



**CASE BARNETT**  
— LAW —



# OUR FOUR-LEAF CLOVER

## THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE US LUCKY

With St. Patrick's Day coming up, I was inspired to talk about luck this month. I could go on and on about how lucky I am to have my wife, Nicole, our kids, Finn and Harlow, and my amazing team at the firm. Each of them makes every day special. But since I have talked about all these wonderful people in the past, this month I'm going to go on and on about a group of people whose support make our whole firm lucky. Allow me to introduce our "Lucky Clover" referrals.

### PAST AND PRESENT CLIENTS

When past and present clients refer someone to our office, it's a huge thank-you and a sign we're doing things right. We work really hard to get great outcomes and make sure our clients are happy throughout the whole process. When people who have worked with us in the past give our names to their friends and family, it's a great compliment.

### ATTORNEYS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE LAW

I have to shout out our referral partners, many of whom practice in other areas of the law. If a criminal defense attorney finds a car accident case on their desk, it's a privilege to know we're the ones they'll call to take care of their client. As a thank-you, we're proud to send over a referral fee after closing the case. And, when cases come in that we can't handle, we know who to call.

### OTHER PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

In addition to receiving cases from attorneys in other areas of the law, it's not uncommon for us to receive referrals from other personal injury attorneys. Each law firm is unique, with their own set of strengths and weaknesses. If a P.I. lawyer who has only worked on smaller cases get a big case on their desk, they may not have the tools to tackle it properly. Likewise, many P.I. firms specialize in settling cases, and if a case needs to go to trial for the good of the client, their first attorney may not have the experience their client needs. Other P.I. attorneys

will refer cases to us because we have the trial experience to handle complicated cases and because we're willing to share that experience.

A lot of attorneys find themselves shut out of a case after referring it, never getting the experience they need to bring their firm to that next level. We want to help other attorneys get better. Our referral partners are the kinds of attorneys who treat their clients right. That's why we work with them! In exchange for referring cases to us, we want to help other P.I. attorneys by getting them the referral fee and helping them learn from us and get experience on the case.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

We are fortunate to receive referrals from many different people, but when a personal friend or family member sends a case to our door, it's the highest compliment. These are the people who know us best, who hear about the way we talk about our work when we aren't trying to impress anyone.

When we get a referral from a friend or family member, it's the ultimate sign of trust. They know our reputation better than anyone, and they trust us to give the person they send over the best case. And I promise to always repay and live up to that trust.

I am lucky to have found this area of law to work in. The job I do is so rewarding, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. It's awesome to know the work I do makes a difference and that so many people trust me to help others.

If you have ever sent a case to our office, let me say thank you. We are truly lucky to have you. It's thanks to your support that we're able to grow as a firm and help more people every day.

—Case Barnett



# ARE YOU READY FOR FIDO?

## How to Decide if Your Family Can Care for a Pet

While we don't know exactly why humans keep pets, one fact is certain: Millions of people love them. In fact, nearly 70 percent of households in the U.S. have a pet. But no matter what you see on your favorite dog Instagram accounts, keeping a pet isn't endless playtime. Ask yourself the following questions before buying or adopting a furry companion.

### Do you know what you're getting into?

Owning a pet can change your lifestyle. To start, you will have to consider the animal's well-being when hosting events or taking vacations. You will also have to make room in your budget for pet-related expenses. Additionally, some animals can live for upward of two decades. Discuss how responsibilities will change as a pet ages and what your future will look like before making the commitment.

### Does an animal fit your lifestyle?

When choosing a pet for your family, gather research from animal experts and other pet owners. Calculate the cost of owning a pet, and evaluate how that animal will fit into your lifestyle. For example, dogs are one of the

most high-maintenance and expensive animals to own, but they tend to be more involved in family life than a cat or a hamster. That said, your home's size and location may make it better suited for a smaller pet, as many larger animals require more square footage and plenty of outdoor space.

### Is your family ready?

Every family is different, and it's important to have an honest discussion about the implications of owning a pet. If you have kids, consider how much they will be able to contribute to such a responsibility.

Another factor to consider is how much free time you have to spend with your pet; some animals require more attention than others. To avoid major conflict down the road, discuss care and responsibility plans as a family before welcoming an animal into your home.

Keeping a pet can be a source of joy for your family, but it can also be a source of stress. Before making any major choice, talk to your family members and consider what owning a pet would mean for all of you.



## OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

"I highly recommend Case as an attorney. He believed in me and my case, and we won! His dedication to his profession makes him better than any attorney in Orange County. If you want results that will change your life, I recommend Case Barnett. He is the one person you want on your side in difficult times."

—Kelly H.

"Case gets emotionally involved and truly understands what I and my family were going through. I was having a hard time finding a lawyer to take my case ... I'd given up and decided Case would be my last call. I am so thankful to Case for handling our needs so excellently. Case gets results! Thanks for everything!"

—Allison S.



