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Romane Armand Uses His *Book of Rhymes* To Inspire Writers Across The Country

Our clients never cease to amaze. We recently sat down with Romane Armand, author of *Book of Rhymes: A Laxative for Creative Constipation* and a limerick genius, to learn more about his ground-breaking book and how he plans to help students and fellow writers across the country.

In August 2014, Romane set a Guinness Record for the longest freestyle rap, after rapping continuously for 24 hours and 49 minutes. He prepared for his record-breaking rap session with three months of training involving 60-90-minute rapping workouts on a treadmill to strengthen his breathing and help him memorize the tens of thousands of rhymes he collected. He could only take breaks of three seconds at a time, so he snacked on pizza, pasta and took sips of water every hour or so, when setting the record at a barbershop in Arkansas.

Romane used the feat to promote and raise money to self-publish his book, a concept that had been turned down by 30 different publishers. Fifteen years after he originally came up with the idea for his book, Romane's vision came to life with its publication in March of 2016.

University in Utah. Romane credits his passion for songwriting as the reason he was interested in school.

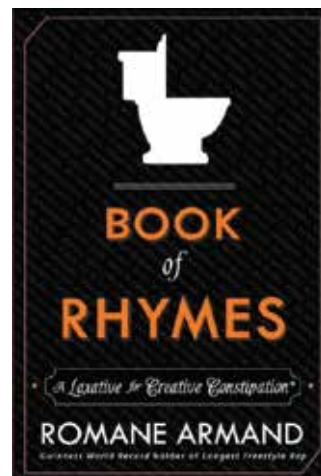
One of the key differences of Romane's approach to freestyle rapping is the lack of offensive and vulgar words.

"It was important to me that the book not contain anything that can't be said on daytime TV," Romane said. "I wanted to be able to help people in all areas of creative writing. Poets, songwriters, artists, and even students can use the book for help with their processes even if they are not interested in rap."

With 50,000 entries, including brand names and celebrity names, and a matching online database complete with a search bar to type in any word you want to find a rhyme for, *Book of Rhymes* remains the most comprehensive catalogue ever created. Romane has since created *Book of Rhymes, Inc.* - an expert business that helps creative writers find rhymes and become better rhymers. Through the company's books, webinars, and workshops, Romane plans to help students and educators in high schools and colleges around the country with creative writing classes using the book and has his eyes set on creating a *Book of Rhymes* app for download.

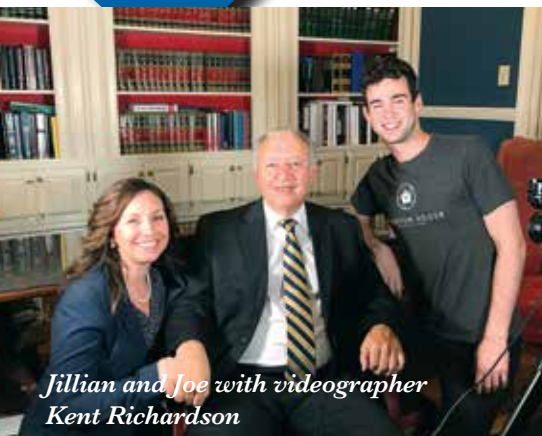
"The more inspired works we can put out into the world, the more we can offset the negativity swirling everywhere," Romane said. "I want to help people dig deep and find their voices so they can share their writing and a part of themselves. That's what the book is all about for me."

To learn more about Book of Rhymes and to check out Romane's free, interactive reference tool online, visit his website, www.bookofrhymes.com.



Romane Armand

Videos By Max Law Media Help Us Tell Our Story, Thank Our Clients



Jillian and Joe with videographer Kent Richardson

Not many law firms in South Atlanta have the unique advantage of being run by a father-daughter duo, which is why we enlisted the help of St. Louis-based Max Law Media and videographer Kent Richardson to create a series of videos on the history of our firm and why we are passionate about helping our clients.

