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Welcome to Injured Times!

Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine. I'm attorney Charles Boyk. I have been in private law practice for over 29 years and I head the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. During my career, I have handled thousands of personal injury cases ranging from small whiplash injuries to wrongful death claims. I have even conducted numerous seminars for other attorneys to help them understand the world of personal injury law. I have decided to publish this magazine so that I can share some of my most noteworthy cases with you, and hopefully inform and inspire you in the process.

In these pages you will find encouraging stories of triumphs over adversity. You will also learn about how seeking the proper medical care and retaining the right lawyer can make all the difference between a successful resolution of a case versus a potentially devastating outcome.

You will read the story of Aimee Young - a schoolteacher who suffered terrible injuries and spent months recovering after her vehicle was struck at a high rate of speed by a teenager who was under the influence of drugs. The story of her injuries, her case, and her amazing recovery should be an inspiration to us all.



Attorney Charles E. Boyk

You will read the story of Sue Wittman who, after spending three years in a nursing home after a car accident, was able to recover and live independently again thanks to settlement proceeds that we were able to secure for her.

You will read the story of Robert Lucas who became permanently impaired after being electrocuted while working on power lines due to the conduct of his employer. Although Robert wishes he could go back to work, the doctors have told him he cannot. However, our office was successful in getting him compensation for his injuries that will provide financial security for him for the rest of his life.

You will read other stories including that of a little girl recovering from a vicious dog bite, a man overcoming awful injuries after a hit-and-run accident, and a good Samaritan who was terribly hurt while trying to help someone else in need. All of these clients were assisted by my office to ensure that they were compensated for their medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering, and emotional distress.

These stories and others in this magazine will inspire you to realize that although you or a loved one may feel "down and out" right now, proper medical care combined with competent legal guidance can lead to a full recovery from both a physical and economic perspective.

We hope you enjoy our magazine and find it helpful and relevant to what you or a loved one may be experiencing right now.

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Clyde Cancer Cluster

An Alarming Number of Pediatric Cancer Cases



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Charles Boyk has been asked by Attorney Alan Mortensen of Dewsnup, King & Olsen based out of Salt Lake City, Utah to join him as co-counsel in representing the children and families of those that have been affected by the Clyde Cancer Cluster. The Clyde Cancer Cluster has gained much publicity over the last few years for the alarming number of children from a small area that have developed different forms of pediatric cancer. Nearly 40 children have been diagnosed with cancer and six of those have died. They hope to find out the cause of this tragedy and take legal action.



You can find out more information on the Clyde Cancer Cluster by visiting our website www.cancercluster-clyde.com.

Charles E. Boyk & Michael A. Bruno:

AVVO – 10.0 Rating

An Unbiased Review Of Our Attorneys

Attorneys Charles E. Boyk and Michael A. Bruno of the Charles Boyk Law Offices, LLC have both received a 10.0 “Superb” rating from the Avvo lawyer ranking system. Avvo is one of the leading websites that provides information about lawyers to consumers.

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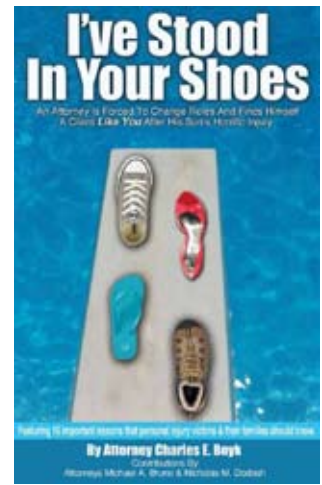
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On behalf of all of us here at the Charles Boyk Law Offices, LLC, we thank you for trusting us to handle all of your legal matters and we hope that you and your family will continue to come to us with any legal matter you may have in the future. ■



I've Stood In Your Shoes
THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW CHUCK LEARNED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN YOUR SHOES AS A CLIENT.

Read how Attorney Charles Boyk’s life is turned upside down after his son was injured because of a negligent swimming facility. He writes about his experience of being in the shoes of a client.

“I’ve Stood In Your Shoes” is the story of how Attorney Charles Boyk learned what it was like to be in the shoes of a client. In this book, he discusses his experiences with feeling helpless, his ups and downs of personal litigation, and learning to trust his attorneys after his son was injured because of a negligent swimming facility.

Also featured in this book are 16 important lessons that were learned during this case that are meant to be of assistance to those that are trying to navigate similar circumstances.

Attorney Charles Boyk can approach personal injury cases from a unique perspective because he has over 29 years of personal injury experience on top of having been the client in a very tragic situation. Personal injury cases can be very complicated; this book can be a guide for you in this difficult time.

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Why Should I Hire A Lawyer?

10 Ways an Attorney Can Help You Win Your Case

Attorneys who specialize in handling car accident, wrongful death, motorcycle accident, and other injury cases will seek to maximize your recovery by helping you make important decisions at the right time. The following are 10 of the many ways that hiring a knowledgeable lawyer can make all the difference in your personal injury case:

1. Starting the investigation as soon as possible

Investigation into the detailed facts of your case is absolutely crucial to your claim. Witnesses need to be located, interviews must be conducted, and sworn statements must be collected. Many times, photographs must be taken and analyzed, experts must be hired, and crucial evidence needs to be preserved. A qualified attorney will be able to make an intelligent assessment of your case, inform you of an appropriate

course of action, and advise you about how to proceed in order to ensure that you receive the highest amount of compensation to which you are entitled.

2. Locating all defendants

In order to maximize recovery for a client, an experienced attorney will find all of the potential people and businesses responsible for causing the accident, injury, or death, and will be able to assess the collectability of each person or business. There are often multiple non-obvious parties who can be held liable for an accident. For example, a parent or car owner may be liable for entrusting a vehicle to a child or friend who has a bad driving record. An attorney will be able to identify all of the potentially responsible parties so you don't have to worry about missing a party from whom you could have recovered compensation.

3. Finding the insurance coverage

In most cases, insurance coverage is essential to getting the best possible recovery. Most defendants do not have enough money or assets to adequately compensate an individual or family that has to cope with a serious personal injury or wrongful death. As a result, tackling the issue of the extent of the defendant's insurance coverage is absolutely critical. Figuring out which defendants have which type of insurance, determining the policy's limits, the policy's applicability, and the policy's potential exclusions can be tricky, to put it mildly. An experienced attorney will help you sort through the insurance maze and ensure that you get the maximum recovery to which you are entitled.

4. Documenting economic loss

In order to prove the appropriate amount of damages after you or a loved one suffers an injury or wrongful death, a knowledgeable at-

Why Should I Hire A Lawyer? (cont.)

torney will be able to hire an appropriate and experienced economist or other financial expert. This expert will go to work and determine the proper measure of damages for your specific case. The economist will consider many factors such as income level, how much additional income could have been earned over the course of a lifetime, and other data to determine the precise economic loss caused by the injury or death in question. Your attorney will be able to select an economic expert who not only has excellent credentials, but who also is able to effectively communicate the information to a jury.

5. Documenting psychological injuries

Serious physical injuries or death can cause psychological injuries that are just as real as their physical counterparts, and such injuries deserve appropriate treatment and attention. The report of a psychologist or psychiatrist can help with your case and get you the appropriate compensation for your psychological injuries. An attorney will be able to recommend the best mental health professional for you and your case.

