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## MY KIDS, MY HEART I LOVE BEING A DAD

Ever since Finn was born four years ago, I've had the pleasure of being able to celebrate Father's Day as a dad, and it's great. I love being a dad so much. In the same way Nicole did, little Finn and Harlow have opened my eyes to a different part of the world. With them, I have reached a place of love in my heart that I didn't even know was there.

I didn't know I could love someone so much until my children came into my life. Don't get me wrong: being a parent is simultaneously the best and most impossible thing I've ever done — and I went to law school! At the end of every day, after we've put the kids to bed, Nicole and I just look at each other like, "What just happened?" Finn and Harlow are still so little, and it can be difficult to see the world through their eyes and deal with all the heightened emotions. But it's always amazing. I wouldn't understand everything I know about life if it weren't for Nicole and these little lunatics.

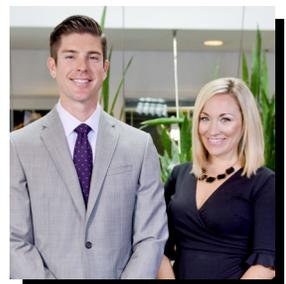
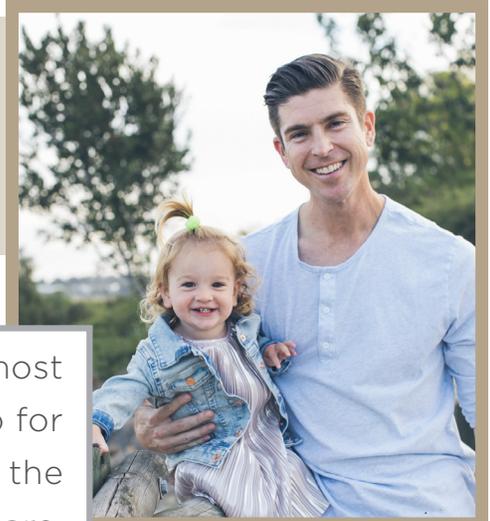
It's crazy at times, but they're so pure and beautiful. Finn and Harlow are learning and growing so much every day. To them, everything is so new and exciting, and it's fun to be showing them more and more about the world. I love getting my kids out of bed in the morning. Nicole and I say they come out hot. They wake up energized, and from the moment they open their eyes, Finn and Harlow are immediately telling stories and ready to party. It makes the mornings super fun, though I imagine things will be a little different when they're teenagers! That future seems so far away, but my kids are growing fast, and the future will be here before I know it.

As a dad, one of the most important things I can do for my kids is instill in them the strength to be who they are. That can be challenging as a parent, because you have to be careful not to impose on them your own ideas of what your kids should be like. But Nicole and I work really hard

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to teach our kids to be whoever they are. We want to help them each learn and become strong enough to be that person.

I hope Finn can do Finn and Harlow can do Harlow. Whomever those future versions of themselves may be, I know I'm going to love them. There's something really special about being a dad. It's a big challenge and a complicated, messy job, but it's also really simple. They're my kids, and my world isn't complete without them.



—Case Barnett

# PARENTS WATCH FREE



Superheroes, robots, and dinosaurs, oh my! The 2018 blockbuster season is in full swing, and chances are your kids don't want to miss out on the action. But these days, going to the movies costs an arm and a leg — and that's before you buy the popcorn.

One service is looking to change this. If you've watched the news at all in the last year, chances are you've heard the buzz about Movie Pass. It's a subscription service in which one user pays \$9.95 a month in exchange for four free movie tickets each month at participating theaters. While initially envisioned for college students and film aficionados, could Movie Pass be right for your family?

**Where Do You Live?** The first thing you should do when considering whether to sign up for the pass is research which theaters in your area take the pass and which don't. If you have to make a long drive just to get to a participating theater, it's probably not worth subscribing.

**Are You a Movie Family?** Do you go to the movies often as a family? Or do you and your spouse need more date-night options? With the \$9.95 monthly subscription fee, as long as the pass holder in your family sees more than one movie a month, you are saving money. This can be a great encouragement to see *more* films, whether as a family or individually.

**Is 3D a Must?** The one catch of Movie Pass is that it will only get you into standard 2D movies. If you and the family want the 3D experience, you'll have to pay for it separately.

If enough theaters in your area participate, your family enjoys going to the movies, and you're not set on seeing 3D movies, Movie Pass can be a great investment. But if the answer is no to any of these questions, you're probably better off just buying tickets at the box office.

## CASE CLOSED!

Simmons Bedding Company Pays \$60K and Discontinues Dangerous Product

On November 29, 2014, our 4-year-old client was on his parents' bed when he fell and hit his head on the bed's dangerously sharp plexiglass foundation corner guard. He suffered a severe laceration to his scalp, and his parents rushed him to the emergency room of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, where he received stitches and 25 staples.

The bed was part of Simmons Bedding Company's BeautyRest line. A few months ago, we settled this case on behalf of the family for \$60,000.

Fortunately, his injury healed and will not affect him in the future. For this reason, the damages were not high on this case, but not every case is about the dollar signs. In this circumstance, we refused to settle the case until Simmons promised to enact change. We did not want to see another child hurt by their dangerous product. As part of the settlement, we demanded the mattress company discontinue use of plastic corner guards on their BeautyRest products. Simmons agreed to our terms *and* put it in writing. The family wouldn't settle until Simmons signed off on making real changes.

