

THE Key Piece

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GROWTH COMES FROM BREAKING OUT OF OF THE *Comfort Zone*

The comfort zone is the lovely space where we often try to live our lives because it doesn't force us to take risks, doesn't put failure in our faces, and allows us to survive based only on what we are already familiar with.

I like to think of the comfort zone as living with your parents (or grandparents). It's nice and warm, the food is always done, someone else cleans, etc... but at what cost? It is hard to have the freedom we crave, the social stigma, living by someone else's rules, etc. Sure, it's nice, but growing while there is hard.

In this newsletter, you will read about our new attorney, Jerry Lassalle. Jerry comes to us from a big injury firm in the city where he gained tons of experience – experience

we needed here at the firm. But those experiences come at a cost. Would such a lawyer even accept working in our small-town, small firm?

I knew without staring down my discomfort and moving past it; our firm could not become the firm I envisioned. You – our client – could be served better if I had just overcome my discomfort.

Facing the discomfort of putting it on the line to add an attorney the caliber of Jerry to the team was tough. But given the vision for our firm and its future, having Jerry on the team was a no-brainer.

So, feeling queasiness in the pit of my stomach, I made the call. I faced the fears. Was I uncomfortable? You bet. Obviously Jerry agreed

to join the team and fight for you, and I am thankful he did.

In the short time Jerry has been on the team we have seen drastic growth. From communication with clients and medical providers to process improvements and regular, detailed strategy discussions on each case, Jerry has already made his mark. He brings an ambitious and eager legal philosophy to drive our firm forward.

Since facing the initial discomfort in making the decision, I have felt nothing of it since.

All the best,



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 a 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

MEATBALL SLIDERS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package savory butter Hawaiian rolls
- 2 tbsp. butter melted
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 12 frozen meatballs
- ½ cup marinara sauce
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Remove sliders from the package and use a knife to cut a circle out of the center of each bun. Press the center of the bun

- down to make a hole on top of each bun.
3. Brush the top and inside of each bun with butter and sprinkle the garlic powder over the top.
4. Add a small amount of cheese to the inside of each hole in the buns.
5. Press one meatball into the top of each bun.
6. Top the meatball with marinara sauce.
7. Sprinkle the remaining shredded cheese over the top of each meatball.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes until the meatballs are heated through and the cheese is melted.



LJB IN THE COMMUNITY



CAREER DAY VISIT

I had the opportunity to talk to bright students about careers in law at Destrehan High School's Workforce Wednesday, sharing insights and answering their curious questions. It's always a privilege to guide the next generation and

hopefully inspire future legal minds.

Thanks to the staff and students at Destrehan High for the warm welcome and engaging conversations. It's days like these that remind me why I love what I do – making a difference, one student at a time.

UNITED WAY VICTORY CELEBRATION

Lindy and I recently attended the United Way of St. Charles Victory Celebration. Director John Diaz told a touching story about being home one night and ordering a pizza. The young pizza delivery driver recognized him when he opened the door. He said that a few months prior, he and his girlfriend were

homeless and walked into the United Way, where John was the one to greet them and set them up with a case worker. Since that fateful day, they had both gotten jobs and an apartment.

It was a small part of what the United Way does, but it had a huge impact on that couple. I am proud of our community and the work they do and am happy to celebrate another successful campaign.



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.

THE LJB LEGAL DIFFERENCE

- We listen with empathy, and WE CALL PEOPLE BACK!
- We are working-class LSU fans. We never thought we'd have to sue people either, but no one should have to fight insurance companies and government bureaucracy alone.
- No charges unless we win. Nothing. ZERO. Until you win.

THE LJB GUARANTEE

If you're not completely satisfied with your experience after 30 days, we'll give you your entire file and charge you nothing!



LJB LEGAL VIP PERKS

Our attorneys are all notaries. Notary services are a courtesy we offer to our clients for free (if we don't have to prepare the document). Just send us an email at info@ljblegal.com, and we're happy to help you.

