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### **Spring break: A true story of hope and determination**

I present this program as an attorney regarding a “law case” of an “All American” college student on Spring Break vacation with his college friends. One night he was walking and was struck by a drunk driver’s vehicle. His parents were called in the middle of the night and asked to consent to organ donation due to their son’s severe traumatic brain injury and other catastrophic injuries. The parents’ declined to consent to organ donation and instead got a room in the hospital to be with their son 24/7. Their son remained in ICU in critical condition for 3 weeks. After seeing the powerful photographs of the student in a coma, the audience is delighted to learn that he awoke after almost 2 weeks, survived and had a full recovery. The student and family credit his full recovery to the amazing nursing care provided while he was in critical condition and throughout his 5 months of inpatient hospitalization. They are then astounded by the announcement that the attorney speaker before them is the TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) multiple trauma survivor who is the feature of the program. The remainder of the program expresses appreciation to the nurses for all that they do for patients and their families. The program also educates the audience about TBI and multiple trauma from the perspective of the survivor, the family and the attorney, while also providing valuable tools to help them in their own professional and personal capacities when dealing with multiple trauma patients.

### **Biography**

Partner at a personal injury law firm specializing in personal injury. The National Trial Lawyers “Top 100 Trial Lawyers”. BS Magna Cum Laude 1990 and Juris Doctorate 1993. Vice-Chairman of B.O.D. Mothers Against Drunk Driving National. & B.O.D. Brain Injury Alliance. 20x year keynote at National Nursing, Rehab and Brain Injury Conferences. All honorariums donated to charities. Authored Spring Break: A True Story of Hope and Determination regarding a brain injured college student who received long-term inpatient, out-patient care and rehabilitation. Awarded: US Senate Official Proclamation, US Congressional Citation, U.S. House of Representatives Special Congressional Recognition, along with 20+ awards for legal and charitable accomplishments.

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