6. Finding the right experts

Experts are witnesses with specialized knowledge, and their testimony is often absolutely necessary

to prove a case. There are literally millions of experts out there, some of whom are extremely knowledgeable and credible, and others who leave much to be desired. Experts can make or break a case, and an experienced attorney will know how to hand-pick a highly regarded expert who is best suited for your matter.

7. Accident reconstruction

Your attorney may advise you that accident reconstruction is essential to your case. Vehicular accident reconstruction is the scientific process of investigating, analyzing, and drawing conclusions about the causes and events that occurred during a vehicle collision. It is not uncommon for both sides to use accident reconstruction to try and prove their respective cases. A knowledgeable attorney will hire an accident reconstruction expert with qualifications that match the requirements of your particular situation.

8. Filing in the proper court

There are detailed rules that state where a given lawsuit can and cannot be filed. An attorney can save you the time and expense of filing in the wrong court. Also, certain jurisdictions and courts are friendlier to plaintiffs than others. Your attorney's experience and insight will be helpful in picking the best court for your case.

9. Grief counseling

Grief counselors can document loss while helping the survivors deal with a tragic situation and get closure. Grief counseling can be a valuable process, especially after a death that was caused by the negligence of another. An attorney will be able to help you find the counselor who is best suited for you and your needs.

10. Maximizing Recovery

In order to guarantee that you receive the maximum amount of compensation to which you are entitled, your attorney will ensure that your accident and injury are properly documented with essential photographs, videos, witness statements, reports, and other important items. Your attorney will make sure that you go to a doctor who will cooperate throughout the legal process. In addition, your attorney will obtain all relevant prior records, may hire economists and vocationalists, and will present the material in an effective and persuasive way to the insurance company, opposing counsel, the judge, and the jury. ■

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and on weekends.

Our attorneys and staff members—including experienced paralegals, legal assistants, and medical records analysts—will investigate and gather all of the critical information on your case by obtaining police reports, interviewing witnesses, gathering medical records, preparing affidavits, taking depositions, and performing other critical tasks. Our highly skilled attorneys will see to it that your case is backed by the most current case law and legislative enactments by utilizing both traditional and online

How A Personal Injury Case Works



legal research methods. Highly trained attorneys conduct all legal research in our office – we never assign this task to paralegals or other staff members.

All necessary costs to pursue your case will be advanced on your behalf. If no money is collected for you and you have followed our advice, you will never be asked to repay the costs that we have advanced.

Dealing with the insurance company

Our office will contact the at-fault party's insurance company on your behalf to notify them of your claim, determine all of the relevant coverage issues, and inform them that you are represented by legal counsel. This process ensures that the at-fault party's insurance company will not bother you anymore – from this point forward, they will be dealing directly with us.

After compiling all medical bills and records, we will send a settlement brochure to the insurance company that details your injuries, states how your injuries have adversely impacted your life, and demands fair compensation. The insurance company will either accept the demand or, more often than not, make a counter-offer. At this point, our attorneys, who know the value of your case, will work with the insurance company to ensure you receive maximum recovery.

In addition to all of the above, our office will also handle the property damage claim. We will either make arrangements to get your car fixed or make certain that you are reimbursed for a total loss. We can also set up a car rental if allowed by the policy.

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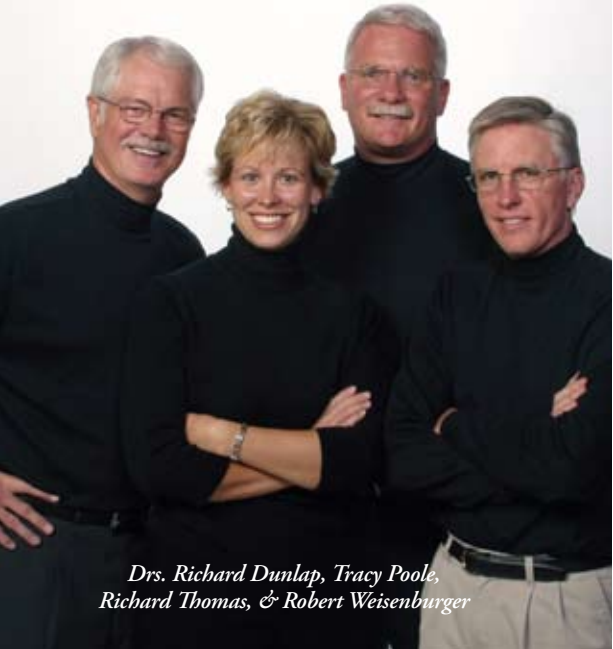
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If a settlement cannot be reached, your attorney will consult with you about whether to file a lawsuit and what that means to you. If a lawsuit is filed, we will help you respond to discovery requests such as interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admission.

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your case for trial, and be at your side during the trial – all while protecting your rights and fighting for fair compensation.

After your case

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Aimee Young:

Thankful To Be Alive

Failure To Stop Almost Takes Her life

On July 27, 2010, Aimee Young, a Loudonville High School teacher and coach, was driving her Saturn Aura southbound on SR 60 on her way home from a school sponsored drill team dance camp. Aimee Young was and continues to be a beloved teacher and model citizen. She graduated from Loudonville High School in 1987 with a 3.7 grade point average. Aimee's father was also a teacher at the school. After graduating from Ohio State in 1991 with a BS in Secondary English Education, Aimee "returned home" and secured a job teaching at Loudonville High School, her alma mater, just as her father had before her.

Aimee was a coach of the high school's drill team which would perform during halftime at varsity boys basketball games and she had three students in the car with her. The team had just finished up their second day of camp at Ashland University and was making what they thought would be a routine trip home. However, it ended up being a night that none of them would ever forget.

As Aimee approached the intersection of SR 60 and CR 2175, a nineteen year old driver who was under the influence of multiple drugs failed to stop at the stop sign and ran head-on into the driver's side door of Aimee's vehicle at approximately 55 miles per hour. The impact was absolutely devastating. The entire driver's side of Aimee's car was completely destroyed after the direct and high-speed collision. The entire front end of the drug impaired driver's vehicle was compacted so hard that it was barely recognizable as the front of a car. The airbags in both of the vehicles deployed and blood stains were strewn throughout the interior of both vehicles. The drug impaired driver died that night from injuries he sustained in the wreck. This was obviously a horrific accident, and the fact that anyone survived is remarkable.

When the Fire Department responded to the accident scene they found that Aimee was pinned and trapped inside her vehicle. Aimee suffered through a prolonged extraction due to the extreme difficulty of removing her from the twisted metal that used to be her car. When finally removed, EMS had to suction blood out of Aimee's airway, an IV was started, she was placed in full spinal immobilization, and her left arm was splinted. Aimee was transported via life flight to Cleveland MetroHealth Hospital where she would spend an entire month.

