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## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

### OUR ROLE IN HELPING OUR KIDS FIND THEIR PASSION

April 22 is Take Your Child to Work Day. It's intended to be a time to let your kids learn more about the working world and see what their parents do every day at work. While I love the idea of spending as much time as possible with Harlow and Finn, I'm not sure the office is the best place to do that! Finn did come to work with us a lot when we were first starting out and Nicole was pregnant with Harlow. Though, at that time, he was 1 year old, so he was content just crawling around.

This holiday got me thinking about the different ideas parents have, especially generationally, when it comes to raising kids and helping them decide on a career path. My parents were big on me going to law school. Luckily, I love my work. I'm inspired by my clients, and I'm always learning and growing, but I know this isn't the case for some people whose parents had a heavy influence on which career they chose to pursue.

As for Nicole, she's always been incredibly creative. She was an art major at the University of San Diego, and though she pursued her passion in school, she was often met with skepticism about the usefulness of her degree. People would ask her, "What are you going to do with that?"

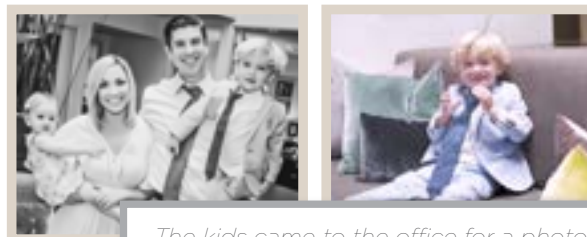
Her response? "What am I *not* going to do with it?" And she's right! She's the creative force behind Case Barnett Law, and she

uses those skills and talents every day at work, at home, and in the community.

It's important for us not to place our own passions on our kids. Nicole and I love seeing what Finn and Harlow gravitate to naturally, and we really can't wait to see what they choose to pursue when they're older. Of course, as parents, we have a huge influence on our children's development, and we take that really seriously. That's why we choose to home-school our kids. We want them to have the time and space to find what they're passionate about and what speaks to them.

Right now, Finn wants to go to MIT. He loves art, science, and engineering and dreams of being a famous scientist with patents for his world-changing inventions. He also loves to draw and write stories. He already has dozens of sketchbooks full of characters he's created and complex storylines. Harlow loves "doing." She's a builder and is so curious about the world around her. Of the two of them, Harlow is probably more likely to want to come to work with Mom and Dad! She's a little adult and has always wanted to be doing whatever we're doing.

We've actually been thinking about buying a building that has space for the firm to function and provides a space for the kids to do their schoolwork, play, and hang out when they're older while Nicole and I



*The kids came to the office for a photo shoot when our firm was featured in Orange Coast Magazine.*

work. The kids have already designed their perfect space! Finn wants an office full of potions and beakers where he can work on his inventions all day, and Harlow wants to buy a big glass skyscraper for us all to work out of. She says Finn can have his lab on the top floor.

I don't think my kids are likely to follow in my footsteps as a lawyer, but Nicole and I would love to see them become part of the family business in some way if it aligns with their passions. Running a law firm takes more than just a background in law. There's also marketing, finances, human resources, and more. Having them play a role in the firm would be great because we'd get to spend even more time together. But no matter what they choose to do, we'll support them in their ventures.

And we're really enjoying seeing how their passions develop along the way.

-Case Barnett



# SPROUT YOUR KIDS' IMAGINATION

## With 3 Fun Earth Day Projects

With spring officially underway, April showers starting to bring May flowers, and Earth Day on April 22, now is a great time for outdoor family activities.

### One for the Birds

Making a pine cone bird feeder is a fun and inexpensive project. In addition to creating and hanging your bird feeder, you'll get hours of extra entertainment from watching



the birds it will attract to your yard. If your kids are older, take photos of the birds or note their colors and features and look them up in a field guide or online.

This craft just requires a pine cone (the bigger the better), peanut butter, and some twine or string. Top the peanut butter with "sprinkles" of mixed birdseed or small pieces of nuts and fruit to appeal to even more birds. For full instructions, visit **TheSpruce.com** and search "pine cone bird feeder."

### An Egg-cellent Planter

Save those eggshells from breakfast (and the paper carton, too!) and use them to start a garden! Your little ones will enjoy planting some seeds, watering them, and watching them sprout and grow into something new. When the sprouts are big enough and it's warm enough outside, you can plant the shell and carton directly into the ground!

This easy project just requires rinsed eggshell halves, some lightly moistened

potting soil, and seeds of your choosing. Note that smaller seeds, like those for herbs, lettuces, peppers, or tomatoes, work best for this project. For full instructions, visit **GardenBetty.com** and search "starting seeds in eggshells."

### Stick With Magic

Nature is a magical place. Many kids know this instinctively and often point out things adults take for granted or overlook, like bright-colored leaves, fun-shaped rocks, and acorn "hats." Making a nature wand is a great way to let your kids explore their environment, whether that's in your backyard, on a neighborhood walk, or in your favorite park. Let their imaginations run wild with what their magic wand can do!