For two days, we told our story to the camera. We discussed the “why” behind what we do and the passion that drives us. We answered some of the most frequently

asked questions our clients come to us with, we explained the rights everyone is entitled to under Georgia law, and revealed how we work to protect them. But the best part was getting to sit down with our clients and hear about their experiences as we helped them navigate their legal issues and thank them for the trust they put into Todd Law.

Check out our website, www.josephm-todd.com, and our Facebook and Instagram pages to view the videos. We’d love to hear your thoughts!



Client Romane Armand keeps us cracking up!



Joe thanks longtime client Earl Lemaster for putting over 30 years of trust in Todd Law



Jillian and Joe walk down historic Main St. in front of the office

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups crunchy peanut butter
- ½ cup shortening (we like butter-flavored Crisco)
- 1 ¼ cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 36 miniature Reese's peanut butter cups

DIRECTIONS

1. Pre-heat oven to 375°F. Unwrap Reese's peanut butter cups into a bowl and put in the freezer.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine peanut butter, shortening, brown sugar, milk, and vanilla. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Add egg. Beat just until blended.
3. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix just until blended.
4. Drop by rounded measuring tablespoonfuls of dough into granulated sugar and roll around to evenly coat. Place them 2-inches apart onto greased baking sheet. Flatten slightly in a crisscross pattern with tines of fork.
5. Bake one baking sheet at a time for 7 to 8 minutes, or until set and just beginning to brown.
6. Immediately after cookies come out of the oven, press one peanut butter cup into the center of the cookie, twisting as you push down to ensure it stays. Cool the cookies for two minutes on baking sheet before removing them to a cooling rack to cool completely.

It is impossible to eat just one of these cookies; be warned! If you love the combination of chocolate and peanut butter, you will love this twist on a classic favorite!



What's Your Favorite Place In Clayton County?

One of the best parts of shooting firm videos was getting to go to all our favorite places in and around Jonesboro. Each month we will highlight one of the locations and we invite you to guess where the photo was taken. You can also share with us on our Facebook page photos of you and your family and your own beloved spots in Clayton County so we can highlight them in the Todd Law Times.

Joe was so disappointed that this famous house in Jonesboro was closed by the time we got there that he couldn't help trying to "sneak in". Do you recognize this place? Tell us on our Facebook page!



Thank You, Focus Atlanta & CBS, For Highlighting Todd Law Bikes For Kids Program

With the help of producers at CBS, we had the pleasure of being guests on the CW 69's show, 'Focus Atlanta' on July 21st to discuss our community involvement and bicycle safety through our Bikes for Kids Atlanta program. We are so thankful to host Keisha Lancelin for taking an interest and helping us spread the word about this important issue.

"This isn't the first time you've done something for the community," Keisha said on the show. "In fact, a huge part of the firm is that community service aspect."

If you missed the show, you can still watch it by visiting the Todd Law In the News section of our website, josephmtodd.com/in-the-news.



LOCAL 10-YEAR-OLD OVERCOMES FOUR HEART SURGERIES TO BE ABLE TO RIDE A BIKE AGAIN



Cornelius Hardin on his bike

Talk about overcoming adversity! Cornelius Hardin has been through more in his 10 short years on earth than most adults go through in a lifetime.

"Cornelius was born with a chronic heart disease called Tetralogy of Fallot," said his mom, Christina, who nominated him for the program. "He has had now four surgeries, last one being a pacemaker placed. He's a strong kid and can finally ride a bike!"

The 10-year-old is now riding in style with his new bike, compliments of Todd Law's Bikes for Kids program.

"Going through one surgery is hard enough, let alone four," Attorney Jillian Todd said. "For a child to put their life on hold and overcome such adversity is admirable and we are happy to help him get outside and enjoy being on a bike again."

Congratulations, Cornelius!



Cornelius with his parents



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Raving Fan of the Month

Mr. Todd,

Thank you for being there for for me during the hardest time in my life. I know you don't get the thank you and appreciation like you deserve for your hard work but I sincerely mean it when I say I really do appreciate you and what you have done for me.

God bless you now and always.

- A happy, thankful client

