



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

Message From Brad



I recently did something that I had never done before. Back in February, I packed my bags and ran off to Colorado for five days...all by myself. It was wonderful.

I have been reading a lot lately, particularly books on business, marketing and some fiction along the way. I had also started writing my third book for the law firm. Despite having been working on it for six months, I could never seem to get motivated to finish. I was in a rut. So I decided to fly out to Colorado and get rid of all distractions. I locked myself in, and for three days I wrote and rewrote and edited and finally finished the book and some other projects I have going. It truly was amazing, and I had never been able to get as much done in such a short period of time. This getting away is going to become a one or two times a year ritual.

When I tell people what my third book is about, I get some rather strange stares and questions about why in the world I would write a book on why you may not need a lawyer to settle your car wreck claim. After all, is that not the business I am in? Why would I ever tell people they don't need to hire a lawyer. The simple reason is, all too often we have people who call who have been in relatively minor accidents. They did not suffer significant injury and mainly are just sore and need some time to heal. In those situations, hiring an attorney may well

result in the net recovery received being smaller than if they had settled the claim themselves and never hired an attorney. Additionally, we really do not handle small car wreck claims. Notwithstanding, we will always try and help people find an attorney if they have a claim we do not handle such as family law, probate wills, criminal or small car wrecks. However, several people I have spoken to prefer to try and settle it themselves when it is a small car wreck and just don't know how.

So, I decided to write a book to walk people through the process of settling their own claim when the injuries are relatively minor. The book should be ready for download in the next 30 days, and I hope that if you or someone you know are in a minor traffic accident that you will download my book. I am of course here to answer any questions that you may have along the way. Likewise, if the injuries are more significant and long term, you should always hire a lawyer. The process can become complicated very quickly in more serious injury matters. I am always here to help with any legal need you may have even if we refer you to another attorney, answer a few questions or provide you with a free book.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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In the Community

Parker Law Firm is a proud sponsor of Airport Area YMCA 2018 Youth Sports. The YMCA Youth Spring Volleyball program runs March 24 - May 19. We support local kids!



Client Testimonial

"...Never had to look up laws, never said he would get back with us. Mr. Parker always left each session with all questions answered. Mr. Parker is the best I've met and would suggest no other. His law firm gets what they promise. I'm doing very well thanks to Parker Law Firm." -Joel and Pam C.



Spring Word Search

L	F	L	O	W	E	R	B
A	N	U	N	M	S	W	X
M	E	W	A	D	M	S	Q
B	T	Z	E	Q	C	P	Q
X	B	U	D	E	Q	R	R
Q	Z	U	B	G	Y	I	A
Z	A	C	L	G	Z	N	I
B	I	R	D	Q	J	G	N

BIRD
BUD
EGG
FLOWER

LAMB
NET
RAIN
SPRING



Case Study: Unexpected Delivery

We have recently been able to help a family of five that was involved in a serious multi-vehicle collision while traveling on vacation over the Memorial holiday weekend.

The wife/mother of the family also happened to be pregnant with her third child at the time. As the family was driving on a local highway, another vehicle was weaving in and out of traffic at an estimated 90 mph. The speeding driver lost control of her vehicle, causing it to slam into a median, spin out of control and strike a second vehicle before eventually crashing into our client's SUV. The reckless driver was taken into custody by law enforcement at the scene of the accident. The arresting officer specifically cited the at-fault driver with the willful and wanton disregard for the safety of other persons and their property.

Our expectant client was rushed by ambulance to a local hospital. Due to the severity of her injuries, it was determined that both she and her unborn child were in imminent, life-threatening danger. Our client was forced to undergo an emergency caesarean section to deliver her baby at just 27 weeks of pregnancy. The infant then endured the next three months in

the hospital neonatal care unit receiving intensely specialized life supportive medical treatment.

Through our efforts and work to clearly set forth our clients' injuries and damages, we were successful in getting all insurance carriers involved to make substantial settlement offers without having to file a lawsuit and spend years in protracted court proceedings. In addition, we were able to negotiate waivers and reductions for medical bills that exceeded seven figures. If you or a loved one have been involved in the unfortunate tragedy of a car accident, download Brad's free book *Auto Accidents, Personal Injuries and Wrongful Death Lawsuits* at parkerlawfirm.com/reports.