This simple project starts with a stick and masking tape. Your kids add all the extra flair by hunting for natural treasures and sticking them onto their wand. Complete instructions can be found at **LaughingKidsLearn.com/nature-wands-outdoor-play**.

## OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

*"In speaking to Case Barnett regarding a personal injury situation recently, I was overwhelmed by his tremendous integrity and work ethic. This gentleman didn't know me but still went out of his way to be incredibly helpful and compassionate. He thoroughly explained how the 'system' works and provided many tools to help me decide if I wanted to go this on my own or seek professional help. (I chose the latter.) His advice has been invaluable and his work stellar. I couldn't be more pleased to recommend Case Barnett should you need an attorney in his area of expertise."*

**-Babs A.**



# APRIL 21 IS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

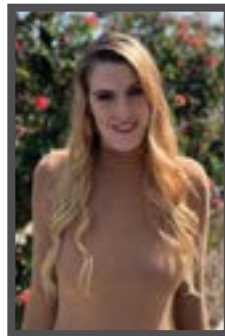
## A Big Thanks to Our Paralegals!

Without our staff, we would not be able to accomplish all the great work we do each day for our clients. We're so grateful to our team members, and this month, in honor of National Administrative Professionals Day on the 21st, we want to highlight and say thanks to our three paralegals, Jazmine, Paige, and Gio. Each has been a part of our firm for more than a year, and we hope they'll continue to contribute their talents and skills to our team for a long time to come.



**Jazmine** has a growth mindset and is always striving to advance her skill set and continue learning, which is so important to us here at Case Barnett Law. She attends paralegal mastery courses, does continuing education courses, and attends legal conferences whenever possible to continue educating herself and growing as a professional. She's been a paralegal since 2016 and has a bachelor's in psychology (plus minors in sociology and English!). Jazmine works incredibly hard, takes her work seriously, and has a lot of pride in what she does. We know we're very proud to have her on our team.

**Paige** has a huge heart and a passion for serving people. We want our clients to know we're here for them, and Paige helps us do that by taking the time to listen to our client's stories and connect on a human level. We know our clients appreciate the personal touch she brings to her work. In addition to her experience as a paralegal, Paige has a bachelor's degree in political science and has interned at the U.S. House of Representatives. Having a team member like Paige in the mix has made our team stronger and our ability to serve our clients well even better.



**Gio** is incredibly hardworking, loves a challenge, and is a true team player. To that end, he's always willing to take on whatever job we throw at him — no job is too big or too small. Gio brings over 10 years of law experience to the firm and is always working on improving himself personally and professionally. We appreciate his relentless drive for growth. Even though he's willing to take on any task, you'll never hear Gio complain! His work ethic and positive attitude are what make us so happy to have him on our team.



## RHUBARB OAT BARS

*Inspired by TasteOfHome.com*

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups fresh rhubarb, chopped
- 1 cup packed brown sugar, divided
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 4 tbsp water, divided
- 4 tsp cornstarch
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup butter, melted

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F and grease an 8-inch square baking dish.
2. In a medium saucepan, bring rhubarb, 1/2 cup brown sugar, lemon juice, and 3 tbsp water to a boil.
3. Reduce heat to medium and cook until rhubarb is tender (about 5 minutes).
4. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and remaining water, stirring until smooth.
5. Gradually add to the rhubarb mixture, return to a boil, and cook until thickened. Remove from heat and set aside.
6. In a large bowl, combine oats, flour, coconut, salt, and remaining brown sugar. Stir in butter until mixture is crumbly.
7. Press half of the oat mixture into the prepared baking dish, spread rhubarb mixture on top, then sprinkle with remaining oat mixture.
8. Bake 25–30 minutes until golden brown. Cool completely before enjoying!



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How Lulu the Pig Saved Her Owner From a Heart Attack



# MAN'S SMARTEST FRIEND

## Lulu the Pot-Bellied Pig's Cunning Plan to Save Her Owner

According to animal experts, pigs are smarter than any other domestic animal, including cats and dogs. That may seem hard to believe, as you probably associate pigs with a pink, smelly animal that oinks and rolls around in the muck. However, the story of how Lulu the pot-bellied pig saved her owner's life might persuade you to reconsider.

Back in 1998 (otherwise this story would have certainly gone viral), Lulu the pig was a permanent fixture at Jo Ann and Jack Altzman's property in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. They had initially only taken Lulu from her original owner, the Altzmans' daughter, for a temporary stay, but they ended up bonding with Lulu, and she was with them for much longer than expected.

On Aug. 4, Jo Ann suffered from a heart attack. Jack was out of town on a fishing trip, and even though Jo Ann cried for help and even threw an alarm clock out the window, no one heard her cries from their somewhat secluded home. The family's dog, Bear, barked and barked to no avail. Lulu, however, knew Jo Ann needed help quickly and waddled into action.

