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## Firm Announcements

### We Are In This Together - Food Drive for Central Texas Food Bank - Update

Mission accomplished!!! Thank you so much for helping us reach our goal of raising over \$500 for the Central Texas Food Bank!!! Because of your generosity, we've been able to provide over 2,000 meals to families in need. If you have not donated already, there's still time. We are keeping our fundraiser open through August.

Please join us in supporting our neighbors by donating to our virtual food drive with Central Texas Food Bank. When faced with hunger, it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected. That's why we're helping Central Texas Food Bank keep their shelves stocked and ready to respond in these uncertain times. For every \$1 donated, Central Texas Food Bank can provide 4 meals. With our goal of \$500, we're hoping to provide over 2,000 meals.

[Click here to donate today](#)

Thank you for helping us help Texans in need!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KERRY BLOODSAW  
ON BECOMING A LICENSED ATTORNEY IN  
TEXAS!!!

Former Senior Law Clerk, Kerry Bloodsaw, was promoted to Associate Attorney in July 2020. Kerry handles a wide range of legal needs for clients. Her featured areas of representation include: Medical License Defense, Professional License Defense, and Vocational License Defense.

Kerry graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the State University of New York at Albany in 2011. She received her Juris Doctorate from John Marshall Law School in 2016 and went on to pass the Georgia Bar Exam that same year. Kerry practiced law in Georgia for almost three years, where she zealously advocated

for her clients as a public defender in Atlanta. During her time as public defender, Kerry litigated hundreds of cases from low-level drug offenses to felony murder.

In May 2019, Kerry relocated to the Austin, Texas area with her spouse who was transferred to Fort Hood, Texas.

Read more about the stellar team at Bertolino, LLP, [here](#).

If you've already had a terrific experience working with Kerry Bloodsaw, J.D. or any of our other attorneys, please share your feedback [here](#).



## What Makes a Doctor "Professional?" And what is #MedBikini all about?



While the Texas Medical Board has rules regarding what constitutes "unprofessional conduct" for maintaining a medical license, female doctors are pushing back on the grayer definitions of professionalism with the social media movement, #MedBikini.

This movement started trending on social media outlets in July as a response to an article published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery. The article singled-out female doctors for showing "too much skin" by posting pictures of themselves in bikinis and Halloween costumes on their social media. The article also criticized these doctors for posting comments about politics and pictures of themselves consuming alcohol.

Many female and male doctors criticized the article out for being sexist and posted pictures of themselves in bathing suits and engaging in

other activities outside of the hospital/clinic to show off the diversity of their personal lives. Additionally, many female doctors took the opportunity to point out certain double standards about medical practice including dress codes, pay gaps and disparities in leadership. The journal ultimately retracted the article but the conversation about gender bias in evaluating "professionalism" in the medical field continues.

To learn more about the Texas Medical Board's rules on unprofessional conduct, please visit the [Bertolino BLAWG](#).

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## Hallmark Achievements - August 2020

### *Texas Education Agency v. J.L.*

Texas Education Agency accused J.L. of contract abandonment after he resigned from a teaching position at a school near Houston, Texas to teach at another school, closer to his spouse's employer. J.L. transferred so he could assist with caring for his two small children.

J.L. vehemently denied the allegations, stating that he fulfilled all of the contractual and statutory obligations for transferring to another school. After Bertolino, LLP, provided a vigorous response to the allegations, the allegations were dismissed.

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