After her arrival at the hospital, Aimee was treated for numerous injuries and had multiple surgeries over the next few days. The left side of Aimee's body took the brunt of the impact during the wreck, and she sustained a compound fractured foot, broken ankle, fractured vertebrae, broken pelvis, 9 broken ribs, a fractured sternum, and a compound fracture of her upper arm. Her spleen was ruptured and had to be removed, and there was much internal bleeding and lacerations to her kidneys, liver, and colon. To top it all off, Aimee also lost her front tooth during the wreck.

Aimee remained at MetroHealth Hospital from July 27, 2010 through August 27, 2010, spending one week in the ICU, almost two weeks in the trauma unit, and almost two weeks on the physical therapy floor. In addition to her many surgeries, Aimee received occupational and physical therapy while she was in the hospital. Aimee required maximum help performing everyday tasks like moving from bed to chair and help with grooming and putting on clothes. In addition, Aimee experienced significant decreases in balance, strength, range of motion, ambulation, and functional mobility.





Aimee Young

When Aimee returned home her mother, other family members, and an in-home nurse had to take care of her and treat her injuries. During these months at home, Aimee experienced pain in the sides of her abdomen, as well as in her chest and ribs. She experienced body aches, the most painful of which were in her left arm and left foot. She was not able to return to work until January of 2011.

It was Aimee's brother, who lives in Perrysburg, who initially connected her with Chuck Boyk and the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. Aimee's brother and Chuck both have children who play sports together. From the moment they received Aimee Young's telephone call, the team at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC sprung into action and began developing a strategy for handling her complex case.

Being that there were multiple individuals injured in the accident who were contemplating legal action and would be pursuing a potentially limited amount of insurance funds, the decision was made to file a lawsuit in order to ensure that Aimee's rights were properly preserved.

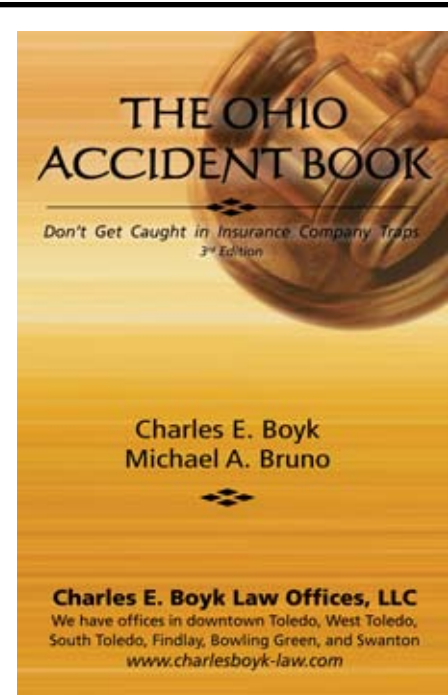
In addition, the Boyk law office addressed the complicating factor that Aimee was in the course and scope of her employment with the school district at the time of her injury. This fact entitled Aimee to Workers' Compensation benefits which had helped to cover her initial medical bills, but which also caused there to be a Workers' Compensation lien on any amount of money that would eventually be recovered from the at-fault driver. This factor was taken into consideration during all negotiations on Aimee's case.

Aimee's case had yet another complicating factor. In Ohio, damages for pain and suffering are capped at \$250,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence, unless a plaintiff can prove that he or she sustained what the law calls a "permanent and substantial physical deformity." The legal team at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC took note of some significant scars that Aimee had sustained in the wreck and were successful in locating favorable state and federal case law indicating that the type of scars that Aimee had could in fact be considered a "permanent and substantial physical deformity." This opened the door for Aimee to potentially settle the pain and suffering portion of her claim for an amount above and beyond the damages caps. This information was critical in advancing and negotiating Aimee's claim because it increased the claim value significantly.

Although a lawsuit was filed in common pleas court, the Boyk law office was successful in securing a mediation date in the hopes of obtaining an out-of-court settlement without the need for a trial. The mediation took place on July 5, 2012 and it was an absolute success. Charles Boyk was the chief negotiator on Aimee's behalf and was successful in negotiating a confidential settlement which was more than pleasing to Aimee. In addition, Chuck was successful in negotiating with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to significantly reduce the lien that they had on Aimee's claim, thus significantly increasing the amount of money that the firm was able to put in Aimee's pocket.

Attorney Chuck Boyk was very pleased with the outcome and was equally impressed with the way that Aimee handled herself throughout the entire process. "Aimee has been a dream client," Chuck said, "Her courage, cooperation, and intelligence has made representing her a pleasure."

Aimee is extremely grateful that her brother made the recommendation that she contact the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC to handle her case. Aimee said, "I can honestly say without any hesitation that if my brother hadn't thought of contacting Chuck, I would be in a very desperate financial and personal situation after that wreck. Chuck and his office have been some of the most reliable, fast-acting, and caring people that I have ever met." Aimee's praise for the Boyk law office did not stop there. She went on to state, "After two years of working with the legal team at Chuck's, I feel like I have friends I can call for anything regarding my situation. Although the settlement has gone through, I know without a doubt that I can call Chuck or his office if I need any further assistance. I could never have gotten through all that I have without them as support, and in so many, many ways." ■



The Ohio Accident Book

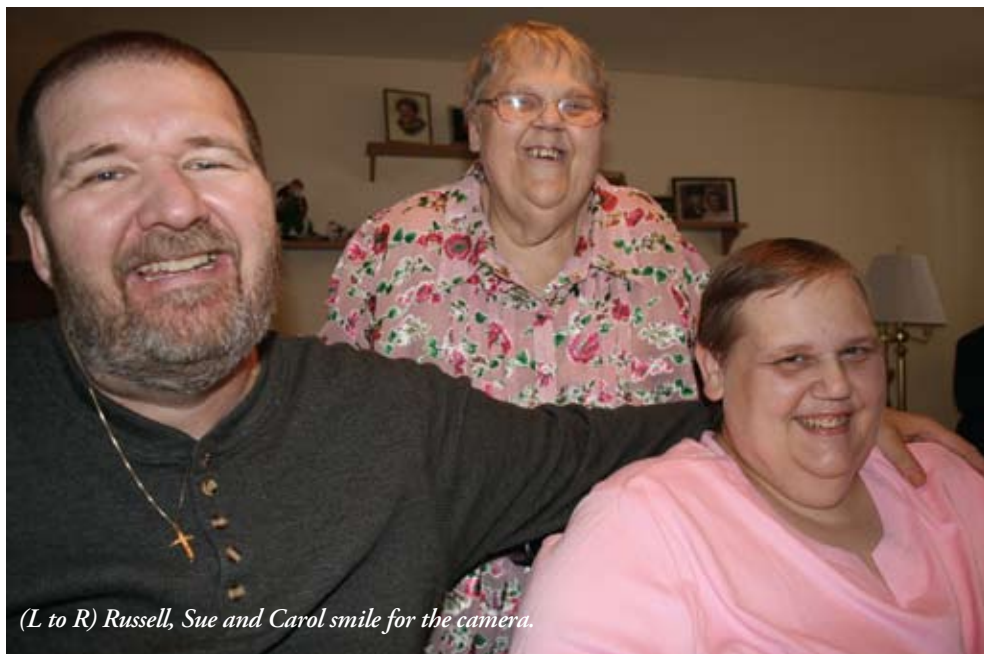
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The Ohio Accident Book is a free resource that will help you get the answers you deserve after being injured in an accident. The book addresses many of the most commonly asked questions people have after they're injured, such as, "How can I get the best settlement from the insurance company?" and "What doesn't my insurance company want me to know?" The book also offers advice on choosing the best personal injury lawyer, outlines 10 tips to maximize your recovery, highlights nine costly mistakes that could ruin your case, and informs you of important deadlines you can't afford to miss.

