker Law Firm. We have worked hard to implement our new marketing plan of which this newsletter is a part. We have also been busy recording our Bar Talk videos. We built a little studio and purchased some equipment and are trying to put up short 90-second videos branded Bar Talk that answer many frequently asked questions. So far we have five that are up and running. I hope that you will take the time to watch them. You can find them on the website under the "Videos" tab under the "Free Info" button on our home page. You might have also seen them on Facebook or YouTube. If you have any topics that you would like us to discuss, please send us an email or call and let us know.

In June we hosted a Business After Hours event for the HEB Chamber of Commerce. That was a great time, and we had a full house of local business leaders over for barbecue from Crazy Cowboy. The Mayor as well as some city council members were in attendance, and we even gave away some Dallas Stars hockey tickets.

I also found time to attend the annual Texas Trial Lawyer's meeting in Austin and attended the Past Presidents' Luncheon of the Tarrant County Bar Association. Having been president of both of these associations, it is always nice to attend their events to get caught up on not just local legal issues but Legislative issues as well.

July looks to be every bit as busy as June. We have a number of trials coming up in the fall and are diligently working to get ready for them. I hope that you get some time to spend with your family this month and had a safe and fun Fourth of July.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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In the Community

Parker Law Firm proudly hosted the HEB Chamber of Commerce After Hours event on June 21 at its Bedford office. Local business leaders, including the Mayor, enjoyed barbecue from Crazy Cowboy.



Staff Spotlight

Five fun facts about Legal Assistant Raquel Arellano

1. What's the craziest thing you've ever eaten?

I once ate raw octopus.

2. Do you collect anything?

Every time I go to a museum, zoo, aquarium, etc., I seek out the penny press and create a stamped coin to commemorate my visit.

3. Where are some of the most memorable places you've visited?

I have never traveled to an exotic location, however I had the opportunity to travel to Uruguay and Argentina. It was an incredibly peaceful and cultural experience.

4. How did you and your boyfriend meet?

We met at our university's convocation. I didn't know him, and he kept talking to me. When convocation ended, we started heading toward the exit. He was still making conversation as I was walking to the university apartments. As we approached the door, I turned and asked him where he thought he was going. He answered, "I live here too." I was really embarrassed because I thought he was following me.

5. What's the best gift you've ever received?

I had the opportunity to see Pope Frances at World Youth Day.




Straight Talk

Make sure you are fully charged and the volume is turned up for this month's tips on cell phone etiquette.

Cell phones flooded the market more than 30 years ago, so why are people still breaking all the social rules for cell phone usage? If you have a weak signal when it comes to what's acceptable, here are five tips in honor of Cell Phone Courtesy Month.

- Don't EVER Text/Dial and Drive - This one should be a no-brainer.
- Keep Private Conversations Private - Nobody in the produce section at the grocery store cares about your aunt's dental procedure.
- Avoid Commode Conversations - Some things can wait!
- Stash Your Phone at the Dinner Table - Give those you are dining with your undivided attention.
- Do NOT make calls or text during a work meeting, movie, class, church assembly, theater performance, wedding, funeral...Just use some common sense!



July 4th word search

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words to find

AMERICAN
FATHERS
FOUNDING
HONOR
NATIONAL ANTHEM
STARS
UNITED STATES

CENTENNIAL
FESTIVE
FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PATRIOTIC
STRIPES
VETERANS

CIVIC
FIREWORKS
HOLIDAY
LIBERTY
PICNIC
STAR SPANGLED



When the Road Gets Bumpy

Texas is ranked third in the nation for the highest number of motorcycle fatalities.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) states that motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to be killed than drivers and passengers in other vehicles in road crashes, and more than 80 percent of motorcycle accidents result in death or injury to the motorcyclist.

Motorcycles are inherently more dangerous than other types of vehicles due to the fact that they lack seat belts, air bags and the protective steel frame that a car provides. Additionally, they can be less stable than four-wheeled vehicles and are much less visible on the road.

