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FROM WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE TO REMOTE JURY TRIALS

KEEP THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE MOVING

Though it's the shortest month of the year, February is actually packed with important days. One that might easily be overlooked is Susan B. Anthony's birthday. She was born on Feb. 15, 1820, over 100 years ago, but her legacy lives on.

Anthony started fighting for social reforms, like ending slavery and giving women the right to vote, when she was just 17 years old. She eventually became an important leader in the women's suffrage movement, and though she lived to be 86, that sadly wasn't long enough for her to see her hard work pay off. It wasn't until 1920, some 14 years after her death, that the 19th Amendment was ratified, giving women the right to vote in the U.S.

People like Susan B. Anthony inspire me. It still shocks me to think it was just over 100 years ago that women got the right to vote, but perhaps it would have been even longer without tireless leaders like Anthony fighting for equality and justice.

It may feel like the battles we are fighting today pale in comparison to the scope of Anthony's, but I think it's important anytime someone makes a stand for justice. That's why my team and I are pushing for remote jury trials to keep the wheels of justice — which have been all but halted by the pandemic — moving.

When the pandemic hit, it wasn't just schools and restaurants that closed — courtrooms closed too. While some legal matters can be settled outside the courtroom, jury trials are an important way we hold insurance companies accountable and get our clients the justice they deserve. Knowing there are no such trials on the docket for the foreseeable future, these companies are taking advantage in hopes that our clients will tire of fighting, give up, or settle for less than they deserve.

While we'll continue to encourage our clients to stay the course no matter the circumstances, we also know our clients deserve to have a trial date and a reasonable timeline for their case. That's why we're advocating for remote jury trials. While some districts are experimenting with this, many are not, which is causing a major bottleneck in the court system. For instance, in Los

Angeles County, there are no court dates available until 2023! Imagine being injured, having medical bills piling up, and knowing you won't have your day in court for at least two years.

Allowing remote jury trials would ease the current and future burden of the courts by allowing for these trials to go on even while we continue to social distance and take other COVID-19 precautions. These precautions are necessary, but delaying trials is not. It could also reduce the costs of these trials by allowing experts to appear remotely. Of course, some people are skeptical about whether or not remote jury trials would work. They would certainly demand a higher level of organization for attorneys presenting their cases, but I know the team at Case Barnett Law and I are up to the task.

At the end of the day, a good client is a good client, and a strong case is a strong case. The medium through which a case is heard doesn't matter as much as the merits of the case itself. The most important thing for me and my team is to hold insurance companies accountable and ensure we keep our cases moving toward a decision. Though

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A SIMPLE WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR DAY!

The Calendar of ‘Things to Look Forward To’

Many families have faced disappointment in one way or another. Since early last year, countless activities and events have been canceled, and people had to skip many family vacations and get-togethers. Though it is a new year, it's still going to be a while before normal activities and events will be scheduled, meaning there might not be a whole lot to look forward to, which can be disheartening.

So, why not change that and give yourself and your family something to look forward to? A great way to improve your day — or week, month, or even year — is to write down things you're excited about. In an article on Lifehacker.com, one mom talked about how she improved the overall mood of her family by creating a calendar of things to look forward to every week.



In a post on Facebook, she wrote, “I wanted something for me and my kids to look forward to each day, so I posted a list to my fridge of the days of the week and one fun thing each day. (Like Taco Tuesday, Takeout Thursday, Dance Party Friday, Movie & Popcorn Sunday.)” It's an idea anyone can easily implement.

Create themed days (like game night or park day) or create a schedule of fun things. Write down when the next show or movie you're interested in will be available to stream. You can do the same for a new book or video game that may be coming out and apply the concept to virtually anything.

The important thing is that you write it down on a calendar so you can see it. When you or your family glance at the calendar and see what's coming up, it elevates your mood and boosts your day. And the more things you're looking forward to, the better!

Give it a try and get everyone in the family involved. When you need a little extra joy in your life, this is an incredibly simple way to achieve it!

OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

“Case gives attorneys a good name. He helped me out with my car accident lawsuit. He called me before we met in person to give me some information and to let me know what to expect at our first meeting. When I came into his office, I was greeted and given a welcome packet that had a ton of helpful information. After our first meeting, his team was in constant contact with me, giving me updates and walking me through the process. The paralegals and other attorneys were supportive and always let me know what to expect. They were so on top of things that my case settled for the policy limits in less than six months. Thanks to Case and everyone at Case Barnett Law!”

