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THE Key Piece

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The • THE BEGINNING OF THE END • 2010s are drawing to a close

It seems like just yesterday that we were ringing in 2019, getting ready for Mardi Gras and enjoying summertime bliss. But in the blink of an eye, 2019 is quickly approaching its end.

As November draws to a close, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the entire holiday season is upon us. And with the upcoming new year, the 2010s find their end. As another decade closes, it's a natural time to reflect on the years past and focus on the years ahead.

It seems like only a few sleeps ago, we were ushering in 2010. It's crazy to think that 10 years ago at this time, this firm didn't exist. My family of four hadn't found out about our addition and growth to 5 yet. The worst oil spill in history hadn't happened. The iPad was not yet on the market.

How much has changed since then?



For us, the past decade and past year have seen tremendous growth, both personally and professionally. And we are planning on keeping the momentum going for 2020. We have big things in store for 2020 and the next decade.

But here's the thing - those big things we have in store... they don't just happen. They are planned for, talked about, acted upon and implemented.

This is probably my biggest growth point over the last decade - the true realization (with a nod to William Henley's *Invictus*), **"I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."**

Sincerely,

OUR MISSION

We Help You Fight
Life's Legal Battles with
Compassion and Care!

Our Firm's COMMUNICATION POLICY

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LJB's Cookin' Corner

GRANNY EVELYN PINTADO'S SWEET POTATO DRESSING

Client Jessica Pintado's recipe was our Thanksgiving Prize winner. Jessica has fond memories of this Pintado family Thanksgiving mainstay, although she thinks her brother liked the dish more than anyone. Jessica's tip is to make sure you grind the sweet potatoes to ensure creaminess. While Jessica has made the recipe many times over the years, in her opinion, "It never tastes as good as Granny Pintado's, because she made it with extra love."

Jessica, thanks for your recipe! We'll be sure to let you know our experience with making it.

INGREDIENTS

- 5lbs raw sweet potatoes peeled and cut into small enough pieces to pass through a food grinder. Grind and set aside.
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 pound pork breakfast sausage
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1 bunch parsley, finely chopped

- 1 bunch Shallots, finely chopped

PREPARATION

Brown the ground meat and pork.

Fry down a little, adding onions, parsley and shallots.

Add sweet potatoes and cook down until all ingredients are cooked completely.

Serve it alone or over rice. Enjoy!



Thanks for your recent referrals!

J. Cooper D. Groze
P. Triche A. Franks

We welcome AND appreciate your referrals!

T. Benedetto (Attorney)
S. Pilie (Attorney)
Reddy Law Group
Morrison Law Group

And remember – If you refer someone, make sure they tell us about YOU! We accept referrals in Disability, Injury & Divorce cases.

THANKSGIVING JOKES

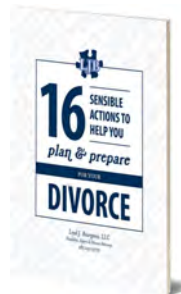
- Why are cranberries red? Because they saw the turkey dressing!
- What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? Lucky!
- What kind of music did the Pilgrims listen to at the first Thanksgiving? Plymouth Rock!

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!

GET OUR BOOKS!

We are here to help you understand your legal situation so you can make the best decisions about your case and your life as possible. Grab your copy of our FREE Guides today at www.LJBGuides.com:

16 Sensible Actions to Help You Plan & Prepare for Your Divorce



Quick Guide to Louisiana Accident and Injury Claims



9 Mistakes That Can Disable Your Social Security Disability Claim





So, what is a tort?

Last month we wrote about the ugly side of Tort Reform. Not long after the newsletter hit mailboxes, one of our loyal readers asked, “Well, what exactly is a tort?”

A “tort” is a wrongful act or infringement of a right leading to civil liability. The three main types of torts are negligence, strict liability and intentional torts.

Examples of negligence torts include automobile accidents, professional malpractice (medical, legal, accounting, engineering, etc.), dog bites, bicycle collisions, etc. Generally, it’s any situation in which another

person or entity may have caused or contributed to any injury. Examples of strict liability include claims like product liability, vaccine injury and premises liability. Examples of intentional torts include things like assault and battery (fighting).

So when you hear of TORT REFORM, think that someone is looking to reform the law because they don’t like being accountable for their own actions and responsibilities. Not surprisingly, most tort reform advocates and supporters are insurance companies and major business interests. Instead of changing their behavior, they want to change the law and take away your rights.

2010s: Inventions, trends and more

The importance of the 2010s will be debated in history many years from now, but there is no doubt that the decade brought us world-changing inventions, discoveries, companies, trends and more. Here are a few I found interesting:

- **Inventions from 2010 – 2019:** iPad; Fitbit; hoverboards; drones; Instagram; Lyft; Apple Watch.
- **Scientific Discoveries 2010–2019:** Higgs-Boson confirmation; oldest cave art; water on Mars; HIV vaccine; dinosaur feathers found in amber; interstellar object passes through solar system; lab-grown meat.
- **Interesting & Newsworthy Events 2010–2019:** Deep Water Horizon;

Tea Party; Citizens United; Bin Laden killed; Jaycee Dugard found, Caycee Anthony acquitted; Norway terror attack; Amanda Knox freed; Jerry Sandusky arrested; Sandy Hook shooting; Benghazi attack; Boston Marathon bombing; Edward Snowden; Ice Bucket Challenge; Ebola outbreak; Colorado marijuana stores open; Charlie Hebdo and other Paris attacks; Charleston Church shooting; same-sex marriage legalized; police ambushed in Dallas and Baton Rouge; Brexit; Trump elected; #MeToo; Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs Texas shootings; solar eclipse; fake news; Marjorie Stoneman Douglas school shooting; Khashoggi murder by Saudi Arabia; Impeachment hearings.

REVIEW ROUNDUP

KNOWLEDGEABLE, KIND

“Mr. Bourgeois is knowledgeable and kind. He also offers other references and referrals if it’s not a case that is his specialty. I would recommend him to anyone that needs a lawyer...”

—Michelle

EASY TO WORK WITH

“Lloyd Bourgeois, LLC is highly rated for a reason! I can’t imagine working with any other attorney! His office is so easy to work with, and they treat you like family! Although his staff is knowledgeable and professional, Mr. Bourgeois will call you to keep you updated on your case [to] make sure you understand your options and what the procedure will be!”

—Judith

Michelle and Judith, thank you for noticing some of our core principles in action – compassion for tough times and open lines of communication. Search for us on Google, AVVO or Facebook – Lloyd J. Bourgeois, LLC! Let us know how we are doing!

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Find the answer key on page 4. (It’s upside-down!)

Use these Thanksgiving conversation starters

This Thanksgiving, forego the politics and impeachment talk, and encourage the kids in your family to ask a few questions to the older adults – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. The answers may surprise everyone.

Here are a few starter questions:

- How did you celebrate Thanksgiving when you were my age?
- What was your favorite thing about where you grew up?
- What about my mom or dad drove you crazy when she or he was a kid?
- If you could live in any decade of your life again, which would it be?
- If you had an extra hour in every day, how would you spend it?
- Which is your favorite month and why?

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