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### **IT ISN'T ALWAYS BLACK AND WHITE**

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL INJURY CASES

According to research, in the past 10 years, over 175,000 school injuries have sent a child to the emergency room. School injuries happen in a variety of circumstances: because of another student, bullying, a sporting event, school negligence, or complete happenstance.

At Case Barnett Law, we often get calls regarding cases we regrettably are unable to take on. Many of these calls involve school bullying, and while we understand emotional damages can be significant in these terrible situations, courts unfortunately do not recognize the pain and suffering a family can endure as substantial damage.

However, we do want to help in any way we can. If your child is getting bullied in school, make sure to document every instance of it, in detail, in the form of a written notice to the school. It should outline all of the events that took place and resulting issues. This way, if the bullying turns physical and results in substantial injury to a child, the school may be held liable if appropriate action was not taken after receiving written notification. The written notice may also be extra leverage to ensure the school does in fact take preventative measures, as they now are held accountable and will be liable if anything were to happen.

In cases where substantial injury results, such as a traumatic brain injury that alters the trajectory of the student's life, we can jump in and help! In cases where another student causes substantial injury to a child, the school is still responsible for taking care of any economic damages and future care the child may require. If the school is directly responsible, such as when school ground equipment injures a child, you certainly have a case! We've handled many cases where a gate has crushed a child's finger, or a child was injured on the playground or in the school gym. In one situation, we even had a child get her finger caught in the door because of the negligence of a school nurse.

After we receive substantial settlements for these types of cases, the money typically goes into an account, such as a structured settlement account, so when the minor turns 18 years old, they can use the funds for school expenses or whatever they choose.

If your child has sustained a substantial injury in school, we are here to help! Give us a call today for a free consultation! 949-409-0055



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## TIME TO BE A MOVIE CRITIC!

3 MOTION PICTURES INSPIRED BY BOOKS



We've all heard the saying, "The book is way better than the movie or TV show." Movies and TV shows provide you with a great visual representation of the characters and storyline. The films are equally as good as their respective books in their own right. Here are a few films inspired by books that you should check out.

#### 'The Shining' 3-Part Miniseries

This is one of Stephen King's most famous novels. There is even a muchacclaimed 1980 movie based on the book. But did you know that Stephen King directed and produced his own miniseries? The three one-hour episodes follow the book precisely and provide more information on the characters. Spoiler alert: There are no twins or garden maze in this series, but there are moving topiary hedges!

#### 'The Ultimate Evil: The Search for the Sons of Sam'

There are a lot of conspiracy theories about the Son of Sam and his crimes. Some have argued that David Berkowitz didn't commit these crimes alone — and they have evidence to prove it. Follow along with journalist Maury Terry as he makes his way down the rabbit holes of this case. There is more to this crime than what appeared in the media, such as cult practices and ties to other cases like Charles Manson and his family.

#### 'Looking for Alaska'

John Green has captured the hearts of millions of readers across the world, and now there is a movie inspired by his first novel, "Looking for Alaska." This coming-of-age story follows a teenage boy as he searches for the meaning of life. Then, a sudden tragedy strikes, and the boy and his friends must come to terms with the event. The movie shows the emotion, grief, and love the boy deals with on his journey. Pull out your tissues for this film; it's sure to be a tear-jerker.

You don't need to read the books first in order to watch the TV show or movie — these films can stand on their own. These are only a few of the many movies and TV shows that are based on bestselling books. Now it's time for you to be the judge and determine if the books are, in fact, better than their films.

Thank you.

### **OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST**

"We chose Case and his team to take on a case for my mother involving elder abuse and neglect. We couldn't be more pleased with his service. They were very diligent in pursuing a resolution to the case. The settlement was much more than we had ever expected. I just want to say thank you to Case and his whole team for a fantastic job!"

# SCHOOL INJURY CASE SNAPSHOTS

School grounds are home to a wide variety of school-related injuries including trip and fall accidents, parking lot injuries, extreme bullying, and physical violence. In cases involving substantial injuries and damages, we are always able to help and recently have produced some great results, settlements, and resolutions.

#### Case #1

The plaintiff suffered from developmental issues and had difficulty controlling his emotions. As a result of a school bullying case in which the school wasn't acting thoroughly, the 18-year-old student was involved in a fight and suffered severe brain injuries, requiring additional care for the rest of his life.

Case Barnett Law secured a substantial confidential settlement for this child and his family.

#### Case #2

A student was sitting on a large cement bench on school property. When she went to get up, the unsecured bench tipped over and crushed a few of her toes. The child lost the tips of two of her toes.

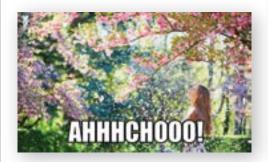
This case was settled by Case Barnett Law for \$750,000.

#### Case #3

A 12-year-old special needs student was molested by a school bus driver. Her disability left her extremely vulnerable to a situation like this and the bus driver took advantage of her.

This case was settled by Case Barnett Law for \$2,000,000.





MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH RAINBOW FRITTATA

#### Ingredients

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1/4 cup sweet potato, diced
- 1/4 cup yellow pepper, diced
- 1/4 cup broccoli, chopped
- 8 eggs
- Basil, thyme, salt, and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 avocado, pitted, peeled, and thinly sliced
- Cherry tomatoes, halved
- Sriracha hot sauce (optional)

#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 F and coat a cast-iron skillet with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. In the skillet over medium heat, cook sweet potatoes, yellow pepper, and broccoli until soft.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, basil, thyme, salt, and pepper.
- Pour egg mixture into skillet with vegetables. Don't stir but instead use a spatula to lift the edges of the egg mixture until it is evenly distributed.
- 5. Transfer mixture to oven. Bake for 5 minutes or until the dish sets.
- Top with avocado and tomatoes. Drizzle Sriracha on top (if desired).

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### **CELEBRATE THIS MOTHER'S DAY**

## HOW MOMS SHOULD

### DO IT YOUR WAY

Let's face it: The kids probably aren't going to get you what you really want for Mother's Day. We know it's the thought that counts, but you've still earned some pampering. It might be time to take matters into your own hands by celebrating yourself this year - no matter what your children and/or partner have planned. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Take the day off. It might be the greatest gift any mother can give herself. Let your

partner, the grandparents, or a babysitter take care of the kids for the day and spend time doing what you want to do. Maybe that's sleeping in late, finally going to see a grown-up movie in a theater, reading a juicy novel, or going on a shopping spree. It doesn't matter what you choose - not having to worry about temper tantrums, meals, or bedtime is the true gift here.

Enjoy a girls' day out. You probably don't get to see your friends as much as you'd like, so take the time to get together for

some kid-free fun. You can treat yourself to brunch, manicures, or just a bottle of wine and a good laugh. Having the opportunity to catch up with the gals you love the most can be a great way to rejuvenate. Create a group text and get the party planning started!

Have a date night — with the person of your choosing. With whom would you most like to spend some alone time? If it's your partner, arrange a romantic evening for adults only. If it's your best friend, schedule a fun outing. Maybe your ideal Mother's Day involves the kids after all! If so, plan some one-on-one time with each of them, doing something special you know they'll love. Whomever you choose as your date, you'll feel more connected (and appreciated) than ever.

If your special Sunday is already booked with family activities, remember you can always pick another weekend to treat yourself. That way, you can still get your ideal day — and enjoy the kid-prepared breakfast you've come to expect and love.