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#### REMEMBERING THE BRAVE: Memorial Day 2025 May 26, 2025

This Memorial Day, we pause to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their courage, sacrifice, and commitment to the ideals of freedom and justice remind us of the true cost of liberty.

At the Ryan E. Gatti Law Firm, we are grateful for those who laid down their lives so that we may continue to live, work, and raise our families in a nation built on sacrifice and service. We also hold in our hearts the families left behind, whose strength and resilience inspire us all.

May we never forget their legacy and may we live in a way that honors the freedoms they fought to protect.

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## HONORING LAW DAY May 1st. 2025

Each year on May 1st, our nation recognizes Law Day, a time to reflect on the foundational role the rule of law plays in protecting our rights, ensuring justice, and preserving our democracy.

This year's Law Day theme, "Voices of Democracy" encourages us to think about the importance of civic participation and ensuring that every person has a voice and access to legal representation. From advocating for extended support for foster children to standing by families during difficult legal battles we remain focused on one truth, the law exists to protect and uplift every individual, and we are proud to be part of that purpose.

This Law Day, we recommit ourselves to use our knowledge of the law to make a difference.

# CELEBRATING MAY & Honoring Mothers

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As the month of May arrived and the season shifted toward summer, we took time to reflect on the importance of renewal, gratitude, and the enduring influence of mothers and maternal figures in our lives.

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Mother's Day gives us a special opportunity to express appreciation for the women who nurture, lead, and love with tireless devotion. Whether it's a mother, grandmother, aunt, or mentor, this day reminds us of the powerful role these women play not only in our personal lives but in the strength of our communities. May is also a month full of celebration and transition. From high school and college graduations to Memorial Day tributes, it's a time to reflect on growth, honor service, and embrace hope for the future. Our team celebrates with the many families marking milestones this month—whether it's a child moving on to the next chapter in school or a loved one being remembered for their legacy.

Here at the firm, we're also celebrating our own milestones. As we continue our 25th year of service, we're reminded of the purpose behind our practice: to serve with integrity, advocate with passion, and care for our community as if they were family.

#### MAY 2025

# HONORING THE "MAMA PELICANS" IN OUR COMMUNITY



Each year, we reflect on the powerful symbol at the heart of our state flag, the mother pelican, willing to wound herself to feed her young. This image represents sacrifice, love, and service. It's a story that mirrors the heart of so many mothers, caretakers, and servant-leaders across Louisiana.

This year, we proudly gifted two Louisiana state flags to honor individuals who embody that same spirit.

- Tony Streetman, a local foster parent and advocate, received a flag in recognition of his unwavering dedication to foster families in our region.
- Allie Hammett and Mark Rodie were honored for their incredible commitment to the Cumberland Farms community and the lasting impact of their service.

We are grateful for these "mama pelicans" and the example they set through compassion, leadership, and sacrifice. May we all continue to be inspired by their example and by the ultimate love of Christ, who gave everything for us.

# END OF SCHOOL YEAR REFLECTIONS & PREPARING FOR SUMMER



As another school year comes to a close, families across our community find themselves reflecting on a year of growth, challenges, and milestones. At the Ryan E. Gatti Law Firm, we understand that this season of transition isn't just emotional—it can also raise important legal questions and planning opportunities for families. As summer approaches, now is the time to think ahead and ensure your plans are secure, especially when it comes to:

- Custody & Co-Parenting Arrangements
- Travel & Safety Planning
- Estate Planning Check-In.

Summer is a good time to revisit your family's estate plan. If you've recently welcomed a new child, changed jobs, or relocated, it may be time to update your will, power of attorney, or guardianship designations. Planning ahead ensures your children and loved ones are protected, no matter what lies ahead.

Wishing all students, parents, and teachers a joyful summer from the Ryan E. Gatti Law Firm.