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The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey

A MAN and his son were once going with their Donkey to market. As they were walking along by its side a countryman passed them and said: "You fools, what is a Donkey for but to ride upon?"

So the Man put the Boy on the Donkey and they went on their way. But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said: "See that lazy youngster, he lets his father walk while he rides."

So the Man ordered his Boy to get off, and got on himself. But they hadn't gone far when they passed two women, one of whom said to the other: "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son trudge along."

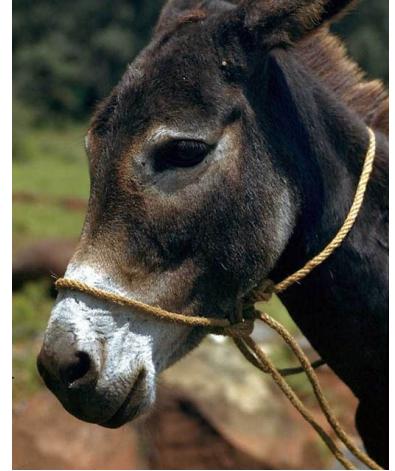
Well, the Man didn't know what to do, but at last he took his Boy up before him on the Donkey. By this time they had come to the town, and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The Man stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor Donkey of yours—you and your hulking son?"

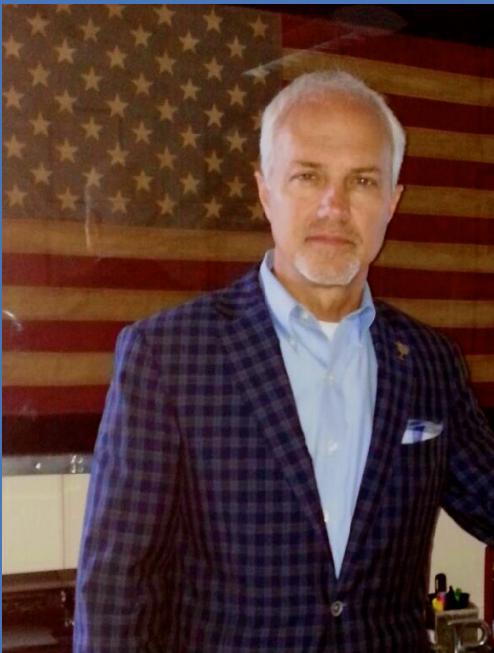
The Man and Boy got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the Donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the Donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met them till they came to Market Bridge, when the Donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the Boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the Donkey fell over the bridge, and his fore-feet being tied together he was drowned.

"That will teach you," said an old man who had followed them: "PLEASE ALL, AND YOU WILL PLEASE NONE."

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That's why I only represent injured people. Period. -David





FROM DAVID'S DESK

I represent good hardworking people, good people who cannot help themselves and children. For all the others, someone else can represent them.

The reason I only represent good people is because I'm always trying to prevent the bad guys getting one-up on my clients. I don't really care if bad people get one-upped. And I simply don't like representing bad people.

When someone tries to fake an injury and take advantage of the situation, they really mess things up for all of us. So if you are faking or exaggerating an injury, I'll tell you and then fire you.

On the other hand, if your claim is legitimate, I'll fight for you no matter what it takes, including me losing money. So, if you have a real injury and need help to level the playing field against anyone who isn't being fair, I'm your fellow.

PROGRAMS WE SPONSOR

Here are three (3) of the programs our firm sponsors at this time. The programs are Backpacks for Kids, the Lancaster County Recreation Department, and the Matt Blackwell Foundation. Here's why.



First, **Backpacks for Kids** provides backpacks filled with food, given to children likely to go unfed over the weekend when school is not in session. Did you know there are approximately 2,000 children in Lancaster County alone who will go hungry every weekend unless we all do something about it? At this time, approximately 400 children are now getting a backpack filled with food for their weekend away from school.

Second, the **recreation departments** come in contact with hundreds of kids every day. The recreation staff and coaches know the needs of these kids as well as anyone. They care about these kids and make sure they have shoes, socks, gloves, balls, and anything they need to be a part of a team and feel comfortable. I like these people making the call to help these kids.

Third, we support the **Matt Blackwell Foundation**. This foundation is merit based and focuses on the kids. It is based on clean, decent, roll up your sleeves and make an honest effort type of living. Service is considered a reward. And it doesn't matter who your parents are – just you.

LEARNING THE LAW

tort *tôrt* /noun/ A noun: tort; plural noun: torts

1. a wrongful act or an infringement of a right (other than under contract) leading to civil legal liability.

People Matter

Dana Stogner is the Administrative Assistant for David Blackwell. Dana grew up as an only child in Lancaster, SC. She graduated from Buford High School and earned her BA in Studio Art at USC.

After marrying her high school sweetheart, she began to live her dream of having a big family. Now mother of five children, Dana leads a very active life and enjoys photography (when time allows) and working out at Island Sun Fitness. Dana says she strives to "be present in the moment" and tries to take in what matters most.



Car Wreck FAQs

We get asked a lot of questions about car wrecks. Here are a few frequently asked questions:

- 1. If I settle my case and later have to go back to the doctor, can I get more money?** No. Once you settle your case, it is over. That is why it is important to make sure that you are medically cleared by your doctor. If you are not satisfied, get a second opinion.
- 2. The other driver said it was his fault at the scene, so why has his insurance company not accepted my claim?** The insurance company may not be bound by what the other driver said to you.
- 3. Will I have to go to court?** Most personal injury cases settle before a lawsuit is even filed. Sometimes you must file a lawsuit because the insurance company will not be reasonable. Even after a lawsuit is filed, most cases still settle before a trial. It is to your advantage to have an experienced personal injury lawyer to represent you should a lawsuit need to be filed, and especially if your case goes to court.
- 4. Should I just pay the traffic ticket?** No. The police do not always get the liability decision right and sometimes ticket both parties. If the liability is disputed and there are significant injuries, you will want to get a personal injury lawyer involved early on to go to court with you.
- 5. Who pays the medical bills after the accident?** The short answer is that your health insurance provider or you yourself pay the bills. The other driver's insurance company generally will not pay any bills until the case is settled.

No One Wakes Up
Wanting a Lawyer

A Guide to Understand, Even Settle Your Own
South Carolina Wreck Case Without a Lawyer



Second Edition
7 Biggest Mistakes to Avoid After Your Wreck

10 Mistakes in Dealing with Doctors After an Injury

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7 BIGGEST MISTAKES AFTER A WRECK

Do you know what to do after a car wreck? David Blackwell would love to send you a free copy of his book, No One Wakes Up Wanting a Lawyer.

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