

# NEVER SETTLE FOR LESS

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Father's Day conjures up many emotions—whether you have a great relationship with your dad, no relationship with your dad, or you are the dad. Country music has done a great job covering many aspects of fatherhood. Songs like "Keep it Between the Lines," "Daddy's Hands," and "Drive," point out the 'teachable' moments in fatherhood. Hits such as "He Didn't Have to Be," and "He Walked on Water" remind us of the way we admire, respect, and look up to our fathers and father figures. Then there are the songs that remind us of how much fun our dads were, and memories made, such as, "Best Day of My Life," and "Just Fishing." Oh, and let's not forget the sloppy-crying songs...that paint a picture of a man's heart when his little princess is leaving the castle, "I Loved Her First," "Butterfly Kisses," "It Won't Be Like this for Long," and if you're not crying yet, "There Goes My Life." Jimmy Dean wrote the ultimate daddy song in the sixties with his heartfelt "To a Sleeping Beauty." Look it up on YouTube if you're too young. But have a tissue nearby.

Surprisingly, in the country music industry full of pick-up trucks, guns, and beer, some things have kinda gotten left out of the daddy songs. Like how nothing made him prouder than that day you chose to go dove hunting with him on opening day instead of hitting the mall for back to school shopping with your friends. No songs about how bad it hurt his heart when the middle school mean girls hurt you. Or the secret relief he felt when that jerk-face of a boyfriend broke your heart—because he knew that sorry boy wouldn't be coming around anymore.

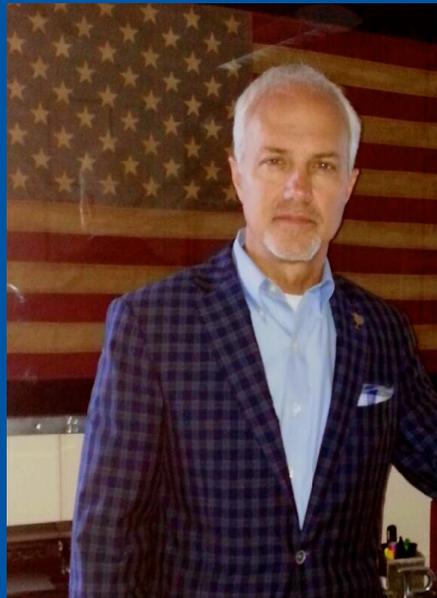
Nope, they don't sing songs about when you go to college and need a small extension cord for your dorm room, and he comes back with an industrial sized 100ft surge protector from Home Depot. Because it's safer and it will last longer. Or those self-defense moves he taught you—and how he prayed to God you'd never need them. Is Nashville too anti-gun now to allow them to write songs about how he gave your mama a .380 for Mother's Day? Because he can't always be there, and he wanted his wife and kids to be safe.

There is no verse in a song about that time when you were all grown up and on your own, and he showed up at the doorstep of your apartment with artillery because you had a close call with a gang member stealing your cell phone. Or those nights he prayed you would pass the test, in the classroom or in the real world. And how happy he was when you called and said you did.

Dads, this Father's Day, we salute you. For the big things, for the little things. For the strange and even funny things. Even if nobody writes a country song about them—they matter. You've loved your kids in so many ways. And like George Strait sings—it's a love without end, AMEN. —LB



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## What's David Doing?

I truly do understand that we have a lot of needs in Lancaster County. And I appreciate everyone being involved and fighting for their particular area of need. I do. But, the answer is not always to raise taxes in the traditional political "I am afraid to make a tough decision" way so that we can have everything NOW.

For everyone, except politicians, it isn't rocket science. Prioritize! That's right – take a look at what is most important, make a decision, and see it through. What is most important? What should be next? After that?

By the way, did you recently read that our kids are practicing and playing on fields where gunshots are being fired? <http://tinyurl.com/ballfieldshooting>  
If this interests you, please read my blog at

[www.davidblackwelllaw.com/Whats-Happening/Blog](http://www.davidblackwelllaw.com/Whats-Happening/Blog)

## Who Said That?

Can you match the famous commencement speakers to their pearls of wisdom?

1. "You are now entering a world filled to the brim with idiots. Since there are so many idiots out there, you may actually start to think you're crazy. You are not. They are idiots." **A** Fred Rogers  
Dartmouth College, 2002
2. "Some day you will appreciate the grammar and verbal skills you learned here. And if any of you wonder how far a mastery of the English language can take you, just look what it did for me." **B** George W. Bush  
Calvin College, 2005
3. "What's it like in the real world? Well, the food is better. But beyond that, I don't recommend it." **C** Lewis Black  
Univ of California, 2013
4. "Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a facet of that jewel. And in the perspective of infinity, our differences infinitesimal." **D** Bobby Knight  
Trine University, 2010
5. "I don't believe in luck, I believe in preparation." **E** Billy Watterson  
Kenyon College, 1990
6. "Put God first in everything you do." **F** Denzel Washington  
Dillard University, 2015

## Fairway Injury

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he found another golfer lying on the ground, groaning with pain.

