



**CASE BARNETT**  
— LAW —



# YOUR FIRST FRIEND

## The Relationship Between Siblings

Finn and Harlow have been talking about what they want to be for Halloween since last Halloween. Right now, Finn is really into Dr. Seuss books and he wants to be the Once-ler from “The Lorax.” Meanwhile, Harlow is still obsessed with Rapunzel, so that’s who she wants to be for Halloween. It looks like Nicole has been roped into being the Lorax and Harlow wants me to be Flynn Rider. Nicole always wishes for a family dress-up scenario, but it looks like that will never happen again (remember last year when Finn and Nicole were a bat and vampire, and Harlow and I were Moana and Maui?).

It’s really cool to see Finn and Harlow interact. They’re still so young, but their unique personalities are so strong. They can wind each other up sometimes, but for the most part, they play together incredibly well. I really like watching them do their thing. Finn and Harlow are similar in age to my sister and me, so it’s neat to see that sibling relationship form from a different perspective.

I’m 2 1/2 years older than my sister, Maggie, and we were really close as kids. Maggie was the first friend I ever had. We were also incredibly competitive. We played a lot of sports together, usually basketball or golf, and we could really get after it. When we went head to head, Maggie never wanted me to cut her any slack, and I never did. Maggie never lost that competitive spark from childhood, and she has always been good at everything she does. She was all-state in high school and went to NYU to play basketball.

As her big brother, I think it’s fair if I take half credit for her basketball skills — which is why she quit basketball after her freshman year. I’m kidding, of course. Maggie quit playing basketball because she didn’t want to spend her whole time in Manhattan in a gym. This was a great decision for her because being in New York let Maggie blossom as a human. She came out when she was a freshman in college, and I can only imagine how hard that was for her to do, being so far from home.

I remember being really impressed by my sister when she was in college, and I’m still proud of her today. It’s cool to see your sibling grow and achieve success. After attending law school in San Francisco, Maggie moved back to NYC. Today,



*Maggie and Me in the ‘80s*



*The Beatles in the ‘80s*



*Finn and Harlow in 2017*



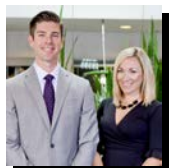
*Finn and Harlow in Washington, D.C.*

Maggie does in-house project management and business development for different companies. To be honest, I never understand that kind of stuff, but I know she’s great at it.

I don’t get to see Maggie very often because she still lives in New York, but our parents did a good job of helping us build bridges when we were younger. Even if we haven’t talked for a while, I can get on the phone with Maggie and have a meaningful conversation. That’s the kind of relationship I hope Finn and Harlow have when they’re adults.

Nicole and I have always talked about wanting to make sure our family is super close. We want our kids to be friends. They don’t have to be best friends, but I know from experience the importance of having a sibling who has your back. Likewise, if Maggie ever needs me, I’d be there in a heartbeat. That’s what siblings are for.

—Case Barnett



# FALL FAMILY FUN

## Decorate Your House With Your Own Creations!

The leaves are turning, the weather is changing, and the holidays are right around the corner, which means it's time to bring out the fall decor! To make this season especially memorable for your family, create your own decorations with these fun ideas below.

**Pine Cone Painting** Go on a family walk through the park to pick up a few fallen pine cones or take a quick trip to the store to buy a bag. Once everyone has their own hand-picked pine cone, grab a paintbrush and a few colors and have at it! For extra flair, add some fixings like glitter, beads, sequins, string, and more.

**Leaf Painting** Take a trip outside with the kids to pick out some large, unbroken leaves, then head back inside and get creative! You can pull out the construction paper and paint trees, using handprints and "arm prints" as the trunks and branches. Paint the leaves you found to spruce up your trees or use them as decorations on their own. You can also use them for leaf printing or leaf pressing.

**Fun Finger Food** When you've got multiple friends and family members coming over and you need snacks, edible decorations are the way to go. You

can get a little creative and make elaborate treats, or you can opt for delicious and easy-to-make finger foods with your kids. A good starting treat for your family is a batch of pumpkin Rice Krispie Treats. Add orange food coloring to the mix and get your kids to shape the treats like pumpkins before using a few pretzel sticks to make sturdy stems.

**Thanksgiving Crafts** Thanksgiving is only a month away, and your possibilities for holiday-themed crafts are endless with just a few supplies like paper, scissors, markers, and string. You can make turkey placemats, tissue paper trees, pumpkin garlands, paper pumpkins, or leaf mobiles to hang from the ceiling. Compile a list of ideas and have your kids pick out which craft they want to do first, then get to work together to create as many decorations as you want to display for Turkey Day.

With these engaging craft ideas, the whole family will be eager to make their own decorations and show them off for months to come!



# HELP US MAKE THE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL!

## Case Barnett Law's 3rd Annual Holiday Toy Drive

Case Barnett Law is dedicated to making some holiday magic with our charity, Giving Children Hope. For the third year in a row, we will be collecting new toys for local children in need. We'd like to invite all our readers to join us in this cause.

There are two ways to get involved: You can sponsor a wish list or drop off toys at our office for the toy drive! On Nov. 4, we will have wish lists from families who need a little extra help this holiday season. Your support helps make dreams come true for children in our community!

Give us a call to learn how you can be part of Giving Children Hope!

