



My grandfather began practicing law in 1945 right here in Moncks Corner. He didn't have a marketing budget, a website, or a waiting room full of clients who could easily afford to pay him.

What he had was a community he could serve and the kind of character that compelled him to show up and do the work faithfully.

One of my favorite stories about my grandfather, the great Norman West, is one our office talks about all the time...

A client came to him who simply didn't have the money to pay his bill.

He wasn't trying to avoid his obligation; he just didn't have cash. What he did have, though, was collard greens. And my grandfather accepted them.

My grandfather didn't need collards. But that client didn't want charity.

He wanted to pay what he owed in the only way he could. By accepting those collards, my grandfather honored the man's dignity.

That lesson has stayed with me my entire life, especially since my father then carried that same spirit into his own practice.

For decades, he has seen a dozen or more people each day, many of them walking through grief. He does probate work, which means spending time with families who are navigating loss, uncertainty, and complicated emotions.

He gives generously of his time, his counsel, and his presence.

I grew up watching that example of service.

When I stepped into this role, I did make some changes. I chose a different practice area, and we operate in a very different era than my grandfather's.

But the foundation remains the same.

We give away more time and guidance than many firms would be comfortable with.

We invest in community outreach and support youth programs because serving this place well has always mattered to us.

The firm looks different than it did in 1945, but the heart behind it hasn't changed. I hope it's something my children, and maybe even their children, can be proud of one day, whether they ever choose to practice law or not.

My grandfather may not have imagined websites or live chat, but I believe he would recognize the heart and soul of West Law Firm.

If you ever need someone in your corner after an injury, someone who believes service and dignity are just as important as results, we would be honored to help.

You can visit westlawfirmssc.com to start a live chat, schedule a free consultation, or simply learn more about how we serve Lowcountry families.

Take care,

Mason

P.S. For what it's worth, we still love collards, but putting these insurance companies back in their place pays the bills too.