When Man's Best Friend Attacks

Spring's beautiful weather tempts locals from their winter hibernation and prompts outdoor enjoyment. The last thing someone should have to worry about when jogging around the block, barbecuing in the park or playing in the driveway is an aggressive dog attack. Each year in the United States, there are nearly 5 million dog bites, half of which are inflicted on children. Some are serious and may require reconstructive surgery, and others can be fatal.

Texas is one of the states that has the "first bite is free" rule. What that means is that if you are a victim of a dog bite, you must show that the dog owner knew or should have known that his dog was aggressive or dangerous or had at least shown aggressive tendencies in the past.

The Parker Law Firm has handled a variety of dog bite cases including those where the animal turned on a stranger, such as someone walking down the street, a neighbor as well as someone familiar with the dog. It's unpredictable as to who may be the subject or target of a dog bite.

If someone is the victim of a dog attack, the first person they should contact is a medical professional and have the wounds treated to whatever extent is necessary. Additionally, the victim or victim's advocate will want to contact the dog owner to find out if the animal has been properly vaccinated.

The other people that need to be notified would include local authorities and particularly animal control. Even if the dog had never acted out before, the authorities need to know in case there is another incident. Likewise, if this is the dog's second, third or fourth attack, there are provisions under Texas law that would label the animal as a vicious dog and require the owner to take special precautions in boarding so it can't get loose.

If you or someone you know needs information about dog bites or their legal rights in personal injury matters, download Brad's free book on *Auto Accidents, Personal Injuries and Wrongful Death Lawsuits* at parkerlawfirm.com/reports/.

We are here to help!



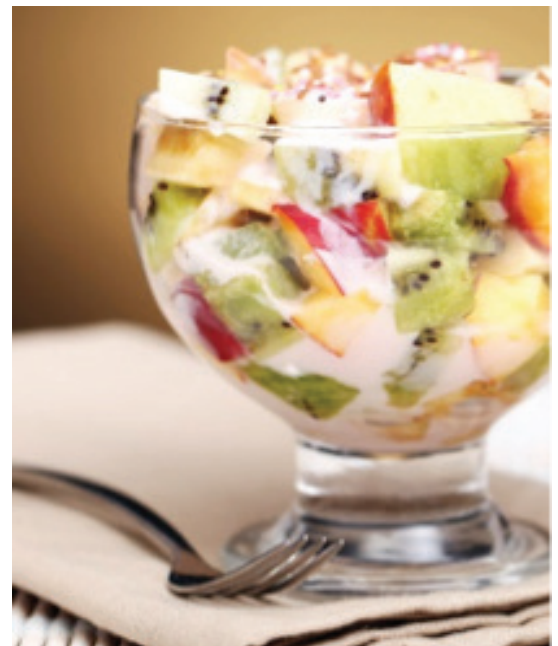
Five-Minute Fruit Fluff Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can mandarin oranges
- 1 can pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 apples, diced
- 1 kiwi fruit
- 1/2 jar of Maraschino cherries, drained
- 8 ounces of Cool Whip or 2 cups of whipped cream

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a serving bowl combine oranges, pineapple, apples, kiwi and cherries. Gently mix.
2. Add Cool Whip and combine.
3. Serve chilled and enjoy!



Let's Get Social

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Linked In and Google Plus. Also check out parkerlawfirm.com for regularly updated blogs and videos.



Calling High School Seniors

Thanks to all of the motivated high school seniors of Trinity High School and L.D. Bell High School who applied! We look forward to making a decision and hope to announce the recipients in our May issue of Bar Talk. Stay tuned!



Parker's Poll

Each month Brad produces Bar Talk videos on FAQs. Are you more interested in hearing details about car accidents or trucking accidents? Let us know! Please email suggestions to kami@parkerlawfirm.com.

Trivia Treasures

After Halloween, Easter is the top-selling candy holiday. Approximately how many jelly beans do Americans consume each Easter?

- A. 16,000
- B. 16 million
- C. 1.6 billion



If you 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 at 817.330.8611 or email Kami Fox at kami@parkerlawfirm.com before April 20 to participate. *Our March trivia challenge winner was Megan Case of Fort Worth. Congratulations, Megan!*