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Sue Wittman: Lucky To Be Walking After A Crash

A Terrible Accident With A Silver Lining



(L to R) Russell, Sue and Carol smile for the camera.

For someone who has never been seriously injured in an auto accident, it can be difficult to comprehend the lasting effects that those injuries can have on a victim's life. In our office, we work hard every day to help our clients make the best of difficult situations.

Take the example of one of Charles Boyk's clients, Sue Wittman. Even before her auto accident case, Sue was living in difficult circumstances. She, her sister Carol, and her brother-in-law Russell were of very limited means; Sue was on disability, and it was difficult for them to make ends meet.

To make matters worse, in 2007 a van in which Sue was riding was struck on the side and came to rest in a driveway. Carol and Russell were also in the car, and all three suffered injuries in the accident.

Sue was forced to spend nearly three years in a nursing home recovering from her injuries. As a result, she was plagued with a half million dollars in medical bills and other expenses.

Multiple surgeries were necessary to repair the damage to Sue's body, and she almost lost her leg due to infections and complications result-

ing from those procedures. To this day, she can only walk approximately 75 feet at a time before she has to stop. In addition, one of Sue's legs is two inches shorter than the other, and she has to wear a special shoe to compensate for the difference.

Although her situation is far from perfect, Sue credits Dr. Nabil Ebraheim, the orthopedic surgeon our office referred her to, with being able to keep her leg.

"I never would have walked again had it not been for Dr. Ebraheim," she said. "He gave me back the use of my leg. He was extremely kind and he paid attention to all the small details of my injury."

Our office also helped Sue get the compensation she needed to cover her \$500,000 in medical bills. In fact, we secured a settlement of \$1.25 million, which allowed Sue to get proper medical treatment and gave her financial security for the rest of her life.

After Sue's injuries and long stay in the nursing home, it became apparent that she would have a difficult time getting around her house – and it would be impossible for her to get up the stairs.

Thanks to the settlement that our office secured for Sue, she was able to purchase a home that is handicap accessible so she can live more comfortably.

"I am so thankful for all of the hard work [the attorneys and staff did] handling my auto accident case," Sue said. "I am extremely satisfied with my settlement."

Despite all of her setbacks, Sue has managed to stay nothing but positive and optimistic. Even when confined to a nursing home bed, she would talk about her friends at the Genoa Retirement Village, the ladies from church, and the unending support of Carol and Russell.

"Sue is always thinking of other people, even when she should be thinking of herself," said Leslie Rombkowski, our office manager. "Anyone would be lucky to have Sue in their life." ■



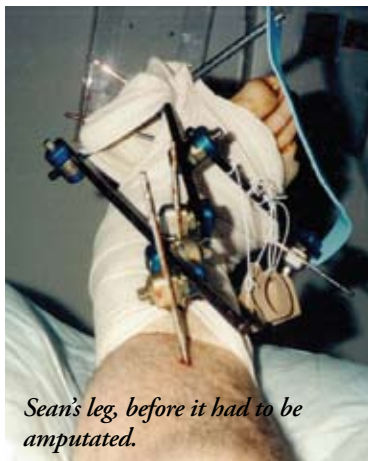
Sue Wittman shows off her scars shortly after her accident.

Sean McMahon: A Good Samaritan, A Terrible Injury

Fighting For A Fair Judgment



Sean McMahon lies in his hospital bed before his amputation surgery.



Sean's leg, before it had to be amputated.

April 21, 2002 didn't start as a remarkable day for truck driver Sean McMahon, but by the end of the night, it had turned into a day that would change his life forever.

Sean was parked late that night at the Stony Ridge truck stop in Wood County. As he exited his truck, he witnessed two other truck drivers involved in a verbal confrontation.

The confrontation was between Elmer DeForge and Continental Express employee Raymond Blake. Blake was inside the cabin of his truck while DeForge was hanging on the exterior of the cabin door. During the course of the argument, Blake put the truck into gear and started to drive quickly back and forth, thus causing DeForge to fall to the ground.

When Sean saw that DeForge had fallen directly into the path of Blake's oncoming truck, he rushed over and pushed DeForge to safety.

Unfortunately for Sean, he was not so lucky.

As he pushed DeForge safely out of the path of the truck, Sean's lower right leg was run over. After undergoing numerous operations and skin grafts, Sean ultimately had to have his leg amputated below the knee.

Sean decided that he needed to hire a lawyer to make sure he was fairly compensated for the accident that had severely affected his life. He chose the attorneys at Charles E. Boyk Law Of-

fices, LLC to represent him in what became a long and difficult legal battle.

From the beginning, Sean's case was full of ups and downs. Suit was filed in the Wood County Common Pleas Court against both Continental Express and its driver, Raymond Blake, who was fired after the incident occurred. Continental denied its own responsibility for the accident, and further denied any responsibility for its driver's actions. Attorney Mike Bruno was able to obtain a judgment of \$2,790,162 in compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages against Blake as an individual.

In denying responsibility for Sean's injuries, Continental Express managed to convince the trial judge to dismiss the case on the basis that the trucking company did not condone Blake's acts. Continental further argued that Blake was acting of his own accord and not conducting company business at the time of Sean's injuries.

Attorney Bruno promptly appealed the trial judge's decision on Sean's behalf. After significant arguments in the court of appeals, the court reversed the trial judge's dismissal, finding that the judge had improperly ruled that Blake intended to hurt either Sean or DeForge. Mike Bruno convinced the court that there was no evidence to support that finding.

Sean's case was reinstated at the trial level as a result of the appellate court's decision, giving him another chance to obtain the compensa-

tion that he deserved after losing his leg in an attempt to save another person from serious injury or death.

Sean's trial went on for four days. During that time, Continental Express contended that since Blake had signed out of his logbook and was under the influence of alcohol, he was no longer considered on duty. Continental argued that according to their company handbook, because Blake was off duty he was no longer under the scope of employment and Continental was therefore not liable for Sean's injuries.

Attorney Bruno argued that because Blake was behind the wheel of a Continental Express truck, he was back under the scope of Continental's employment. Mr. Bruno asked the jury to consider similar situations:

If a truck driver is speeding and thus violating company policy, is he no longer under the scope of employment? If an Amtrak operator sends text messages while working (which is against company policy) and causes a wreck, is he considered not under the scope of employment?

The jury deliberated for only two hours before reaching a verdict. The jury found that Continental Express was liable for Sean's injuries, and they awarded him \$1.25 million to be paid by the trucking company.

Attorney Bruno said that his heart was pounding as he waited for the judge to read the verdict because he knew how much Sean needed the money.

"Here's a guy who's waited six years to deliver his message to a jury, and then his message is finally validated. That's a great feeling because [Sean] finally got fair compensation," he said.

