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THE Key Piece

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SO, WHAT DOES



LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

A frequent question we ask during our consultations, initial intakes, and even employment interviews is, "So, what does success look like to you?"

But many times we are met with blank stares and long, awkward silence followed by, "I don't know," or, "I'm not sure." Therefore, we are left with some nebulous hope of stumbling upon a successful result.

Here's what we've learned – in those cases, success never comes. We see this with custody clients not being happy with a judge's decision, injury clients unsatisfied with the recovery, and disability clients surprised with how long the process takes.

But why? When we don't have an idea of what success looks like, how will we know if we've found it? And if we don't have an

idea of what success looks like, how will we know if success is even possible in a given situation? How will we know what work it will take to find the success we are looking to achieve?

Defining and then finding success is not just an exercise for consults, cases, or employment interviews – it really applies to many aspects of our life. From sports to medical treatment to financial, first, define what success looks like FOR YOU. (Quick note – this is your success. It is not defined by others or by comparison to others unless, of course, you want to use others as your measuring stick).

Defining your goal, determining the work required to reach the goal, and then recognizing when you are there or not can help improve your outcomes.



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GET YOUR FREE COPY! *Injury Victim's Diary*

I created this workbook for you to document all the evidence you need to obtain a fair settlement from the insurance company after getting hurt in a wreck; things you may forget with time, like:

- The accident details.
- Witness information.
- The progression of your pain and symptoms.
- History of missed work and wages.
- Names of doctors and dates of visits.
- And more!

If you'd like a copy of this resource or know someone else who may need one, give our office at call at (985) 240-9773 or visit LJBGuides.com. We'd be happy to send you a free copy.

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LJB's Cookin' Corner

PORK TACOS

We usually don't keep apple juice in the house, so when the kids see it in the fridge, they always get excited. They know pork tacos are on the menu for the week. This is a simple slow cooker meal perfect for a busy school night.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 1/2 lbs country-style boneless pork ribs
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1 (1.25 oz) packet taco seasoning (our favorite is the Taco Bell brand)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place the ribs into the slow cooker.
2. Sprinkle ribs with taco seasoning. Then, using tongs, toss the ribs to evenly coat with the taco seasoning.
3. Pour the apple juice over the ribs and

cover the slow cooker.

4. Cook on low for 8 hours.
5. Using a fork, shred the pork in the slow cooker. (It's usually falling apart on its own at this point.)
6. Allow shredded pork to sit in the juices for 20 to 30 more minutes.
7. Drain excess juice.

We usually serve on tortillas with shredded cheese and shredded cabbage. But we also sometimes change things up and serve over tortilla chips with queso or nacho cheese for delicious pork nachos.

If you have a recipe you'd like to submit to the newsletter, please share it with us at info@LJBLegal.com. We're always looking for new recipes to try and share.



Enjoy!

ONE CLIENT'S JOURNEY CONTINUED

After one particularly ugly call from the insurance adjuster, she called us because the emotional toll became too heavy, especially as she continued to deal with pain, numbness, headaches, and the resulting depression.

We asked Tina what success looked like for her in the case. Her response was, "I just want my medical bills paid and the store to acknowledge it was their fault."

We immediately reached out to the store and the insurance adjuster. They gave us the cold shoulder as well, leaving no option but to file a lawsuit.

Under questioning, we found multiple conflicting stories starting to emerge from

the store's perspective. One witness said there was video showing the fall and how it happened, but the store manager claimed video did not exist, and they found no evidence of the claimed fall. The store never produced the video and said it was "lost" during a system upgrade.

During this, our client continued to experience neck and back issues related to the fall. She continued to seek treatment, and her doctor told us she was working so hard to get better; more than many others he had worked with over the years.

Ultimately, we mediated the case with the store. During mediation prep, we again asked Tina about success, and she still wanted her medical bills covered and an acknowledgment

from the store that she was not a liar.

But given the course of the case and the potential, a new goal became some money to put towards buying her own home.

We were able to negotiate a significant settlement for Tina, which should help her realize her two financial goals. We also obtained a concession from the store that they were not contesting liability, essentially acknowledging it was their fault.

As we left the mediation, Tina smiled finally, thanked us, and breathed a sigh of relief. We could see the weight of feeling like this was all her fault lifting.

