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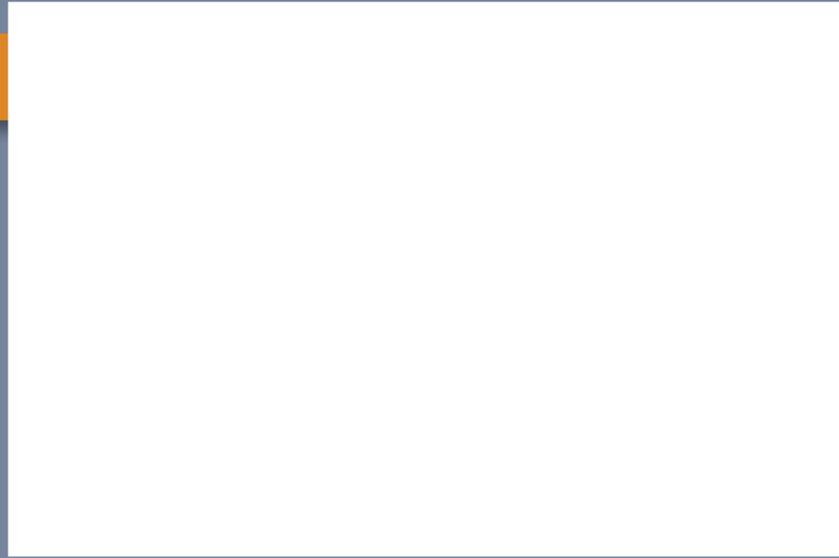
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Consistency, Compassion, and Results

THE BARB BELCHER WAY

When people ask me what has kept our firm steady through the years and what has allowed us to serve clients with consistency, compassion, and results, I always think of the people who show up every single day with dedication that cannot be taught. For more than two decades, Barb Belcher's dedication, intelligence, and perseverance have helped fuel the growth and success of our firm. For more than two decades, Barb Belcher has been one of those people. Barb is the heart and soul of our litigation team and I am grateful for the chance to showcase the remarkable work she does.

Barb joined us back in May of 2003. At the time, she was still in school at Horry-Georgetown Tech, juggling coursework and an internship with Judge Hearn at the South Carolina Court of Appeals. As fate would have it, a fellow student mentioned that my former partner, Jill Fennell, was looking for help. Barb sent an email asking if we were hiring. That note changed the trajectory of her career and the firm. Looking back, it feels less like hiring and more like gaining a teammate we were always meant to have.

Today, Barb serves as our Litigation Team Leader, a role that may seem straightforward until you consider the sheer scope of what she navigates each day. She ensures lawsuits are drafted, filed, and progress through the system on schedule, and oversees service of process. She guides our litigation paralegals, keeping them aligned, supported, and on task and shapes the quality and dependability of the work we deliver.

Her talent for writing has long been one of her greatest assets. Barb is often the first set of hands on draft complaints, motions, and discovery requests before they are sent to an attorney for review. She approaches

every document with clarity, precision, and a genuine understanding of how the details matter. For her, drafting is all part of a larger commitment to presenting our clients' stories truthfully and powerfully.

One thing about Barb that has never changed is how deeply she cares for the people we serve. When you work in personal injury, you meet individuals on some of the hardest days of their lives. Barb never forgets that. She wants them to receive every dollar they deserve, and she is mindful about keeping costs down so as much as possible goes back into their hands. Her dedication is not rooted in process but in empathy.

Outside the office, Barb leads a life that reflects the same sense of duty and passion. Now living in Missouri, she volunteers with a search-and-rescue team that responds to missing-person cases within a 100-mile radius. They only deploy when called by a sheriff's office, and when they go out, it is often into difficult terrain and high-stakes situations. Earlier this year, her team located a missing man who had been stranded in a cornfield for seven days and helped bring him home alive.

When she isn't searching for missing persons, she's running, quite a lot, in fact. She has completed a half Ironman, trains regularly, and loves unwinding with her dogs.

Her loyalty, intelligence, steadiness, and compassion have shaped this firm in ways most clients will never see but all benefit from. After more than 20 years together, I can say without hesitation that our firm is better because she is part of it.



- Ian Maguire

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Uncover the Magic of Australia's Living Wonder Swim With Turtles, Whales, and Wonder at the Great Barrier Reef



If you've ever dreamed of exploring a place so vast it dwarfs entire countries, **Australia's Great Barrier Reef** should be at the top of your bucket list. Stretching over 1,400 miles along the eastern coastline, this paradise is larger than the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Belgium, and the Netherlands combined! The Great Barrier Reef is home to dazzling coral gardens, colorful fish, giant clams, and six of the seven known marine turtle species. From snorkelers to skydivers, the Reef offers something unforgettable for every kind of adventurer.

Underwater, the options are endless. **Lizard Island** is a snorkeler's paradise where you can float above giant clam beds and glide alongside green turtles. Divers flock to **Cod Hole** for an up-close look at the Reef's most famous marine residents, while those craving a more remote experience can hop aboard a dive ship to explore untouched corners teeming with biodiversity.