Major companies work hard to convince the public that all lawsuits are frivolous and that lawyers are sue-happy. The reality is, many of these lawsuits are the only way to put an end to the careless, dangerous practices major companies often engage in.

At Case Barnett Law, we strive to only take cases that can truly make a difference in our clients' lives and make our communities safer, better places.

### JANUARY

- \$2,000,000 elder abuse case
- \$1,000,000 auto v. commercial truck accident

### MARCH

- \$250,000 pedestrian v. auto accident

### APRIL

- \$195,000 elder abuse case
- \$1,000,000 auto v. commercial truck accident

### MAY

- \$340,000 pedestrian v. auto accident



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# Harlow's story time

## A Magical Family History



I'm Harlow Barnett, and my mommy and daddy said I get to tell you all about our family trip to Disneyland! We're really lucky, because we live close to Disneyland and are able to go a lot. I love seeing all my favorite characters and going on rides. My favorite rides are It's a Small World and the Enchanted Tiki Room. I like them because of the music and because they're not scary.

Lucky for me, even if I do go on a ride that's a little scary, I never get too scared, because my big brother Finn is always there with me. If I start to feel scared, Finn will hold my hand and say, "It's okay, Harlow, I'm right here next to you. It's not real. It's just pretend." Finn's so brave! I bet he's not scared of anything, just like Mommy and Daddy.

Did you know my daddy used to work at Disneyland? A long, long time ago, when Daddy was 19, he worked on the Jungle Cruise ride. Daddy still has the skipper jokes memorized, and he says he learned a lot about customer service while working at Disney. He says one of the most important things is to deliver on customer expectations and put yourself in their shoes — but I think my feet are too small to fit in anyone else's shoes!

Daddy isn't the only person in our family who worked at Disneyland. My grandpa worked on the Skyway, my great-aunt Mary is Disney's lawyer, and my great-uncle is Jim Cora, who worked with Disney for 43 years. He started on the Jungle Cruise, just like Daddy, and worked up to be president of Disneyland International. People call him a "Disney legend."

I feel really lucky that our family gets to have so much fun at Disneyland. When I grow up, I want to work at Disneyland too. Or maybe I'll be a lawyer and help people like my mommy and daddy!

*Harlow Barnett*



### Oatmeal Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches

#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 ounces store-bought waffle cones, lightly crushed
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 pints ice cream (any flavor)

#### Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 F. While oven is heating, cook butter in saucepan over medium heat until browned, 5–8 minutes. Scrape browned butter into a heatproof measuring glass.
2. Pulse waffle cones, oats, flour, and salt in a food processor or blender. Once cones are finely ground, add brown sugar and pulse again.
3. Whisk egg yolk, vanilla, and 2 tablespoons water in a small bowl.
4. Add egg mixture to food processor while spinning on low. Once integrated, slowly add browned butter; blend until dough forms a solid mass around blades.
5. Form dough into 26 balls and place 2 inches apart on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Flatten balls and bake 12–15 minutes or until edges begin to brown.
6. Let cool, then spread ice cream between cookies to make sandwiches.
7. Freeze for up to 5 days — or enjoy today!

## Word SEARCH



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| CAMPING   | LEMONADE | SUNSCREEN |
| FLIPPLOPS | PICNIC   | SUNSHINE  |
| HAMBURGER | POOL     | SWIMMING  |
| JUNE      | SMORES   | VACATION  |

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# 3 AWESOME DADS

FATHERS WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR THEIR KIDS

This Father's Day, thousands of dads will receive a "No. 1 Dad" mug to sip coffee out of at the office. But the following dads took that "No. 1" to a new level.

## BRIAN MUNN GAVE HIS SON A LIVER TRANSPLANT.

When doctors discovered that baby Caleb Munn had a rare disease called biliary atresia, they told his parents that he was unlikely to survive past age 2 without a liver transplant. Luckily, his father was a perfect match, and he eagerly donated part of his liver in March of 2015 to save his son's life.

## GREG ALEXANDER BATTLED A BEAR FOR HIS SON'S LIFE.

While camping in the backcountry of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Greg Alexander was startled awake at dawn by the screams of his 16-year-old son, Gabriel. He rushed out of his hammock to see a black bear dragging his son away by the head. Without hesitation, he

kicked the bear in the side, and when that didn't work, he leapt onto its back and started punching it in the face. When the bear finally released Gabriel, Greg threw rocks until it fled. His son was hurt but made a full recovery in the hospital over the coming weeks.

## ARTUR MAGOMEDOV SAVED HIS DAUGHTERS FROM ISIS.

Artur Magomedov was devastated to discover that his wife had taken his 3- and 10-year-old daughters from their home in Dagestan under the cover of night, flown to Turkey, and crossed into Syria to join ISIS. But he resolved to get his kids back. After a long, hazardous journey, he arrived in Tabqa to embrace his two daughters. To leave the caliphate — under penalty of death — they hitched a ride to the border one night and crawled along a railway line until they were within 70 meters of the border. Then they ran under fire from Turkish border guards until they could scramble into tall grasses. After some help from the Russian consulate in Istanbul, they made it back home, together again and safe.