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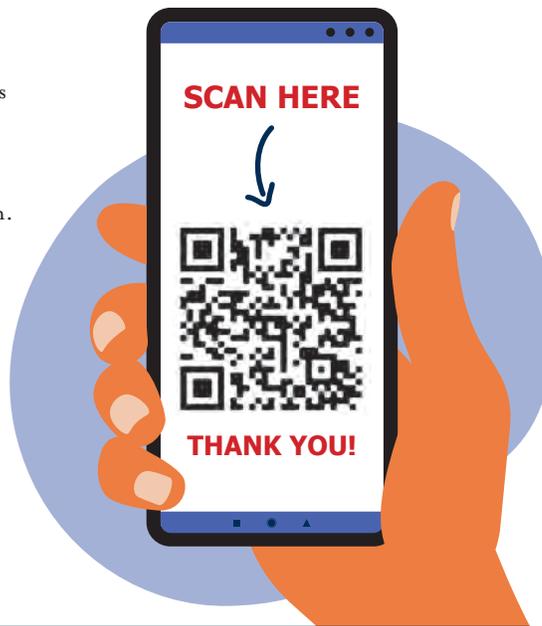
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application. After my video teleconference hearing with the Social Security judge and their expert witnesses, I was sure that my application would be approved. Everybody agreed with my case arguments, even the judge. Then the decision came in the mail several months later. This is when I learned that even the Social Security judge has a judge reviewing their decision. "Denied" was the outcome. This was the response to follow for the remainder of my appeals. Being told by the Social Security Administration that I had exhausted all of my case appeal avenues, I decided to find an attorney. I went online and began searching for the right attorney for my case. I live in Colorado, so naturally I began my search there. No one in Colorado seemed to fit the bill for what I was looking for, so I expanded my search. That is when I found Loyd J. Bourgeois, "Social Security Disability Attorney and Representative." He is in Louisiana! "We Handle Disability Cases Nationwide!" His ad says that, "Not being able to provide for yourself or your family is unbearably stressful," so I knew that this person understood what I was going through. I called Loyd, and we discussed my attempts and the denials that followed. Loyd openly stated that he typically does not handle cases in which the claimant has gone this far on their own, but something about my case was intriguing to him. I sent him a copy of the first hearing decision and denial. He could see that the judge's decision supported the approval of my case. After a short time discussing my case with his staff, he accepted my case, and the rest is history. This case has taken approximately two years

to get approval since my first filing. The Loyd J. Bourgeois office with Social Security Representative Christy Crotwell were able to have the denial decision reversed and get back pay for my case. I recommend the Loyd J. Bourgeois office to anyone, nationwide, needing help with their Social Security claim. Their straightforward style and subject matter expertise is what you are looking for to handle your case.

— Derek Riley

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Hahnville High School Hi-Steppers are back-to-back national champions

A little over two years ago, the HS Hi-Steppers were left coach-less just as they entered competition season. The seniors on the team had been through a different coach every year. Barely over a year later in 2023, they were crowned national champions in small varsity team performance at the Dance Team Union High School Championships in Orlando. This year, they had the added pressure of defending their title and didn't waiver. They came out on top once again.

If you think leadership doesn't matter, that someone's previous achievements and positions fully predict their potential, or talent alone amounts to anything without the backing of hard work, determination, and high expectations, this team just proved you wrong.



WE Referrals

At LJB Legal, we love helping people and work hard to provide our clients with the best experience through challenging times. If you know of anyone who was hurt in an accident or needs help obtaining disability benefits, please have them reach out to us at (985) 240-9773.

THANKS FOR YOUR REFERRALS!

- Devon Phillips
- Rachel Berthelot
- Jake Lemmon, attorney
- Ray Collins
- Todd Gallon
- Ladona Benwall
- Samantha Brantley
- Melissa A Brown
- Amber Baecker
- William Penton, attorney
- Marjorie Bennett
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REID'S JOKE CORNER

I accidentally drank some food coloring while decorating Easter eggs. The doctor says I'll be fine, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.





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- ✓ Personal Injury – Slip & Falls,
Dog Bites, Other Injury Claims
- ✓ Disability Claims



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WELCOME, JERRY!

We're excited to welcome attorney Jerry Lassalle to

the LJBlegal team. Jerry graduated from Tulane University with a degree in business management and legal studies. He then obtained his law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, where he was a member of the Moot Court, Trial Advocacy, and Arbitration teams.

In the years since graduation, Jerry has worked as a personal injury attorney, successfully securing tens of millions of dollars in fair compensation for his

clients. His efforts were recognized by fellow attorneys, earning a spot among the Super Lawyers – Louisiana Rising Stars list, an honor awarded to fewer than 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state. Outside work, Jerry enjoys spending time with his family at sporting events and festivals and traveling.



Jerry's commitment to justice and proven track record will undoubtedly enhance our ability to secure favorable outcomes for our clients,

ensuring they receive the dedicated representation they deserve. We are very excited to have him join our team!



Jerry Lassalle
PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY

REVIEW ROUNDUP



"When the time came that I had to quit working because of multiple surgeries and pain, I applied for Social Security. My retirement income plans had been cut short, and I had to do something! A good friend of mine convinced me to apply for Social Security. He said, "You have worked your entire life and paid into the system that was meant to help people like me." I decided to complete the application process on my own. After all, how difficult can it be? I have my medical records indicating the limitations placed upon my body, and I even had copies of my work counseling statements because of missed work. So, I began putting together my arguments in support of my

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