Some of the most common causes for motorcycle accidents include: Failure to yield; speeding; driving under the influence; dooring; objects thrown from other vehicles. The consequences of accidents are serious and life-changing for victims and their families. Too often, it is another person's

careless behavior that leads to these crashes, with the bikers left facing physical pain, emotional turmoil, and financial stress.

In a great many cases, other drivers claim they simply didn't see the motorcycle. Regardless of what another driver may intend, when he fails to be careful and attentive behind the wheel, a motorcyclist should not have to suffer the consequences.

Motorcyclists have rights that can be protected after an accident. Despite facing some unique challenges, accident victims can obtain justice and compensation that can help them move forward successfully with their lives.

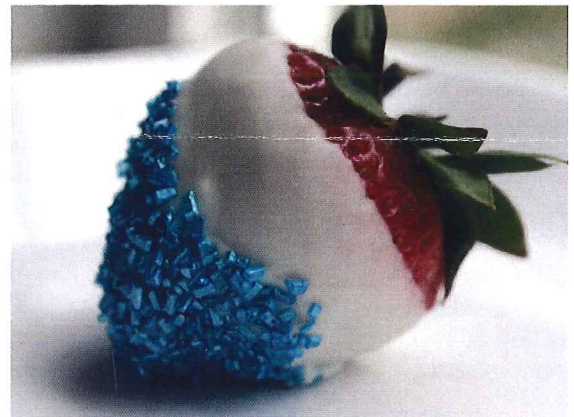
Protect yourself from the negligence of others with motorcycle insurance. Call Parker Law Firm at 817.330.8611 for a free evaluation of your current insurance policy or download our "Understanding Motorcycle Insurance" brochure at parkerlawfirm.com.

Patriotic Strawberries

- 1 container of strawberries
- 3/4 cup of white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup blue sprinkles

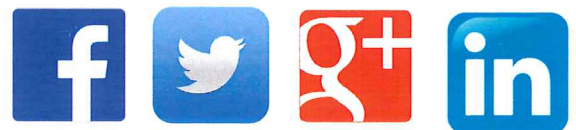
DIRECTIONS:

1. Rinse strawberries thoroughly and pat dry.
2. In heatproof bowl over a saucepan with water, melt white chocolate chips and stir until smooth.
3. One at a time, dip strawberries in chocolate and immediately dip bottom half of strawberry in sprinkles mixture.
4. Place on wax paper and chill in the refrigerator for at least 20 minutes before serving.
5. Enjoy!



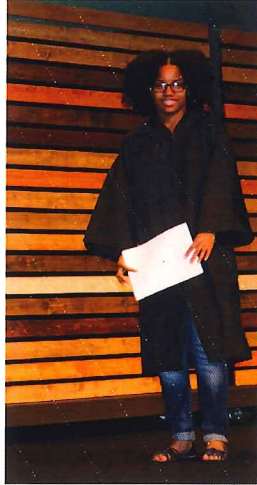
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Eager to Learn

Trinity High School senior, Makayla Booker, was this year's recipient of Parker Law Firm's college scholarship. Mikaela plans to attend Tarrant County Community College in the fall to pursue her Associate's Degree. Applicants are required to have a minimum 3.0 GPA and must plan to attend a two- or four-year college. In her qualifying essay, Makayla wrote about how her mother motivated her to go to college. Visit parkerlawfirm.com to apply for 2018.



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Trivia Treasures

Many people are aware that the 50 stars on the American flag represent the 50 states that make up the USA and that the 13 stripes represent the former 13 colonies. **But do you know the nickname given to the American flag and how it was derived?**

If you call in and answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win two free tickets for admission to a local movie theater. Call the firm before July 21 at 817.330.8611 to participate.

Congratulations to our June winner, Bobbie Hartwig, from Princeton, Texas.

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