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We Help You Fight Life's Legal Battles with Compassion and Care!

- Social Security Disability
- Long-Term Disability
- Personal Injury
- Car Accidents
- Divorce and Child Custody

Reminder About Our Firm's

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Our promise to you is that while we are working on YOUR case – we are WORKING on YOUR case. And this goes for each and every one of our clients. This means that our focus and attention are squarely on your case and not anything else. Because of this, Loyd Bourgeois DOES NOT take unscheduled phone calls or emails. This makes him more productive, efficient and knowledgeable about YOUR case. It may help get your issue resolved faster. You can always call the office at (985) 240-9773 and schedule a phone appointment or in-person visit.

DISCLAIMER: This publication is intended to educate our clients, referral sources and others in our network about disability denials and disabling personal injury claims. This is not intended to be legal advice. Each case is different. You can pass this information along to your family and friends as long as the newsletter is copied in its entirety.



Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch with Lindy's Grandma Plunk, the nonagenarian matriarch of the Naquin family.

This year the tradition continued, albeit a little different than everyone wanted.

Grandma Plunk's for an Easter Parade to wave, blow kisses and give and receive love!

She was surprised and happy, and everyone was excited to keep the Easter lunch at Grandma Plunk's tradition alive... somewhat!

LINDY'S POT ROAST

LJB's Cookin' Corner

Due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, the Bourgeois family (like many others) spent Easter home with just the five of us for the first time ever! We decided to make a roast. We put it in the slow cooker Saturday night after we finished dying our eggs, and it was ready for lunch Sunday when we returned from the Naquin family social-distancing parade by Grandma Plunk's house.

INGREDIENTS

- I boneless roast (We used an eye of round roast. You can use your favorite cut. Since it will slow cook, it doesn't need to be the most tender cut. It fell apart before it was served.)
- · I packet of Ranch dressing mix
- · I packet of zesty Italian-style salad dressing mix
- · I packet of Brown Gravy mix
- I cup of water

PREPARATION

Whisk the 3 packets into the cup of water. Place the roast in the slow cooker and pour the mixture over it. Set on low for 6-8 hours until falling apart. Since we were cooking overnight for Easter lunch, we switched over to the "keep warm" setting in the morning. The roast was falling apart, delicious and so simple to make. We usually serve this roast over grits, but for Easter we made homemade mashed potatoes and sweet peas.

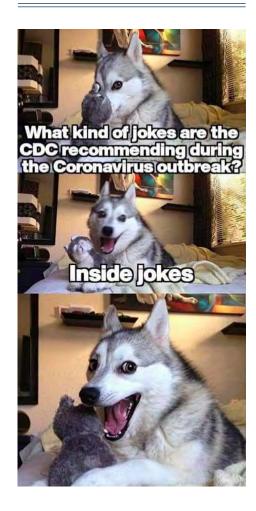


Peanut butter dog treat follow-up

Follow-up from last month's homemade dog treat recipe: We were finally able to get the ingredients.
What a success! Sophie had fun, and Sparta loved them. As head chef, Sophie made the



executive decision to roll the treats into balls instead of rolling flat and using cookie cutters.



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We are here to help you understand your legal situation, so you can make the best decisions about your case and your life as possible. Grab your copy of our FREE Guides today at www.LJBGuides.com. DIVORCE: 16 Sensible Actions to Help You Plan & Prepare for Your Divorce



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Thank you for your recent referrals!

This month, we want to use this space to just thank you! That's right - you! The making the best of it - You! The reinventing your self during the crisis - You!

The dealing with the kids at home and struggling through - You!

The Zoom meeting – You!
The social distancing, standing in line at the grocery – You!
The wondering when this is going to end, hopefully soon – You!
The we will get through this – You!
You! All of You! The best – You!
Because of You – Thank You!



PHONE HEARINGS CONTINUED...

These telephonic hearings do not give a full opportunity for the ALJ to evaluate a claimant like an in-person or oncamera SSDI hearing. But they seem to be an adequate substitute given the current crisis.

We will continue to fight for our clients and keep you updated with news, along with our experiences as we continue through this unprecedented time.

See LJBLegal.com/covid for all of our latest updates.

REVIEW ROUNDUP



Mr. Loyd Bourgeois is a lawyer who connects with his clients on a personal level. He really shows that he cares about his work beyond just business. It was a great experience to have hired him and work with his firm, because they were very professional, they were honest and they did a fantastic job with my case. It went as we had planned, and so the hard work and preparation really showed. Mr. Bourgeois was able to explain my case efficiently in legal terms because he really understood it. That is what made the difference. He shows he cares by how much he understands his clients.

-Anonymous

Loyd's response — Thank you for the kind words. We really focus on making sure our clients are not just another case, because for each of our clients, their case is the most important legal matter they will likely have. We want them to feel part of the process. We show compassion for their circumstances and listen to their concerns. Ultimately we are there to help them make the best decisions for their situation. Happy you were able to feel that!

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Our experience with Social Security Disability phone hearings

In response to the COVID-19 stayat-home orders by federal and state officials, the Social Security Administration (SSA) began conducting telephonic Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) hearings on an emergency basis.

Our team recently participated in a few of these telephonic hearings.

We are happy to report the hearings we participated in were pretty smooth and without major issues.

Our experience is the Social Security hearing office conducting the hearing will call both the claimant (you) and the representative (us) after having all other parties (Administrative Law Judge, Vocational/Medical Witness, others) already connected.

We were given the option of having the claimant already on the line with us and conferencing into the call, or having the claimant in our office. In our cases, our clients decided to participate from their own home, and we decided it best to have SSA connect all parties in case of a connection issue.

The only issue we ran into was when we had to speak to our client confidentially. We needed to speak out of the presence of the judge and off the record. The conference call was ended and then restarted in a short period of time.

Otherwise, our team did not experience any technical difficulties with the call, the sound, background noise, connections or participation.

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