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A STORY TO TELL

HOW GREAT STORIES STICK WITH US

Some of the first stories I remember loving when I was a kid are “Where the Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak and Rudyard Kipling’s “The Jungle Book.” These are both stories about young boys going on adventures in wild places, so it’s no surprise that I enjoyed them so much. Something I really liked about both “Where the Wild Things Are” and “The Jungle Book” is that they were a little scary. It felt like an acknowledgment of the scariness that comes with being a kid. That resonated with me. As a kid, the world is big, and emotions are big. Stories that were able to capture these emotions honestly tended to stick with me.

A great story makes us feel something because it tells something true. Stories can convince someone to join our cause or teach lessons by revealing some kernel of truth. Even if a story is about space battles, superheroes, or a boy raised by wolves, when the underlying message holds some truth about our world, we connect with it. That’s the difference between a great story and a forgettable one. If a story doesn’t make us feel anything, that’s because there was no truth to it.

As human beings, our lives are filled with stories. We tell stories to our friends about the wild things that happened at work, we take in stories from the news about what’s going on in the world, and we even have the stories we tell ourselves about who we are. It’s by listening to and telling stories that we understand each other and the world around us. By listening to someone’s stories, you learn about them on a deep level. That’s why storytelling is so important as a trial lawyer.

Attorneys have a unique opportunity to tell their clients’ stories. When someone comes to me looking for help, I get to hear their story. It’s my job to understand what this person is going through and to tell their story during the trial. The outcome of my client’s case relies on my



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ability to tell this story to the judge and jury. That’s why I work hard to make sure people feel something when I tell my clients’ stories. When the judge or jury feel something during the story, they are able to connect to my client as a fellow human being and start to understand what they’ve gone through.

Sharing stories is as important as hearing them. It’s really cool to be able to tell the stories I loved in childhood to my own kids. Before I started reading “Where the Wild Things Are” or “The Jungle Book” to Finn and Harlow, I really couldn’t have told you exactly what happened in those books. But even when I couldn’t clearly remember the plot, I remembered how those stories made me feel. That’s the power of a great story, whether it’s told in a children’s book or in a courtroom. Great stories stick with us for the rest of our lives.

—Case Barnett



Make Museums Fun for Your Kids

3 TIPS TO MAKE YOUR VISIT MORE KID-FRIENDLY

Editor's Note: While museums may be closed for the foreseeable future, we wanted to share this guide in honor of International Museum Day on May 18 to help you plan future adventures. Please check with your local museum for updates and safety precautions before visiting.

School is out for the kiddos, which means that for the next few months, they'll have six extra hours in the day and no idea what to do with them. Why not set aside some of that time for an educational and fun adventure? International Museum Day comes this month on May 18, making now the perfect time to plan your next visit for when the local museums open their doors again. Your kids might think museums are boring, but we've got you covered. Here are some ways to make their next museum visit fun and exciting.

Visit exhibits that will interest your kids.

Whether you're at your local history museum or the Louvre, don't try to rush through as many exhibits as you can. That will just make your kids (and you) tired and cranky! Instead, pick out a few exhibits that your kids will find interesting, like dinosaurs or electricity, and just visit those. That way, your museum adventure will be a lot more fun and relaxing.

Make the visit interactive.

Just meandering about reading placards all day will leave even the most studious children watching the clock. If you want your kids to enjoy the museum, then you've got to make your visit engaging. Try looking at the



museum's exhibits online before going and creating a scavenger hunt for your kids to follow with fun directions, like "Find a painting with two babies making silly faces," or "Tell me how many pterodactyls you can find in the dinosaur exhibit." Your kids will be way more engaged in the exhibit, and they might learn something to boot.

Take a food break or visit the gift shop.

If your kids aren't too excited about visiting a museum, a little incentive to get them to go — like taking them to the museum's food court or purchasing them a keepsake from the gift shop — never hurts. Even if that's the only thing they enjoy about the museum, they will still have positive memories associated with their visit.

OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

"I was referred to Case by a very good friend who told me he is an amazing attorney. Needing legal advice is not always comfortable, and yet, after speaking with Case Barnett, I have changed my mind. He is such a kind person, you forget you are speaking to him about an unfortunate situation because he makes you feel so much at ease. He is professional and very informative. Case and his team are so responsive to phone calls and emails. Case has even given his cellphone number for after-office hours if needed. I can't say enough about Case Barnett Law. They always have your best interest at heart and are honest and trustworthy. As a business owner, employee, family member, and/or friend, it's important to know there is a knowledgeable professional to assist you with the much confusing law! I am so grateful to have Case Barnett Law in my court! I would recommend Case to everyone I know!"

—Sheri B.