Sean agreed that the difficult path to his settlement made the victory even sweeter.

"It was such a long time, so sometimes I'd lose faith that we'd win," he said. "There have been so many ups and downs, but everything worked out. Mike did a great job." ■



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**Ayrika Stasas:
 Scarred for Life: Dog Bite Leaves Young Girl With Permanent Mark**

A Parent's Worst Nightmare



A close-up photo shows the drastic nature of the scar left behind after her dog bite injury.

It is all parents' worst nightmare: watching as their child suffers an injury and feeling powerless to help.

Unfortunately for Stacy and Erick Stasa, that nightmare became a reality on June 25, 2005.

The Stasas were visiting a friend's house with their daughter Ayrika, who was four-years-old at the time. Ayrika was petting the friend's Black Lab when it suddenly lunged at her and bit her face.

Ayrika suffered a severe bite to her right cheek that measured approximately 15 centimeters (almost 6 inches) in length. The bite also affected her eyelids, nose, and upper lip.

Ayrika's parents rushed her to the emergency room where she was taken into surgery to have the gash repaired by a plastic surgeon. As her wound slowly healed, she received massage therapy and other treatment to care for the resulting scars.

However, according to Ayrika's plastic surgeon, her scars were permanent and might even require more surgery in the future. The permanency of

these scars was a major factor that our firm cited when seeking to settle Ayrika's case. We made a compelling argument that Ayrika would likely suffer significant emotional distress for the rest of her life because of having to "wear" the scars on her face, every day.

We also noted that Ayrika was subject to the possibility of mental and emotional anguish from the attack itself. Indeed, dog bite victims often have difficulty forgetting the attack, and some even end up afraid of dogs for the rest of their lives.

For all of the above reasons, when attorney Charles Boyk went to settle Ayrika's case, he demanded that the insurance company pay the policy limits of \$100,000. The facts of the case were enough to allow him to get that amount and then some.

Because she was a minor at the time of the attack, Ayrika's policy limits award was placed into a structured settlement. In a structured settlement, money is paid in installments over the course of several years, as opposed to a lump sum settlement where the claimant receives all of the money up front. Over the life of her structured settlement, Ayrika will receive almost \$150,000 in compensation for the dog bite.

"This was a very satisfying outcome," said Attorney Boyk. "What we did was make her adult life a little bit easier." ■



Ayrika Stasa at age 4.

Robert Lucas:

SHOCKED!

A Life-Changing Work Accident

Robert Lucas' outlook on the life-threatening injuries he sustained at work and his perspective on the compensation he was finally able to receive are true testaments to the type of down-to-earth person he is.

"I loved to work—that's just the type of guy I am," Robert said. "It's not about the money. I would trade it for being able to go into work every day."

In 2003, Robert was instructed by his boss to stand in the debris-littered bucket of a backhoe so he could be lifted between nine and eleven feet in the air to fix some low-hanging cable and telephone wires. His employer never instructed Robert to wear a safety harness.

The injuries Robert suffered were horrendous. The electrical shock and fall from the backhoe bucket caused one of his eyeballs to pop out of its socket. While the doctors were able to salvage his eye after hours of surgery, he still has significant vision problems.

Throughout the course of his treatment Robert endured multiple surgeries and incurred various life-threatening infections and scars. While he was in the coma, Robert had approximately seven skin graft surgeries, and he has gone through almost 20 similar procedures since then.

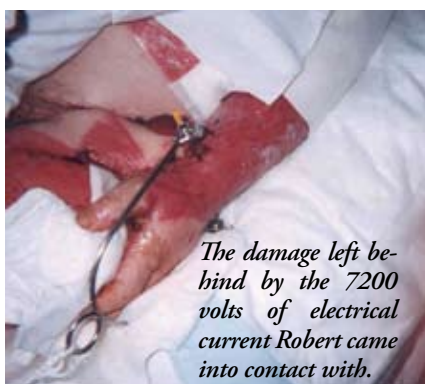
The damage to his left arm, where the electrical current exited his body, is permanent and still painful. Robert said his arm is basically useless, making everything from buttoning and zipping



Robert Lucas



Robert lies in his hospital bed after his accident.



The damage left behind by the 7200 volts of electrical current Robert came into contact with.



While attempting to fix the wires, Robert came into contact with an energized electrical line and suffered a severe electrical shock—all while his boss was allegedly on his cell phone.

"The 7200 volts of electrical current went through my right hand, across my chest, and blew out my left wrist," said Robert. "I was thrown out of the backhoe bucket and I fell several feet."

Robert suffered cardiac arrest and was defibrillated three times before his heartbeat was restored. He was taken straight to the hospital, where he remained in an induced coma for 28 days following the accident. He then spent an additional 87 days in the hospital enduring a slow and painful recovery.

clothing to putting toothpaste on his toothbrush extremely difficult. He has not been able to work since the accident occurred in August of 2003.

Despite his severe injuries, Robert managed to find ways to make light of his situation. "Robert dealt with horrific pain from his injuries, yet he still has his dry, sarcastic sense of humor," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "That is why he is easily one of my favorite clients."

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices were able to help Robert on many levels, including handling a civil suit against his employer, handling his workers' compensation claim, and handling numerous social security and disability claims.

After he incurred more than \$1 million in medical bills, our office put up a strong fight for Rob-

ert until he received compensation for his injuries that will provide him with security for the rest of his life.

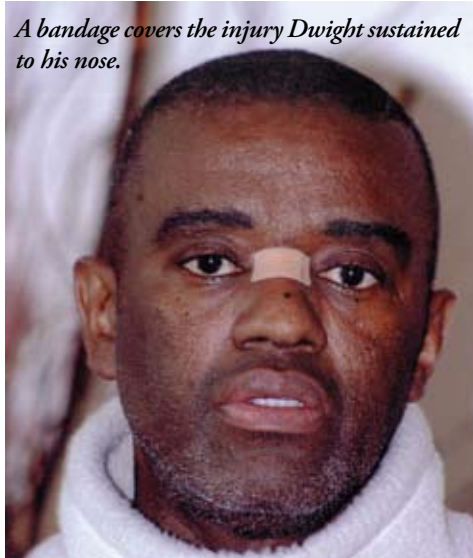
For that, he and his wife, Michelle, are grateful. "We called three attorneys while I was in the hospital," Robert said. "Chuck was the only one who would come down and visit me there. He went above and beyond from day one, and I trust him to take care of my family and friends' legal needs." ■

Dwight Kynard:

Left At The Scene Of An Accident

How A Hit-and-Run Victim Found Justice

A bandage covers the injury Dwight sustained to his nose.



and back pain. He also suffered injuries to his mouth, including several loose teeth.

Dwight underwent several rounds of physical therapy to treat the pain in his neck and back. He also visited a dentist to treat his loose teeth – one of which had to be extracted and replaced with an implant.

Perhaps the most significant injury Dwight faced was his broken nose. After the accident, breathing through the nose had become extremely difficult and caused Dwight quite a bit of trouble, including horrific snoring and a hard time sleeping. He also developed sleep apnea and ended up having to undergo surgery to repair the damage.