Unwrapped toys must be dropped off at our office by Nov. 22.

245 Fischer Avenue, Suite B4  
Costa Mesa, CA 92673

**Can't make it to the office? Gifts can be ordered online and delivered directly to the address above!**

With your help, Case Barnett Law has been able to make the holidays special for families in our community. Thank you all for supporting Giving Children Hope!



**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.

# SPOOKY Finn's Story Time

## A Big Halloween To-Do List

Hey there!

This is Finn Barnett, and I have a really important question for you: What are you going to be for Halloween?

I think I'm going to be the Once-ler from my favorite book, "The Lorax," this year. I've been trying to talk my sister Harlow into dressing up in matching costumes. Last year I was a vampire, so I tried to get Harlow to be a bat. She dressed up as Moana instead. I realized the trick is to pick a costume she likes, too. Do you think she'll want to dress up as one of the brown Barbaloots? Then we can both be Dr. Seuss characters!



I'm so excited that it's finally Halloween! I've been talking about this Halloween since last Halloween. This is my very favorite holiday. There's so much to do! I need to watch the Halloween Mickey Mouse cartoon "The Scariest Story Ever Told" at least a hundred times. We also need to buy Halloween decorations from the spooky store, go on walks to see all the decorations in our neighborhood, and decorate our house to look all scary. This year, we have a small playground in the backyard, and I helped decorate it as a haunted playground!

The best part of Halloween is, of course, trick-or-treating. Harlow and I help our mom and dad pass out candy to trick-or-treaters, then we go out as a whole family! I've been teaching Harlow how to trick-or-treat. Mom and Dad take us through the neighborhood, and I walk Harlow up to each door. I remind her to say thank you after we get our candy and to tell the person how much we like their decorations.

Once we get home, Harlow and I eat a little bit of candy before Mom and Dad take the rest. That's okay with me. I don't go trick-or-treating just for the candy. I go to show off my cool costume and check out everyone's decorations!



There's only a couple more weeks until Halloween. I hope you're able to get to all your Halloween fun, too!

Happy Halloween!

-Finn Barnett



## Miso Caramel Apples

*Inspired by Bon Appétit*



### Ingredients

- 4 Granny Smith apples
- 1/2 cup raw pistachios
- 1 1/2 tsp plus 1 cup sugar
- 3 tbsp sesame seeds
- 2 tbsp white miso, divided
- 4 Popsicle sticks
- 2 tbsp light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt

### Directions

1. Heat oven to 275 F.
2. In a food processor, pulse pistachios and 1 1/2 tsp sugar. Add sesame seeds and 1 tbsp miso, pulsing until miso is fully broken up. Spread evenly on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake for 15–20 minutes and let cool.
3. Meanwhile, insert a Popsicle stick into the center of each apple.
4. In a saucepan, bring corn syrup, 1 cup sugar, and 2 tbsp water to a boil. Boil for 5–7 minutes, swirling infrequently, until caramel is a light amber color.
5. Add cream and salt to caramel, whisking to combine. Transfer to a large mixing bowl and quickly whisk in remaining miso.
6. To assemble, first roll apple in caramel, then in pistachio mixture, before resting on greased baking sheet.
7. Let cool 30 minutes and serve.

*This publication is intended to educate the general public about personal injury and elder abuse. It is not intended to be legal advice. Every case is different.*

245 Fischer Avenue, Suite B4  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Page 1

Brothers and Sisters

Page 2

Fall Crafts for the Whole Family

Giving Children Hope

Page 3

The Most Frightening Time of the Year

Miso Caramel Apples

Page 4

Avoid Getting Your Hands Dirty This Halloween



# NO-CARVE PUMPKIN DESIGNS!

## Just in Time for Halloween

Jack-o'-lanterns go hand-in-hand with Halloween, but digging through the inside of a pumpkin is not something everyone enjoys. If you aren't keen on cutting open a pumpkin, here are a few no-carve ideas you can try this Halloween!

**Haunted House** Take a few pumpkins, stack them on top of each other, and create a spooky pumpkin haunted house! Then, use paint, balsa wood sheets, and hot glue to create silhouettes, ghosts, windows, and doors for a haunting effect!

**Creative With String** Use cotton twine and hot glue to create a web-like design on the surface of your pumpkin. Don't forget to add a few plastic spiders! You can also use string art to create ghostly words or images. Lay out your design with small pegs or nails and wrap the string around them to reach your desired effect.

**Nothing but Net** You can create eerie pumpkins using fishnet stockings. Spray-paint your pumpkin if desired — just make sure the design of the stockings will stand out. Once the paint is dry, cut the legs off the stockings, slide the pumpkin inside, remove the extra

fabric around the stem, and use hot glue to secure it.

**Colorful Paint Painting** your Halloween pumpkins gives everyone a chance to participate. Be creative by using different designs, cutouts for silhouettes, drip paint to create a marble design, or nail polish and water to give white pumpkins a unique and vibrant look.

**A Spooky Monster** By adding a witch hat, wrapping a pumpkin in cheesecloth, attaching spider legs, or tying on a vampire cape, you can create a pumpkin version of the most popular Halloween monsters. Along with these accessories, you can also use paint, construction paper, and other craft materials to add the details that will make your creation pop!

For more detailed directions for these pumpkin designs and more ideas, visit [WomansDay.com](http://WomansDay.com).