-Judy B.



Finn's Story Time

6 Years Old and Ready to Read

Hi everyone!

It's been a while since I've written, and I'm so excited to be back to tell you about one of my current favorite activities.

I've talked before about how Mom and Dad read to me and Harlow at bedtime and when we have snacks, and Harlow's told you about how much we love going to the library to get new books. But this month, I've got something really important to tell you: Now, I'm the one reading the books!

About a year ago, my mom started teaching me to read. I was only 5 years old then, and I have to say, it was really hard! But now that I'm 6 years old, I've really gotten the hang of it. I'll read anything, anywhere, anytime, but I especially love reading to Mom and Dad. After all, I know how great it is to lay down and relax while someone tells me a story. I know they must love it, too!

I also read by myself. It's fun to get in my bed with Fluffy, my favorite blanket, and a good book. Sometimes I pull Fluffy over my head and read underneath with a flashlight. I have to read quietly when Harlow's sleeping though, of course.

Have you read the awesome comic books "Dog Man" or "Zita the Space Girl"? If not, you should! They're two of my favorites right now. In fact, these are the books that have turned me into an artist! When I was 4, I started drawing the pictures I saw in the books. Now I make up my own characters. I have filled up about 300 pages of blank notebooks with my own characters. I plan on making a movie

Looking at comic books inspires me to create my own characters. My parents gave me this leather journal (I call it my "Field Guide") and I have filled it with hundreds of characters.

called "The Nighty Night Monster" so I am creating a ton of characters for it.

At first my mom didn't want me reading "Dog Man" because she usually likes books that she calls "classics" and she said it seemed "inappropriate." I was REALLY interested in "Dog Man," though, and she trusted me. I'm so glad that she did because it is the book series that made me fall in love with both reading AND drawing.

I also love to color anything that is black and white. Some of the chapter books my parents read to me have black and white pictures in them. I like to color in the pictures before we read the book. Harlow loves to see what I do to all of our books, and she always tells me that I'm an amazing artist.

The coolest thing about learning how to read is that now when Dad reads to me, I know when he's skipping words. Sometimes I'll let it slide, but now that I know all the words, I do at least give him a look to let him know I noticed now and again. He always knows when he's been caught!

Well, I'm off to see what my comic book characters are up to now. I hope you get to read one of your favorite books soon!



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there may be some kinks to work out with remote jury trials, we're willing to try them because we feel confident in our clients and cases and will do whatever we can to get them what they deserve.

Though the pandemic is what has driven us out of the courtroom, I think it's also given people a greater sense of compassion by helping us better understand and empathize with the suffering of others. It's also increased our desire to keep the important things in our lives going — foundational things we may have taken for granted before, like schools and our justice system. Serving on a jury is an important civic duty, and I think the call to serve — even if remotely — would give many people a sense of purpose right now and a greater sense of empathy for those who have been injured and are seeking justice through the court.

Though the idea of pushing to have court cases heard through computers would be utterly confounding to Susan B. Anthony, I like to think that she would be proud that we're still fighting to keep the wheels of justice moving.



-Case Barnett



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**Settlement
Amount:
\$190,000.00**

Our client was boarding a plane of a major airline. As she walked across the jet bridge, she slipped on a puddle and tore her ACL. There was a leak on the jet bridge that had accumulated into a dangerous puddle, which was difficult for passengers who were boarding the plane to see.

She had been expecting a seamless day of travel but ended up with a serious injury and need for medical attention, including surgery to repair her torn ACL. As a single mother, she found herself worried as she faced an unexpected injury with the holidays just on the horizon. We were able to bring

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her peace of mind by getting the case settled before the holidays and before her surgery.

The defense originally offered just \$50,000, but we knew she deserved more. We took the case to mediation and were able to settle for \$190,000 — almost four times the initial offer.

We're proud of how quickly we were able to take action to get her the justice she deserved. The team at Case Barnett Law fights every day for clients who are injured and suffer due to someone else's negligence. We're committed to helping our clients get the justice and compensation they deserve. If you know someone who has been injured unjustly, we can help. Give us a call at 949-565-2993 or email Case@CaseBarnettLaw.com.