New Firm Communication Policy: We now have an attorney answering our phone! That's right, we have done away with the traditional legal secretary role, and we have our managing attorney, Rachelle Staley, taking your calls. We want you to have access to an attorney whenever you need it. Now, if your attorney is in court or at a deposition, you can still chat with our managing attorney, who knows all of the details of your case. Of course, you can still call your attorneys and paralegals directly on their individual phone lines as well. Main Office: 949-565-2993 Case: 949.861.2990 Jamal: 949.234.8131 Dena: 818.269.1302 Paige: 949.891.0279 Gio: 949.482.1414

Finn's Story Time

Saying Goodbye to Stella

Hey there!

The first week of May is National Pet Week, so I'm going to tell you all about our dogs! I've lived with dogs literally my whole life. When I was born, my mom and dad already had two dogs, Stella and Fiji. They were both really nice to me when I was a baby, and they helped take good care of Harlow when she came along, too. Even though Harlow swapped their names for the first three years of her life, they still liked her.

Right now, we only have one dog, Fiji. That's because earlier this year, Stella died. She was really old. My mom got Stella 17 years ago, so I'm pretty sure Stella was over 100 in dog years! It was really sad to say goodbye to Stella, but I know she is in a happier place. In heaven, Stella gets to run around in the clouds and play with other dogs. Of course, I still miss Stella a lot and think about all the fun things she would have liked to do with us.

I know Fiji misses Stella, too. My mom and dad got Fiji 10 years ago, so Fiji and Stella were friends for a long time. I make sure to keep Fiji company so she doesn't get lonely. Every morning when I get my juice, I drink it on the couch with Fiji and give her lots of pets. Fiji is a really good dog. Harlow and I both have so much fun playing with her.

I'm really glad we have a dog at our house. Even though it was really sad to lose Stella, we also had a lot of happy times together. Pets just make every day a little more fun!



STICKY AND SWEET PORK 'RIBS'

Inspired by Bon Appétit

Whether you're celebrating your mom or those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, there's no better recipe to grill up than these delectable country-style pork ribs.

Ingredients

- 2 heads garlic, cloves separated
- 3 thumbs ginger, chopped
- 1 cup hoisin sauce
- 3/4 cup fish sauce
- 2/3 cup honey
- 2/3 cup rice wine
- 1/2 cup chili oil
- 1/3 cup oyster sauce
- 1/3 cup toasted sesame oil
- 5 lbs boneless pork shoulder, flattened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp molasses

Directions

1. In a blender, purée garlic, ginger, hoisin sauce, fish sauce, honey, rice wine, chili oil, oyster sauce, and toasted sesame oil until smooth.
2. Reserve and chill 1 1/2 cups for later use.
3. In a bag, add the remaining mixture and pork shoulder. Marinate for at least 8 hours.
4. Using a convection plate on the grill, cook pork until the thickest part reaches an internal temperature of 140–145 F.
5. In a large saucepan, simmer brown sugar, molasses, and reserved marinade for 6–8 minutes.
6. Baste the pork with the brown sugar glaze for 2 minutes before serving.



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WE'RE STILL HERE!

How CBL Is Handling COVID-19

Over the last several weeks, businesses across all industries have had to adapt in order to continue serving their clients while protecting their staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though we never could have predicted that we would find ourselves in this position, some of the systems we were already utilizing at Case Barnett Law allowed for a smoother transition to working remotely. We had the entire team set up to work remotely by the first week of March, before any stay-at-home orders were mandated.

Even before the quarantine, CBL was a paperless firm. Our secure, cloud-based case management and document management systems allow our staff to efficiently access case documents and collaborate on the HitList anytime, anywhere. During this time, we are also leveraging new partnerships with paperless records retrieval services, which allow us to gather clients' important medical documents and tell their stories more efficiently and compellingly than ever. Of course, access to documents is only one of the challenges we all face at this time.

In addition to the health crisis, we also face a judicial crisis. How can attorneys meet with their clients when we are expected to stay home



in order to help flatten the curve and keep everyone safe? Let's just say that we're very thankful that we live in the year 2020. Remote client meetings via Zoom or RingCentral teleconferencing have enabled us to stay connected and get face time with clients even as we are physically separated.

These technologies have also allowed us to aggressively schedule remote depositions and mediations via Zoom or other remote teleconferencing technology. We're able to keep pushing cases forward, even while the courts have postponed hearings and trial dates. Our aggressive approach to pushing cases forward has been paying off. In the first two weeks of March, we settled two cases for the policy limit.

Your case has not been forgotten. Things are difficult right now, but the team here at CBL is doing everything in our power to make sure our clients are taken care of. We hope that you and your family are able to stay safe and healthy.