Despite everything he had gone through, Dwight slowly but surely began to find relief from his injuries. “The broken nose I suffered was repaired successfully. However, I continue to use two different nostril sprays to assist in clearing my nasal passage. I also went through many months of therapy for my neck and back before becoming just about pain free,” he said.

After his case was completed, Dwight had some very complementary things to say about his experience with the Charles Boyk Law Offices. Dwight stated, “Chuck and his team were very efficient and obtained a quick, sizeable settlement for me. I am extremely grateful for the professionalism, dedication, attention to detail, and concern that was displayed toward me throughout the entire process.”

If you find yourself in need of an attorney, turn to the Charles Boyk Law Offices. We are here to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ■



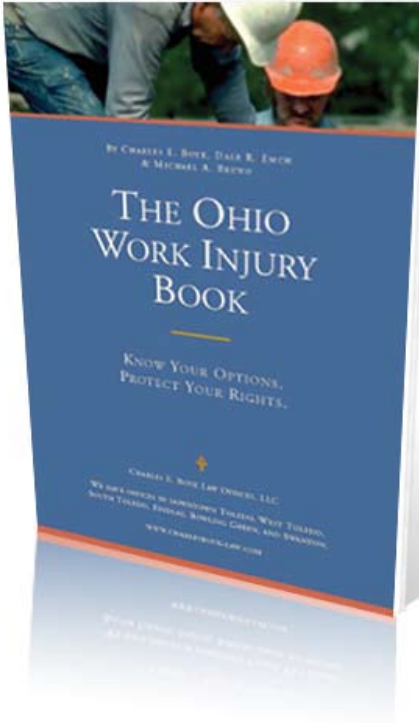
The dent left behind by the hit-and-run driver's collision with Dwight's truck.

In a hit-and-run car accident, many things are uncertain for the victim: Who hit me? Why did they flee the scene? What do I do now?

For Dwight Kynard, at least one of those questions was easily answered: after he was involved in a hit-and-run accident, he called the Charles Boyk Law Offices for help. “It was important to be legally represented by a good attorney as a result of the accident, and I immediately thought of attorney Charles Boyk,” he said. “Chuck had represented me in a case some years ago. In my prior case, I communicated with three attorneys before making a firm commitment with Boyk’s law firm to handle my case.”

Dwight’s accident occurred while he was stopped at a traffic light. As he sat and waited for the light to change, a van violently slammed into the back of his truck without making any attempt to stop or slow down. Although Dwight had his seat belt on, the impact caused his head to fly forward and strike the steering wheel. The driver of the van fled the scene but was later apprehended.

Immediately following the accident, Dwight felt extremely woozy but was eventually able to get out of his truck and wave down another motorist for help. Dwight was taken to the hospital via ambulance, and when he arrived he was treated for a concussion, a broken nose, and neck



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Omar Bazy: “Someone Was On My Side”

Fighting An Employer Who Didn't Want To Accept Responsibility



Omar shows the scar that remains after his injury at work.

Omar Bazy tells about how a lawyer helped him fight an employer that didn't want to accept responsibility for his injuries

While Omar Bazy was working the night shift in the loading area of a local chemical company, he was struck in the head and shoulder by an overhead reel and trolley that fell 30 feet from the ceiling.

At first, Omar thought he had escaped serious injury and had only sustained some bruising to his head and shoulder.

But one year and countless chiropractic treatments later, the pain, numbness, and pinched nerves he was still constantly experiencing indicated that Omar's injuries were more serious than he originally suspected. Around this same time, Omar discovered that his injury at the chemical company was the result of a defective loading device. It was at this point that Omar decided to call the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC for help.

“I knew I needed an attorney who could represent my interests and aggressively pursue a just resolution,” Omar said. “I researched local attorneys, and the Boyk Law Offices seemed to have the history and record I was looking for. After initially talking with Chuck, I knew I had found my representative.”

Had Omar not hired an attorney, it's possible his employer would have minimized the injury and Omar would not have gotten the surgery that was necessary to free him from his pain.

After our office helped Omar get approval from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for an MRI, he was told he had ruptured three discs in his neck and that those discs were impinging on his spinal column. After trying other treatment options for over a year, it was decided that Omar needed spinal surgery.

Our office was able to direct Omar to one of the top neurosurgeons in the Toledo area, and Omar was finally able to get the medical treatment he needed.

Omar went through a five-hour anterior cervical discectomy that left four plates and eight screws attached to his cervical spine. This resulted in the lower portion of his neck being fused together and was followed by a three-month recovery.

In the year leading up to his operation, Omar's life revolved around bouts of terrible pain in his neck and shoulder. He also suffered from pinched nerves that left him unable to turn his head for days on end. Constant numbness and tingling in his left arm meant he had to find time to visit the chiropractic office two to three days a week for some temporary relief. His condition left him with little time to focus on anything else in his life other than the pain-treatment cycle.

However, since his surgery, Omar has found significant relief.

“It's been about two years since the corrective surgery now and overall I'm very pleased,” Omar said. “The firm guided me to a fantastic neurosurgeon. I've mainly just had to adjust to the more limited range of motion in my neck.”

In addition to helping Omar find his surgeon, our office also fought to obtain a large, confidential settlement from the manufacturer of the reel and trolley that fell and injured Omar.

“Mr. Boyk and his staff gave me a voice against an employer that didn't want to acknowledge my injury and a manufacturer that didn't want to take responsibility for my injury,” Omar said. “I never had a question go unanswered, everyone was very friendly and accommodating, and they always made me feel that someone was on my side.”

Attorney Boyk was impressed with the way that Omar overcame his adversity.

“Omar was a pleasure to deal with throughout the whole case,” Chuck said. “He was always responsive and really helped us to help him.”

And Omar says he's happy with the overall results, both with his settlement and his physical health.

“By and large I feel very normal again,” he said.



Omar Bazy



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Clinton Johnson: Good Samaritan Falls Victim

How His Attorney Fought For Him To Get A Fair Settlement



Clinton Johnson and his wife, Delores

Have you ever driven alongside an accident and saw a pedestrian who wasn't involved in the accident trying to help? On December 23, 2008 that pedestrian trying to help was our client, Clinton Johnson.

It was a cold, snowy Tuesday night and Clinton was on his way home from work. He was northbound on I-75 just south of Findlay, Ohio, when he noticed a truck coming up from behind him at a high rate of speed. The truck then passed Clinton in the other lane, despite the roads being covered in ice that evening.

The truck was exiting the expressway when, suddenly, the truck got loose on the exit ramp. Clinton saw the truck flip end over end and off the side of the road down in a ravine.

Clinton, the Good Samaritan that he is, pulled over on the exit ramp and went to see if the man in the truck was ok. By the time he made it down to the truck, the man was out of the cabin walking around, kicking the tires, and cursing. "Of course he was blaming the truck for the whole accident and for rolling down the hill," said Clinton Johnson.

Clinton kept talking to the man just to make sure he was OK. He then decided to return to his vehicle to get his cell phone to call 911. While walking back to his vehicle, Clinton heard noises

coming from behind him. He turned around to see what it was, and as he did he saw another vehicle not even six feet from him on a collision course.

