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THE Key Piece

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EMBRACING CHANGE

NEW SEASON, NEW SYSTEMS

We've had a number of stories in the newsletter recently about changes. As we've discussed, the firm is going through a number of changes.

In May, we launched a new case management system. This system will allow us to serve more clients. We'll be able to streamline tasks and allow more time to interact with you. This will also be a huge help to many of our family law clients who are billed hourly by allowing us to perform routine tasks more quickly.

We also launched a new website this month which will provide you with all of the same helpful information as our previous site in an updated and easier-

to-navigate format.

We have a new office mascot. (See inside for more on that...)

And we're changing our newsletter delivery process. Our newsletter was designed to hit your mailbox the last week of the month. However, with increasing postal mailing times, many of you were not receiving newsletters until the following month. We've combined our May/June issues in order to mail out our newsletter earlier.



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GET YOUR FREE COPY! *Injury Victim's Diary*

I created this workbook for you to document all the evidence you need to obtain a fair settlement from the insurance company after getting hurt in a wreck; things you may forget with time, like:

- The accident details.
- Witness information.
- The progression of your pain and symptoms.
- History of missed work and wages.
- Names of doctors and dates of visits.
- And more!

If you'd like a copy of this resource or know someone else who may need one, give our office a call at (985) 240-9773 or visit LJBGuides.com. We'd be happy to send you a free copy.

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LJB's Cookin' Corner

MARCELLE'S CRAWFISH PIE

LOYD'S NOTE: *This month's recipe comes from our family law attorney, Lucy. Every bit of our three sacks of crawfish from the cook-off went. But if you should find yourself with extras after a boil, this is a great way to use those leftover crawfish.*

FROM LUCY: *"My neighbor, Julie, was experimenting with this recipe for the first time recently and thought it was good enough to share. It's a unique twist on crawfish pie since it's got tomatoes. You can probably add in a little Ro-Tel for some extra kick!"*

Makes 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS

- ½ stick (4 tbsp) butter
- 1 cup chopped onions
- ½ cup chopped bell peppers
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon cayenne

- ½ cup chopped canned tomatoes
- 1 pound crawfish tails
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- 2 tbsp chopped green onions
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 (9-inch) pie crust

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onions, bell peppers and celery, and cook, stirring until the vegetables are soft and golden, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the salt, cayenne and tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally for about 5 minutes. Add the crawfish tails and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Dissolve the cornstarch in the water, and add to the pan. Stir for about 2 to 3 minutes or until the mixture thickens. Add the

green onion and parsley, and stir to mix. Remove from the heat and cool for about 30 minutes.

4. Pour the crawfish mixture into the pie crust. Place the pie on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until the edges of the pie crust are golden. Cool for several minutes before cutting into wedges to serve.



LUCY

Thanks for sharing the recipe, Lucy and Julie!

If you have a recipe that you'd like to submit to the newsletter, please share it with us at info@LJBLegal.com.

We're always looking for new recipes to try and share.

Enjoy!

Our new office mascot enjoying the shade under Lucy's car!



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, emails, or walk-ins. This makes all of us 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.*

Thank you for your recent referrals

We are always thankful to those who trust us enough to recommend us.

- Steven Griffith, attorney
- Jerri Lynn Cooper
- Joe Rochelle, attorney
- Sammy Accardo, attorney
- Jeff Gennusa, attorney
- John Zeringue
- Delaney Shea, attorney
- Amanda Falcon
- William Foreman
- Patsy Smith
- Caleb Didriksen, attorney
- L.J. Frickey
- Charlene Pierson
- Mike Tift

HELP US HELP YOU

Christy's favorite saying to clients (and even me sometimes) is, "Help Us Help You." This simple phrase packs a punch and is applied to so many issues we face – from going to the doctor, stopping social media posts, not engaging in toxic discussions with ex-spouses and more. "Help Us Help You" is just Christy's way of educating clients that ultimately they – the client – will be vitally important in their case.