Lulu made her way to the nearest road, scraping her skin in the process and leaving it torn and bleeding. Once she reached the road, she laid down as if to play dead. Not long after that, a passing driver saw Lulu and stopped to check on her. Once Lulu was sure she had the driver's attention,

she got up and waddled back toward her home, leading the driver to where Jo Ann lay on the floor.

When the driver found Jo Ann, he immediately called 911, and emergency services took her to a medical center for open-heart surgery. Had just 15 more minutes passed without help, Jo Ann would have died.

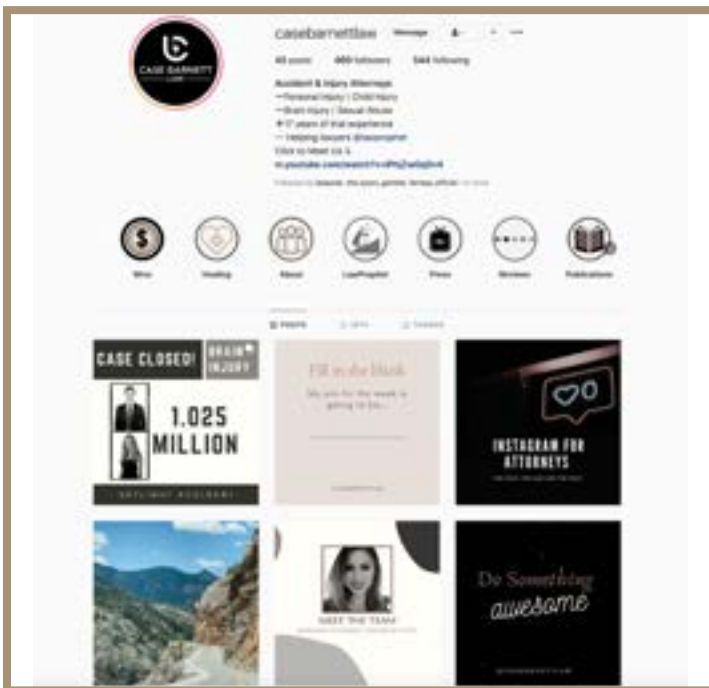
For her heroism, Lulu received the Tiffany gold hero's medal from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and made multiple television appearances as her fame spread. Hopefully, she was smart enough to know just how much she was appreciated.





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# FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!



Nicole has been working hard on our Instagram page for the past few weeks. Admittedly, until this point, we hadn't done much with it since attorney Instagram pages just aren't our thing. Most lawyers use their pages to impress other lawyers. It's a weird space, and it feels insincere. For the past six years, we just didn't participate.

Back in December, we had a conversation about how we can use our Instagram page for our clients, not for other attorneys or as a space to talk about how we're "the best law firm to ever exist" or say, "We're aggressive! We'll fight for you."

Nicole came up with a plan to use our page as a sort of online portal for our clients, and we're super excited about it. Here are the things we will be sharing regularly.

### Frequently Asked Questions

We're in the process of shooting videos of frequently asked questions our clients have. We want to store them on our page so new clients and existing clients can view them as questions pop up. Of course, we're always here to answer any questions you may have, but we also know that sometimes it's just easier (and preferred) to hop online and watch a highlight or IGTV video to find what you are looking for.

### Meet the Team

We're also adding posts on each team member so you can get to know them better. Since COVID-19 restrictions are limiting our interaction, we want you to see the faces behind the emails and phone calls.

### Wins

Additionally, we're sharing case results. We hope our communities become safer through our work. Some of what we share will shock many people, as we deal with catastrophic injuries. However, we hope our posts will help you learn to spot potential dangers in your own neighborhoods, homes, and communities so injuries can be prevented.

### Client Reviews

We'll also be sharing client testimonials from Yelp and Google. We love our clients and their words mean so much to us. When a client writes a testimonial for our firm, it makes our day, but it also gives them a place to share their story. This is such an important part of the healing process. We are honored to be a part of that journey, and a positive review from you is something we strive for each and every day.

### Healing

Recently, Nicole enrolled in a certification program to become an integrative health care practitioner. She's studying functional medicine, bioregulatory medicine, orthomolecular medicine, traditional naturopathy, Eastern philosophy, Ayurvedic medicine, and Chinese medicine and herbalism. Initially, this began as a journey to heal herself from a year of damage caused by long COVID-19. Once she got into the program, she realized the concepts she's learning can help so many of our clients. Healing after a brain injury, recovering from joint damage or broken bones, and addressing the trauma that comes after an accident are all things we want to help you with.

### Photography

Not many people know it, but Nicole was a fine arts major in college. She always has her camera and will be sharing some of her favorite shots of our travels, nature, and, of course, our kids.

We hope our Instagram page can be a bright spot in your day.