"I'm an attorney," the injured man said, "and this is going to cost you at least \$5000."

"I'm sorry, I'm really sorry," the concerned golfer replied. "But I did yell 'fore'."

"I'll take it!" the attorney exclaimed.

Answer Key: 1)C 2)B 3)E 4) A 5)D 6)F



## People Matter

**Bob Cook** is an attorney with the newly formed Blackwell Cook Law, LLC. Bob has been a solo practitioner since 2011. He previously served as a law clerk to Judge Brooks Goldsmith in 2005-2006 and as a prosecutor in the Berkeley County Solicitor's Office from 2006-2008. Bob was in private practice in Camden, SC from 2008-2011 before moving home and starting his own practice. Bob practices mostly in the areas of criminal defense and personal injury. However, he also handles litigation matters, probate cases and even some real estate closings.

A native of Kershaw, Bob is engaged to marry Madison Bowers this month. Bowers is a Special Education teacher at Andrew Jackson Middle School. Bob and his bride-to-be have two dogs: Court, a Golden Retriever, and Milly, a Maltipoo.

Bob's hobbies include playing or watching most any sport. Although growing up he played a lot of soccer, he now plays a very unique sport called "court tennis." Court tennis is the original form of tennis and is about 600-700 years old. There are

only about 1500 people in the United States that play and only 10 courts in the country, so he travels a lot to play. When he's not playing sports, Bob enjoys relaxing with his fiancé and their two dogs.

Bob loves his job because he enjoys helping people. He loves standing up for those that have been wronged or taken advantage of and making sure their rights are protected. Bob admits the toughest part of his job is that there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish all that he needs to get done. Because he loves helping people, he often has a hard time saying 'no' when someone needs help with their problems.

Seeing the look on a client's face after getting a favorable result in his/her case is the most rewarding part of Bob's career. When a client tells a friend good things about him as an attorney and he hears of it, there is nothing more satisfying.

## Summer Bucket List

*Whale watching tour! Really hope I see a good jump. -Crystal Christopher*

**Mission trips to Vermont! Atlanta! and my own town in SC! VBS!  
And beach time in between all that! -Sandi Watson**

**Texas, lots more reading, finishing my masters, resting,  
lessons plans, and lots and lots of family time. -Allison Howe**



My summer bucket list is a big one. I'm going to be getting married this summer, so a lot of my summer will revolve around the wedding and our honeymoon. I'll also be working a lot towards growing our new law practice. When I can find the time, I'll play a lot of court tennis and squash and maybe even try to get to the beach a few times to relax. -Bob Cook

## Blueberry Vanilla Ice Cream Pie

### Ingredients:

1 pkg sugar ice cream cones, finely crushed  
3 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1/3 cup melted butter/margarine

3 cups blueberries  
1 carton (1.75 qt) vanilla light ice cream  
Whipped topping

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray. Mix cone crumbs, sugar, and butter/margarine in a medium bowl until well blended; press firmly onto bottom and upside of prepared pie plate. Bake 8 minutes. Cool completely on wire rack. Place 2 1/2 cups blueberries in blender or food processor container; cover. Blend until almost smooth. Place in large bowl. Add ice cream and remaining 1/2 cup blueberries; stir until well blended. Cover. Freeze 30-45 minutes, or until mixture mounds easily, stirring occasionally. Spoon into prepared crust; cover. Freeze 8 hours, or until firm. Let pie stand at room temperature 15 minutes before cutting into wedges. Top each slice with a serving of whipped topping just before serving. allrecipes.com



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## Let's Get Social

### FATHER'S DAY CONTEST

What makes your dad the coolest? Enter our Father's Day contest for a chance to win a YETI cooler for your dad! Details on Facebook.



**Congratulations to  
MARGIE SMITH!  
This Mom is the  
Bomb!**

We enjoyed reading all the wonderful stories about your mothers. Thanks to all who participated!



## WE ARE GROWING TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

We are kicking off this summer with a new partner--Bob M. Cook. Be sure to read all about him in our People Matter section of the newsletter. We look forward to serving you and your friends and family members.

Have our lawyers helped you or your loved ones? Please leave a testimonial on our Facebook, or Google+ page, or send us a letter or an email! We'd love to hear from you! david@davidblackwelllaw.com 803.285.0225

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