From time to time, we have some "Help US Help You" moments worth writing about. Here's one.

In our disability practice and disability cases in general, one of the biggest issues is our clients' medical treatment. We have to prove a person meets the definition of disability (whether SSA or LTD), and to do that, we need medical evidence. A common conversation we have with clients is our "Help Us Help You" talk about the need for continuing medical treatment, following doctors orders and the like. We advise clients about how difficult winning disability is and how much more difficult it will be if there is no medical treatment.

A client (now former) hired us to help in their disability case. At the beginning of the relationship, we advised them on the

need for medical treatment. On the next check-in, we saw there was no medical treatment, so we advised again on the need for medical treatment and received a promise to get treatment. By the third or fourth check-in, the client still had not obtained the required medical treatment. Each conversation was a different reason they could not get treatment.

One last "Help us help you" conversation was had. On the next check-in a few months later (to give time to get some treatment), there was still no treatment. The client's lack of treatment somehow became our fault, according to the client.

A decision to end the relationship was made after we pointed out the many times we had the same conversation with no action.

Our team works hard for our clients and gives its all, especially when our clients want the help, follow recommendations, and "Help Us Help" them. When that does not happen, we owe it to our other clients and team to focus on those clients who not only need the help, but "Help Us Help" them; clients who understand they play a huge part in the success or failure of their case.

REVIEW ROUNDUP



I was not to sure what to do when I found out the news in my marriage. I was scared, unsure, confused and lost. Loyd Bourgeois took time to come meet with me. He sat and listened to me tell him my situation with lots of crying in the middle. His presence was calm and soothing which allowed me to talk honestly. Loyd shared with me the Louisiana laws involving divorcing. He helped me make a decision that was the best for my interests. EVERY TIME I had a question or concern, Loyd was available. His staff immediately or the next day responded to my emails and calls! They took care of everything. I never had to worry about anything. Loyd and his team sent me updates without me having to ask. I always felt they genuinely cared about me and my case. Upon closing the case, Lucy was a great help with my coming to terms with a new path. Her kind words upon closing of the divorce gave me peace. I recommend Loyd J. Bourgeois because they work from their heart!

—Janet



Really like Loyd Bourgeois' team. Not only are they prompt; I'm able to call them for questions and can get straight through to someone eager to help. Thanks team!

—B. Mitchell



CRAWFISH COOK-OFF CONTINUED...

all the fixings (sausage, potatoes, corn, garlic, onions, pineapples and Brussels sprouts). With more than 40 teams, including many professional cook-off teams, we were excited to grab quite a few votes for the people's choice winner, although we didn't win. And having people keep coming back for more was a highlight.

The money raised goes to a great local cause supporting local first responders,

including the local volunteer fire departments. Live music was provided by Ryan Foret and the Foret Tradition.

Some of the celebrity guest judges at the event were Hey Erock!, StaleKracker, DJ Rhett, Ann Mahoney (The Walking Dead, Bad Moms and many others), Faith Becnel, Ryan Foret and TV co-host on A&E's Live Rescue Nightwatch Dan Flynn, the infamous Jarrett Fuselier, plus many others!

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We want to know your thoughts!

What do you want most from your attorney?

- Best result / most money
- Timely and clear communication
- Someone to deal with the stress instead of you
- A trusted advisor

Scan this QR code with your phone
to share your answer with us.



LJB Team participates in crawfish cook-off

A favorite activity of the LJB Legal Team is participating in local cook-offs. COVID put a damper on that activity for 2020, but we were thrilled to participate in our first cooking event in almost two years.

The LJB Legal team boiled up some crawfish

for the St. Charles Parish First Responders Crawfish Cook-Off held June 5 at Monsanto Park in Luling. It was the team's first crawfish cook-off, and a great time was had by all.

We boiled three sacks of crawfish and
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