Clinton had no time to react or move out of the way. The vehicle hit him just below the knees and threw him 25 feet into a barbed wire fence. His knees were inverted and his hands were pinned against the fence. Barbed wire was coming through Clinton's fingers. He could see the bottom of his feet and he could see that his legs were behind him. He tried to pull himself up because the pain was so intense.

Mr. Johnson thought that was it; he thought his life was over.

The man who hit him got out of his car and asked if he was ok. "No I'm not. I'm hurt," said Clinton.

The first paramedic on the scene stopped and stared at Clinton just hanging there on the fence. The second paramedic held up Mr. Johnson while the other paramedic cut the fence. They pulled his legs out from under him, straightened him out as much as possible, and placed him on a backboard.

Mr. Johnson was transported to Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay, Ohio.

Mr. Johnson's wife, Delores, was at the hospital even before he arrived via ambulance. The only reason she knew about her husband being hurt was because while he was in the ambulance on the way to Blanchard Valley, Clinton heard his phone ringing. "I could tell by the ringtone who was calling," said Mr. Johnson. He knew it was a close friend and told the paramedics to answer his phone and give his friend as much information as possible. The friend then called Delores so she could meet him at the hospital.

The doctor on call, Dr. Davidson, after initially evaluating Mr. Johnson, said that he would have to amputate both legs. The right leg for sure, but he wasn't totally sure about the left. Dr. Davidson told Mr. Johnson that he would do the best he could.

Dr. Davidson sent Clinton through numerous tests, x-rays, cat scans, and did lots of blood work. After the tests the doctor concluded that the initial assessment was incorrect. Dr. Davidson told Mr. Johnson that his case was too difficult for him to handle, and that he would have to be transferred to a larger hospital.

Clinton chose the University of Toledo Medical Center, but before he was transferred, Dr. Davidson told him that his legs had to be set back into place in order to transport him. Mr. Johnson agreed to have his legs set, but he wished to be put under for the procedure. Unfortunately, putting him under was not a possibility. Dr. Davidson offered to give him some medication so that he would be awake for the procedure but wouldn't remember any of it right after. Clinton agreed, and the doctors set his legs.

The weather was so bad that the drive from Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay, Ohio to the University of Toledo Medical Center took over two hours. The drive would normally take about forty-five minutes.

The accident happened around at 5:30 p.m. In a matter of almost eleven hours Clinton had been in the accident, was transported to Blanchard Valley Hospital, had tests run, and was transported to the University of Toledo Medical

Center. Mr. Johnson arrived at the University of Toledo Medical Center at 4 a.m. on Christmas Eve 2008.

Once he arrived at the University of Toledo Medical Center, he was put through all of the preliminary tests yet again. After the tests were completed, Mr. Johnson was placed in a room and Dr. Jason Levine M.D. came in to talk to him. Dr. Levine was concerned that Clinton was developing bilateral lower leg compartment syndrome - which is a limb threatening and life threatening condition, defined as the compression of nerves, blood vessels, and muscles inside a closed space (compartment) within the body. This leads to tissue death from lack of oxygenation due to the blood vessels being compressed by the raised pressure within the compartment.

Dr. Levine said that it was necessary for him to operate and conduct what is called a "fasciotomy" on both legs. This is a surgical procedure that cuts away the fascia to relieve tension or pressure.

A couple days after the fasciotomy was performed, Clinton then had to have multiple surgeries to repair his ligaments and tendons in both knees. He also had to have a total lateral meniscectomy (cartilage removal) on his right knee. Mr. Johnson was then discharged from the University of Toledo Medical Center 15 days after he entered. It had been a long 15 days, but his journey wasn't over yet.

Clinton was admitted back into the University of Toledo Medical Center after a scheduled ortho appointment when they noticed that his right knee had some infection. Surgery was scheduled for the next day for an irrigation and debridement on his lower right leg. Mr. Johnson then had the same surgery four more times and one additional surgery, making for a grand total of six surgeries resulting from the accident.

Clinton had over 30 follow-up appointments in between visits with his surgeon, the infectious disease doctor, and physical rehabilitation. He was put through intensive rehabilitation and still suffers from pain from the accident and numerous surgeries.

Who would have thought that a Good Samaritan just trying to help someone out would go through this much pain and agony for over two and a half years? There are a lot of things that Clinton Johnson used to be able to do that he now cannot. Things like pushing a lawn mower, performing his duties at work, and walking up and down the stairs in his own home are all challenges.

Mr. Johnson was very fortunate to have an employer that was able to give him a different job

while still remaining at the company. His old position required him to not only climb ladders, but to also carry things on his back while walking up the ladder. Mr. Johnson now has a desk job and he also trains new employees how to do his old job.



Attorney Michael A. Bruno

Although Clinton's life has been changed forever, and there are things that he is no longer able to do, he is happy to be alive.

He also noted the tremendous job that not only Attorney Michael A. Bruno did throughout his claim for over two and a half years, but he also complimented the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices staff as well.

"Mike was there right off the get go - he was always calling to see how I was and giving me updates on my case," said Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson also stated that the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices helped to relieve some stress when the hospitals would call regarding some of the bills: the law firm was always willing to deal with the hospitals.

"All I had to worry about was taking care of me, my wife, and making sure that life went on and the firm here helped in a big way. They made sure all the financial/medical bills were taken care of. I didn't have to talk to one bill collector or hospital employee," said Clinton.

"Everything was paid and taken care of. Some things were taken care of and I didn't even know about or have to worry about. It was the little things behind the scenes you don't see that makes this law firm great." ■



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2011 Nominees At A Glance

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These days, it seems like no matter where you look, stories about the lack of money, jobs and excitement in Toledo and the surrounding area dominate our attention. At the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, we have decided to politely ignore this bad news and start seeking out the good news instead.

Our "Good News Good People" contest will seek out nominations from Northwest Ohio citizens who know people going out of their way to create good news. Twice a month our office will select a "Good News" winner and that person will receive a personalized prize pack valued at over \$100. There are countless good people doing good work in our city, and we want to share their stories as widely as we can.

We are looking for people to help us in our effort. If you know someone who is achieving great things in spite of the wealth of bad news that's nagging at our region, we want to hear about them. Please consider nominating someone about their good news so we can make sure no good deed goes unrewarded.



Charles E. Boyk introducing Good News, Good People at a press conference sponsored by Toledo's Mayor Mike Bell



Good News, Good People Winner David Kaiser

Anonymously nominated, David was chosen because of his dedication and help with the Western Avenue Family Center, formerly known as the Western Avenue Baptist Church. The family center has been serving Toledo's south end for over one hundred years. They hold two services a week, Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m., but what they do does not stop there! Western Avenue Family Center also provides groceries, hosts free dinners six days a week, provides counseling to those in need, and they also have an after-school program.

David Kaiser, the pastor of Western Avenue Family Center, oversees the entire operation. He works with other volunteers throughout the area to provide hope to those in Toledo. The area in which they are trying to focus their efforts is from "the high level bridge to the zoo, and the river to the trail, which is about 6,600 households," said David.

One of Western Avenue Family Center's main focuses is young children from ages 0-5 years old. Specifically, they want to focus on how they can help children so one day they can go off to college and receive a good education. They started "Baby University" in September 2010 and had roughly 60-70 parents enroll children. They hope to continue the Baby University and help the children progress through the different education levels.