Prefer to keep your head dry? The 74 tropical **Whitsunday Islands** are perfect for cruising,

whether on a bareboat charter or a luxury superyacht. For a show-stopping perspective, consider a scenic helicopter transfer to the **Outer Reef**. From the air, the patterns of coral, tiny secluded islands, and endless shades of blue make it clear just how massive this natural wonder truly is.

For a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, the Reefsleeper Experience takes you to **Hardy Reef** after day-trippers have left. Snorkel, dive, or relax on the Reefworld platform, then enjoy a barbecue as the sun sets. When night falls, snuggle into your floating tent under the stars or take a night dive to see the reef glow in a completely different light.

Thrill-seekers, take note: **Mission Beach** offers a jaw-dropping skydiving experience over the reef and surrounding rainforest, plunging from 15,000 feet with expert guides to ensure an unforgettable ride.

No matter how you experience it (by snorkel, yacht, helicopter, or parachute), the Great Barrier Reef is an adventure that promises awe, excitement, and memories you'll treasure forever.



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Teens Behind the Wheel

AWARENESS CAN SAVE LIVES



January is full of hope and excitement for a new chapter. It's also more than just the start of a calendar year; it's National Teen Driving Awareness Month, a moment to shine a spotlight on teen drivers, the risks they face, and how we can make the roads safer.

Let's start with some national context: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), teen drivers (ages 16–19) are far more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than older, more experienced drivers. In fact, the fatal crash rate for this age group is nearly three times higher than for drivers 20 and older, per mile driven. In 2023 alone, about 3,048 teenagers ages 13–19 lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes, a dramatic reduction from decades ago, but still a heartbreaking toll.

For every teen driver getting on the road for the first time, whether it's running errands, driving to school, or heading to hang out with friends, this elevated risk looms. The dangers are especially high during the first months after getting a license, with the youngest drivers (around age 16) sandwiched between inexperience and ambition. Factors such as nighttime driving, peer passengers, inconsistent seatbelt use, and distractions (like texting) amplify the hazards.

In South Carolina, the statistics are sobering. Teens here (ages 15–20) were involved in about 4.83 car accident deaths per 10,000 drivers during a recent two-year period. One particularly terrifying metric claims that, on average, a teen-driver collision in South Carolina kills or injures someone every 1.4 hours.

So, why does National Teen Driving Awareness Month matter? Because awareness saves lives. It's a chance for parents, teens, schools, and communities to talk and act before a crash becomes a tragedy.

If you're a parent or teen reading this, consider this month a wake-up call. Encourage safe driving habits: Always buckle up, avoid distractions (including putting down your phone), limit nighttime and unsupervised driving, and think twice before adding friends to the car.

Every life saved means another story not cut short, and that makes January worth more than just a new beginning. It's a commitment to safety, awareness, and care!

Starting Line Smiles

Surfside Turkey Trot Brings the Community Together



The Surfside Turkey Trot is a tradition that captures the true spirit of Thanksgiving morning. Organized annually by the members of the Surfside Beach Rotary Club, it has become an incredible community event, and Maguire Law Firm is proud to have been the presenting sponsor for over a decade. While the race itself is fun, it's the incredible range of people who lace up their running shoes that makes it worthwhile.

With roughly 1,100 participants annually, the crowd includes everyone from energetic 9-year-olds to inspiring runners well into their 80s. It's a nice reminder that movement, joy, and community have no age limit.



This past Thanksgiving was no exception. Our team showed up early, eager to cheer, run, and soak up the atmosphere. There's something infectious about the buzz at the starting line, with families laughing and neighbors greeting each other before the holiday rush begins. Participating again this year as a firm was amazing! We're already looking forward to doing it all over again next year.



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Real Stories, Real Results



“Maguire Law Firm in Myrtle Beach has consistently impressed me with their professionalism, responsiveness, and genuine dedication to their clients, and in my experience they truly stand out as one of the best law firms in the area. Their team takes the time to listen, explain every step clearly, and make clients feel supported throughout the entire process. Whether it’s their compassionate approach, strong attention to detail, or commitment to achieving the best possible results, they go above and beyond in a way that sets them apart. For anyone seeking reliable and trustworthy legal representation in Myrtle Beach, Maguire Law Firm is an exceptional choice!”

– Haylee L.

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Slow Cooker Birria Tacos

INGREDIENTS

- 3 dried guajillo chiles
- 2 dried ancho chiles
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves
- 1 (14.5-oz) can diced tomatoes
- 3 lbs beef chuck roast
- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp dried oregano
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp salt
- Pepper, to taste
- Corn tortillas
- Fresh cilantro and diced onion for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Soak dried chiles in hot water for 15 minutes.
2. Process chiles, onion, garlic, and tomatoes in a blender until smooth.
3. Place beef in a slow cooker and pour the chili mixture over it.
4. Add beef broth, vinegar, oregano, cumin, bay leaves, salt, and pepper.
5. Cook on low for 8–10 hours or until the beef is tender.
6. Shred the beef using forks, then mix back into the sauce.
7. Fry tortillas in oil until crispy, then assemble tacos as desired.

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