**Reminder About Our Firm's Communication Policy:** Our promise to you is that we don't take inbound calls or emails while we are working on your case. Case Barnett takes no inbound unscheduled phone calls whatsoever. It makes him much more productive and helps get your case resolved faster. You can always call the office at 949-861-2990 and schedule an in-person or phone appointment, usually within 24–48 hours. This is a lot better than the endless game of "phone tag" played by most businesses today. Remember, too, that email is "quick," but is checked no more than twice a day. Replies are then scheduled into the calendar. So, if it's really important, don't email — call the office instead.

# Harlow's storytime

## 4 Reasons I'm so Lucky

Last month, on Feb. 2, I turned 2 1/2! Can you believe it? My family threw a big half-birthday party to celebrate. We went out to dinner, and I got to blow out candles and make cookies with my mommy. It was so much fun!

Now that I'm 2 1/2, I'm basically a big kid, and I am really starting to think about how lucky I am. There are so many things that make me smile and laugh every day! Here are four reasons I'm the luckiest girl ever.

**1. I'm lucky that my big brother, Finn, is my best friend.** He's taught me to be brave, independent, and tough. I use my big voice and let everyone around me know just what I want. Mommy always says, "We live in a crazy house," but I love it. It makes me happy when we are all together, being loud, silly, and making messes.

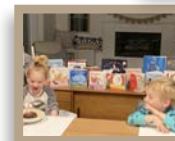
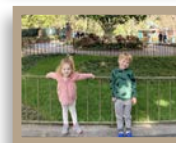
**2. I have the best daddy in the world.** He is so patient, kind, and fun! I like to use him as a jungle gym, and he's really good at reading books to me. He gives me a bath every single night and makes me breakfast every single morning. And my daddy is pretty lucky that I wake up when it's still dark outside so he gets lots of play time with me before he goes to work every day!

**3. My mommy is so fun.** She works every night when we go to bed. Not on law firm stuff but on things for Finn and me! She plans science experiments,

crafts, adventures, and she always plays silly songs for us to sing and dance to. She has everything set up for us when we wake up, and I always love to see what crazy adventure she has planned for the day.

**4. Books show up on my doorstep constantly.** The doorbell rings, Mommy opens a box, and then it's reading time! Our friend named Amazon sends them to us. I've never met Amazon, but she seems like a friend I'm REALLY lucky to have!

I think it's important to remember all the reasons we're lucky every day. When you take a moment to think about it, you might be surprised to realize how lucky you are, too!



Harlow Barnett



## Soba Noodles With Garlic and Zucchini

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 ounces soba noodles
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2-3 cloves garlic, grated
- 1 tablespoon ginger, peeled and grated
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 small zucchini, julienned into noodle strands

### DIRECTIONS

1. Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add soba noodles and cook until tender, about 4-5 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water, then set aside.
2. In a large skillet or wok over medium-low heat, warm olive oil until barely shimmering. Add grated garlic and ginger, and cook for 1 minute. Pour in soy sauce and water, and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 2 minutes.
3. Add onions, simmering for 3 minutes. Stir in zucchini and cook for an additional 90 seconds.
4. Add soba noodles and toss to fully coat. Serve immediately, or cool and serve as a cold dish.

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Have a  
**LAUGH**





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## DONATE WITH CARE

### THE RIGHT WAY TO DONATE AFTER SPRING-CLEANING

Spring is in the air, and it's time to celebrate with another round of spring-cleaning. Banish the clutter and make room in your life for something new! Many charities see a sharp increase in donations as spring-cleaning season starts. Donating your used books, kids' toys, and gently worn clothing allows your old items to have a second life. However, when filling that donation box, make sure you're donating each item because it can do good and not just because you feel bad about throwing it away.

Charities have a big problem with well-meaning citizens dropping off items that are better left in the trash. There are many items charities simply *cannot* handle. Most charities will have lists of items they can and cannot accept on their websites. Some items that you should not donate include:

- Expired medications
- Old TVs
- Cribs
- Loose remote controls
- Personal care items, like soap, shampoo, or makeup
- Mattresses
- Carpets
- Tangled cords or phone chargers
- Any broken, damaged, or dirty items

These items may be unsafe to sell, costly to ship, or impossible to refurbish effectively. When a charity regularly receives items they cannot use, they have to spend hours of manpower sorting through things that end up in the trash anyway. This process can be expensive for organizations with already-strained resources. Some local charities spend over \$1,000 a year on dumpster and trash removal fees for unusable donations.

While charities will have no choice but to throw unusable donations in the trash, there are services you can use to make your spring-cleaning eco-friendly, even for items you can't donate. For example, if you have torn or stained blue jeans, reach out to Blue Jeans Go Green. This program keeps denim out of landfills by turning it into insulation. And

while Goodwill can't take your batteries or old flip phone, you can check out Call2Recycle.org to learn how to safely recycle your e-waste.

Your donations can be a big help to local charities. Just don't "donate" your garbage.

