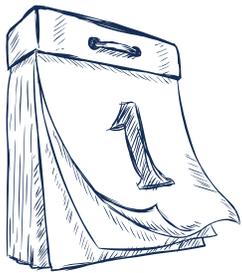


# THE Key Piece

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## 2010-2020

*the start of something great!*

### Ten years ago, I did something pretty crazy.

I had two small children at home and another due in just two short months. I had a good job (with benefits!) in New Orleans, doing mostly insurance defense work. But I just wasn't happy.

I hated the commute. I wanted to be present and involved in Preston, Sophie and Iko's (as Reid was nicknamed back then) lives. I wanted to be around to help put them on the bus, help them with homework and be involved in their activities.

I also wanted to feel good about the work I was doing; to know I was truly helping people and contributing to my community.

So I quit that steady-paying job (with benefits!), rented a small office space in our hometown of Luling and started out on my own.

### "This month makes 10 years since I opened that small law firm on River Road."

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A lot has changed since then. For one thing, my boy who was headed to kindergarten is now taller than me! I've seen my kids off on the bus and helped with homework. I've coached baseball, soccer and basketball. I've sat through my fair share of dance routines. I've been active in many community organizations. Our firm has continued to grow, and I think we have been able to make a difference in the lives of many of our clients.

But some things are still the same. I still have a lot that I want to accomplish. I am still excited to work hard for our clients and treat them with the compassion and

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We Help You Fight  
Life's Legal Battles with  
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- Social Security Disability
- Long-Term Disability
- Personal Injury
- Car Accidents
- Divorce and Child Custody

## 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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# HONEY GARLIC SHRIMP

## LJB's Cookin' Corner

One of the perks of being a small-town lawyer are the gifts. I recently notarized some documents "gratis" for a friend of mine... or so I thought. A few days later, Indya appeared in my office with a bag and said, "Someone just dropped this off for you; they didn't leave a name." I opened the bag, and inside were a few containers of fresh honey. I knew it had to be the only person I know who keeps a few hives in our community. Fresh honey is great! Fresh honey adds a little something extra to this dish, which my family loves. Try this quick and delicious recipe with fresh honey from your local beekeeper.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 tsp. garlic, minced
- ½ tsp. ginger, minced

- 4 tbsp fresh honey
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- Optional: Rice or pasta

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine the garlic, ginger, honey and soy sauce and set aside.
2. Over medium high heat, sear the shrimp in olive oil until a little brown on both sides and pink throughout.
3. When shrimp are almost cooked, pour the sauce over top and heat for a few minutes longer.
4. Optional: Serve over cooked rice or cooked pasta. I like to pour the entire skillet into a pot of cooked pasta and toss to get an even coverage over the pasta.
5. Serve and enjoy!

# Do you put off until tomorrow what can be done today?

*The pitfalls of procrastination*



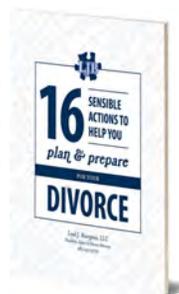
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The ancient Greek poet Hesiod cautioned against procrastination in 800 B.C., but it remains a problem today. We have all been there. You have a big school project due, and you are given plenty of notice, but find yourself scrambling the night before. It's the same with studying for the big test.

Scientific research has shown procrastination causes higher levels of stress and harms our well-being!

From a real world perspective, procrastination causes inadequate retirement savings ("I'll save later") and missed medical visits ("I failed to plan transportation until the day of, and no one can take me").

Unfortunately, our team sees it frequently from callers looking for help with their cases. We will often get a call something along these lines:

**LJB:** Thank you for calling Loyd J. Bourgeois, how can I assist you today?

**C:** Yes, I need help with my [disability, personal injury or divorce] case.

**LJB:** OK, I can help with that. Tell me a little about what's going on...

**C:** Well, I have a hearing tomorrow and I need some help...

You can guess how the rest of the conversation goes. But generally speaking, we are unable to help in these situations; not because the client does not need help, not because the case is not promising, not because of anything other than WE NEED TIME

TO LEARN THE FACTS, THE CASE AND GET UP TO SPEED!

In every one of these cases, the caller knew weeks – sometimes months – in advance of the impending hearing date, trial,

deadline, etc.

While we truly would like to help, the unfortunate reality is that we cannot.

While there may be valid reasons for some to put off their retirement, medical treatment or grocery shopping until tomorrow, putting off your legal issues until the last minute may result in not being able to find the help you need!

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## REVIEW ROUNDUP



My SSDI case was denied, and I was at a loss. I didn't know where to turn. I searched for disability attorneys in the area, and Mr. Bourgeois came up. All his reviews were positive, so I gave him a call. One phone call, and he immediately took on my case. Mr. Bourgeois and Christy have been a godsend to my family. Not only did he take on my case, but he won. It's not an easy process, and it doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen eventually. Nothing happens quickly with SSA. Just make sure you have all your documents in order, and you cannot have too many medical records. Communication was easy; phone calls and emails were always answered timely. I appreciate the effort this firm has put into my case. Our lives have definitely changed for the better. Thank you.

—Anonymous  
(Posted on AVVO.com)

## THE START OF SOMETHING GREAT CONTINUED...



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care that everyone deserves when going through a tough time.

My deepest thanks to everyone who has been on this journey with us... to everyone who has trusted us by referring their family and friends to

us... to all of our clients who believed in us to handle their legal matters during life's tough times...

To our family and friends who always supported us along the way: Thank you! Here's to the next 10 years!

## FUN STUFF: SUDOKU

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“Winning doesn't  
always mean being first.  
Winning means you're  
doing better than you've  
done before.”  
—Bonnie Blair, Speed Skater

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We recently learned Loyd was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America © in the field of Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs for the third year in a row. Only 5 percent of U.S. attorneys are represented in the publication. Best Lawyers® is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession and a partner of U.S. News & World Report. Best Lawyers lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation. Almost 108,000 industry leading lawyers are eligible to vote. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.” The entire LJB Legal team is so proud of this honor. We are committed to providing a high level of service, care and compassion to our clients and community. Thanks again for your support!



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