

OUR Story



Our similar passions for law and justice made us a perfect match from the start. We met in 2004 while we were both in law school. We were set up by a mutual friend, and on our first date, Ernie took Beth to a restaurant where they served wine in a paper cup. Beth was immediately drawn to Ernie's good sense of humor. **We've been having fun together ever since!** In 2007, we eloped in Hawaii, just the two of us, because we didn't want the fuss of planning a wedding while Beth studied for the bar exam. To include our wonderful friends and family, we threw a big party at a local brewery about a month after our wedding so that we could all celebrate.

We have been married nearly 14 years now. **The strength to our marriage is that we balance each other out.** Ernie is easy going and doesn't stress, while Beth is organized and thoughtful. We believe in equal work in our household, and also share equal responsibilities with the kids. We make a great team! **The foundation for our relationship is family, faith, friendship, and fun.** We lead an active lifestyle that revolves around our children, especially the multiple sports they play. Success in our family is traditionally celebrated with ice cream. Good grades and home runs always result in a trip to the ice cream parlor. Another tradition is spending time at the lake, which is a huge part of our life as a family. We have taught the boys how to water ski, jet ski, kayak, and fish! **We know that these traditions will only become sweeter when we welcome another baby into our family.**



MEET *Beth*

I lived in Florida until I was nine, and then my family moved to Missouri. Both of those places have influenced my passions. **I love the beach and water sports, and I am a huge Kansas City Chiefs football fan.** Sports have always been a big part of my life. I played sports growing up, including volleyball, basketball, and softball. These days, I love going to professional sports games almost as much as I love watching my kids play, and I still play tennis regularly.

I was a trial attorney for many years at a large law firm, but stopped practicing when Lee started kindergarten. I was no longer up for the long hours, nights, and weekends, and wanted to spend that time with my family. I now work in insurance claims and have loved the decision to be with my children more. I have found the perfect work-life balance, having tremendous flexibility for family time, but also still feeling fulfilled professionally. I have worked since I was 14 years old and would not know what to do with myself if I didn't work!

What I love most about being a parent is watching my boys grow up into promising young men. It is an incredible journey to watch their personalities form, and to delight in their triumphs, and support them through their defeats. I will be thrilled to have another child to embark on new adventures with, from first steps and first words to first days of school and college graduation, and every little thing in between.

FIVE THINGS BETH LOVES

Kansas City Chiefs • A getaway weekend with my college girlfriends
Jane Austen • All things French • The beach



MEET Ernie

I was born and raised in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia with my parents and two brothers. I attended public school through the seventh grade, then attended a private school in downtown Atlanta through high school. I was able to experience the best of both worlds living in a suburb, but also enjoying big city energy as I got older.

I am passionate about coaching my children in various sports and providing a safe environment for them to learn and improve in both athletic and personal skills. The majority of my free time is spent coaching. **This has been a great opportunity to connect with my children and their friends, and provides valuable life lessons when they learn how to react to both defeat and victory.** The friendships formed with the other families involved will also last a lifetime.

I love watching my children grow and improve at what they set their minds to. Each age brings new things to learn, like reading, tying shoes, water skiing, riding a bike, throwing a baseball...there is no moment more euphoric than seeing your child conquer a task. **The great thing about being a parent is there is always more to teach my children and always a way to support them in succeeding.** I look forward to coaching our new child in youth sports and helping him or her grow up with an appreciation for the challenges, perseverance and teamwork that goes along with it.

FAVORITE MOVIE: Napoleon Dynamite

FAVORITE MEMORY: Going to Michigan to fish and water ski every summer growing up

FRIENDS DESCRIBE ME AS: Loyal and funny



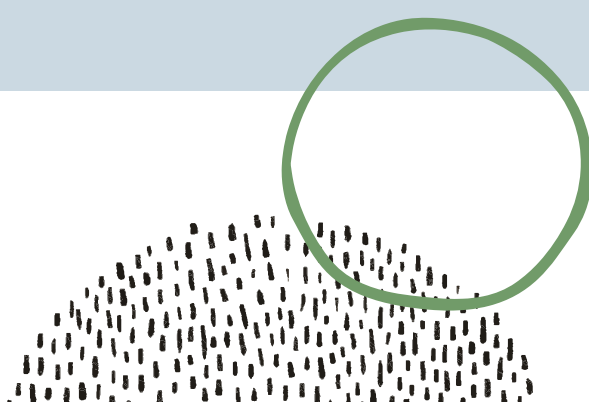
Beth IN ERNIE'S WORDS

"The thing I love most about Beth is her attention to detail. As a parent, she ensures each child has equal opportunities and equal rewards in whatever task is at hand. If there is an experience we have discussed that may benefit our children, then Beth will ensure all necessary steps are taken so that they not only get an opportunity to have the experience, but so that they can thrive when given the opportunity."

Ernie IN BETH'S WORDS

"What I love most about Ernie is that he makes our family his priority. Always. He left a high powered legal career at a top firm because it required him to travel four days a week and he didn't want to miss out on our children growing up. He now works in the legal department at a Fortune 200 company, where he has tremendous flexibility to pursue his life outside of the office. Now, Ernie spends much of his free time coaching our boys or going outside to practice with them.

Ernie has a kind heart and is always helping a friend or coworker, or volunteering his time in our community. He is laid back and helps me keep perspective by reminding me to not stress over the small things. Ernie also has a special talent for working the perfect movie quote into any conversation."



OUR Family



LEE - OUTGOING AND INTELLIGENT



Lee (11) can strike up a conversation with anyone regardless of their age or background. We refer to Lee as our little politician because he is so charismatic. Lee is very smart, a great athlete, and loves the arts, especially the musical Hamilton.



HENRY - ENERGETIC AND DETERMINED



Henry (8) is sweet and loving, and doesn't have a mean bone in his body. He has a magnetic personality that people are naturally drawn to. Henry is an incredible athlete, has a healthy sense of mischief, and loves animals.



Both Lee and Henry have wanted another sibling for years and will no doubt spoil him or her with so much love and attention. Lee is eager to help out with the little things around the house, like holding the baby and giving them a bottle, while Henry wants to teach them how to play sports. Their new brother or sister will hit the jackpot as far as siblings go!





OUR Home

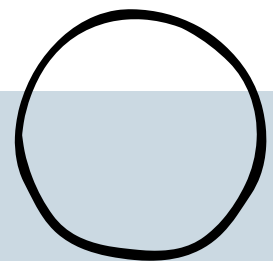
We live in Atlanta, Georgia and take advantage of all that it has to offer. We love to go to professional sports games, attend a concert, or go to the theatre. **Our neighborhood is a safe, family-friendly community, where children abound.** There is lots to do in our neighborhood, including walks to a nearby polo field along the river where we feed the horses. We are also walking distance to one of the best private schools in the city, where our children attend school.

Our “forever” home has six bedrooms and is on about one acre of land. The boys have their own floor (the top floor) and the master suite is on the main floor, along with what will be the new child’s bedroom. We love playing games as a family and have a playroom with an air hockey table, basketball pop-a-shot, and ping pong table. Every Friday, we have pizza and movie night together. **The big backyard is definitely our home’s best feature! We have a pool, basketball court, trampoline, and an amazing treehouse with a zip line.** Our house also backs up to the woods and we are frequently visited by hawks and deer



OUR PUP

Piper is a five-year-old Australian Shepherd - Miniature Poodle mix. She's about nine pounds and is great with the kids. Piper is like a mountain goat and climbs people or furniture to find the perfect resting position. She loves to play outside, especially when we go to the lake, and is the perfect pup for our active lifestyle.





Thank you
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