**Tina is a fictitious name.*

Reminder About Our Firm's COMMUNICATION POLICY

Our promise to you is that while we are working on YOUR case – we are WORKING on YOUR case. And this goes for each and every one of our clients. This means that our focus and attention are

squarely on your case and not anything else. Because of this, Loyd Bourgeois DOES NOT take unscheduled phone calls, emails, or walk-ins. This makes all of us more productive, efficient, and knowledgeable about YOUR case. It may help get your issue resolved faster. You can always call the office at (985) 240-9773 and schedule a

phone appointment or in-person visit.

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MEET MAKAYLA

LJB's Newest Team Member

As our Client Onboarding Coordinator, Makayla is the first person our new clients speak to and the first smiling face they see when they walk into our office.



MAKAYLA

our conversation ends, you have a little weight lifted off your shoulders," Makayla said.

Makayla grew up in St. John the Baptist Parish and loves the outdoors. She regularly came over to St. Charles to enjoy the bayous, and her family made Luling home in 2021.

Makayla's history of working in the service industry, along with involvement in many extracurricular activities including pageants, softball, soccer, and (her personal favorite) cheerleading have already been evident in her desire to help our clients and our team wherever needed.

Makayla has demonstrated her natural desire to fulfill our core value to "compassionately make a difference every day." We are very excited to have her join our team.

"Helping people has always been a top priority of mine. I enjoy knowing that once

If you call or come by the office, please give her a warm welcome!

Celebrations in May

Did you know all these days existed in May? Let's take a look:

- 1: National Chocolate Parfait Day
- 2: National Life Insurance Day
- 3: National Paranormal Day
- 4: National Skilled Trades Day
- 5: National Astronauts Day
- 6: International No Diets Day
- 8: National Coconut Cream Pie Day
- 15: Peace Officers Memorial Day

This is just a sample of some of the lesser-known celebrations in May. For more, visit nationaltoday.com/may-holidays.



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REVIEW ROUNDUP



"I am very glad I chose the Loyd Bourgeois' team to represent me in getting my disability case approved!!! I would refer anyone I know to this very attentive, dependable, informative, and caring team... thumbs up, Christy!!"

— Tim R.



"They are wonderful! Always takes your calls answer your questions in a way that you understand. His staff is remarkable!! They treat you like you're the only case they have when indeed they have others. That's just how they make you feel! I was referred to him by Mike Granier, and I'm so thankful. I would refer Mr. Loyd Bourgeois to anyone that needed his services.

I've never felt so comfortable and confident in any situation as they made me feel! Their goal is to WIN your case, and that's exactly what they do! Thank you Mr. Loyd J. Bourgeois and your entire staff."

— Ryan Verdin

Thank you for your recent referrals to LJB Legal

We are always thankful to those who trust us enough to recommend us to their family, friends, and/or clients.

- Joey Bourgeois
- Jake Lemmon, attorney
- Tatiana Mouton, attorney
- Corey Oubre, attorney
- Annette Sigears
- David Moyer, attorney
- Don Paul Landry, attorney
- Anita Camardelle
- Adele Dauphin, attorney
- Law Office of Ramsey, Skiles, Strevia & Bourgeois
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- Brandy Nichols
- Gregory Johnston
- Renoid Berthelot
- Amanda Lagarde Sullivan, attorney

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ONE CLIENT'S JOURNEY

Tina* first called our office through a friend about five years ago because she was experiencing significant problems resulting from a work injury.

She could no longer work, and she needed help fighting for her disability benefits. We worked with her through the entire process: Building a case, preparing her for a hearing, and ultimately winning her benefits. We kept in touch over the years as she received

our newsletters, other mailings, and birthday cards.

Then one day while shopping at one of her favorite stores, she attempted to sit down on a chair the store had on display encouraging their customers to try it. As she sat, the chair collapsed under her, sending her crashing to the ground. Over the next few days, the pain never subsided, and her friend encouraged her to seek medical treatment and report the incident to the store, which she did.

After reporting the incident, the store manager and then the insurance adjuster called her a liar – in more ways than one and with a tone and anger most reserve for their worst enemies. Tina was stunned.

'After one particularly ugly call from the insurance adjuster, she called us because the emotional toll became too heavy...'

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