"David's dedication to helping people is what the Good News, Good People contest is all about. He is working to build up the people of Toledo and to give them hope despite of their circumstances," said Charles E. Boyk.



Good News, Good People Winner Harvey J. Steele

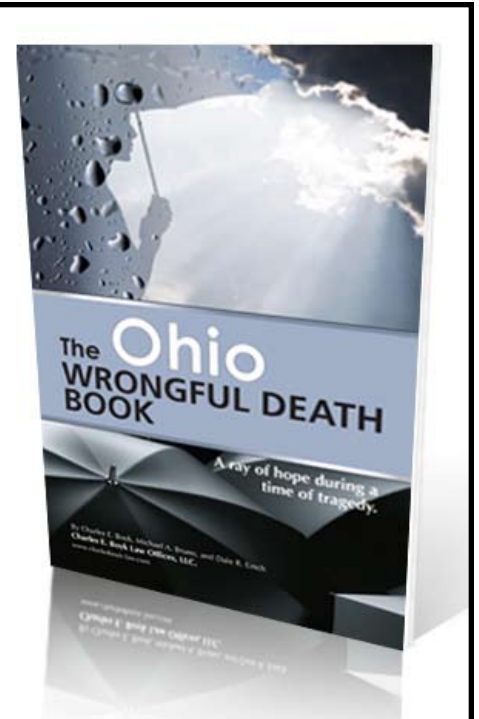
Nominated by his daughter, Kara Steele, Harvey was chosen because of his drive to never give up. Fourteen years ago Harvey was given less than a week to live. Hepatitis C, which he contracted through a blood transfusion, had wreaked havoc on his liver. Then, a miracle happened – he received two live-saving liver transplants in three days. Since then, he has taken his second chance at life and ran with it!

Harvey now co-hosts K100's award-winning morning radio show, Shores&Steele. He uses his local celebrity status to showcase the importance of registering as an organ donor. He has put in countless hours of volunteer work for Life Connection of Ohio, the local non-profit organ procurement organization, as well as the American Red Cross. Harvey has lent an ear to other transplant recipients, guiding them through the process, answering some of their questions, as well as a source of comfort to many of the donor families.

Countless people are now registered organ donors because of his efforts. "Attending recognition ceremonies and having someone on stage, go up and say that they decided to be a donor because of my story is really touching," said Harvey.

Through Shores&Steele he is able to announce certain events for families, like spaghetti dinners for a cancer patient, or activities such as blood drives. Not only does Harvey announce these different events on the radio, he also personally attends 50-75 events a year.

"Life handed Harvey a lemon and he made lemonade out of it. He has overcome his health adversity, and is a fantastic role model for all of us," said Charles E. Boyk.

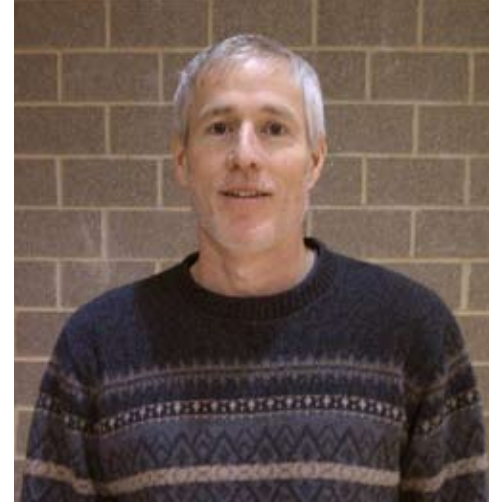


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Good News, Good People Winner **Al McEwen**

Nominated by his grandson Matthew, Al was chosen because he has given well over 30 gallons of blood in his lifetime. In addition, Al frequently drives to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to pick up eye tissue for local Northwest Ohio eye surgeons.

According to Al, being an active part of the civic community just comes “naturally.” He began his life of service, when he was stationed overseas in World War II. When he started his career at the Sun Oil Refinery he was in charge of the Blood Drives, was elected President of the Sun Recreation Center and served as secretary of his bowling league. He kept up his blood donations over the years, as a way give back to the community and country that has given so much to him. Over 90-years “young,” Al feels that doing things for others is a way to keep active. He was surprised to win the award because he felt like he was just “Being Al” and not doing anything special.”

“Giving Blood is easy. It takes less than a half-hour to give a pint,” he said. “Plus there’s juice and cookies at the end!”

“Al is a true hero in my book,” said Charles E. Boyk. “His commitment to the community is something to be celebrated and we are honored to give him the Good News, Good People award.”

Al was given a \$100 gift card for his efforts, which he will use for gas money when he makes his trips to Ann Arbor.

Good News, Good People Winner **Todd Strayer**

Nominated by his friend Brian Fowler, Todd was chosen because of his tremendous dedication to the Urban 6 Foundation DBA Kickin’ It To Find The Cure. Todd founded The Urban 6 Foundation which then started the DBA Kickin’ It To Find The Cure soccer tournament. Todd’s mission is to support those who have battled breast cancer, increase awareness, raise funds to find a cure, and empower youth in a fun and competitive soccer environment.

Todd’s motivation to help find a cure for cancer came about when not only his mother, but also five of his aunts, were diagnosed with and battled breast cancer.

After weighing different options, Todd decided to stick with what he knows and has a true passion for: soccer. He decided to start “Kickin’ It To Find The Cure,” which combines both the love he has for his mother and his passion for soccer.

The first Kickin’ It To Find The Cure soccer game was in October of 2007. The St. Ursula Arrows played Sylvania Northview. The first tournament brought in over \$10,000 and they sold around 700 t-shirts. Over the past four years The Urban 6 Foundation has raised over \$50,000 and sold over 2,500 t-shirts to help bring awareness to the community.

“Todd is a fantastic example of one individual making a huge difference in our community for a fantastic cause,” said Charles E. Boyk.

Good News, Good People Winner **The Daughter Project**

The Daughter Project was chosen because of their work in our local community. They have built a home where girls who have been rescued from sex traffickers live. They are a non-profit organization that saw the need for a home for sex trafficking victims in Northwest Ohio and decided to do something about it.



Jeff Wilbarger, an Emmanuel Christian math teacher, got the idea to start a home for girls who got involved in the crime of sex trafficking after receiving a book from his son-in-law about sex trafficking. He read about three chapters and couldn’t read any more. “I was just so disturbed by the crime of sex trafficking that I couldn’t go along living my normal American life after reading about it. I knew I had to help; I had to do something,” said Jeff.

The home can hold six girls and three house moms, who live with the girls. The girls will not only receive medical care but also receive some education. Many of the girls have been out of school for a year to a year and a half. By providing them with some education they could potentially receive their GED.

The Daughter Project has done many fundraisers, including an Adopt-A-Daughter campaign, to build the house, employ workers and raise awareness about the sex trafficking industry taking place right here in Ohio. It is estimated that there are nearly 2,000 victims from Ohio and nearly 30,000,000 worldwide. Toledo has been cited by the FBI as a top U.S. recruitment city for trafficking children.

“Jeff is an example of how one individual with an idea and great effort can positively impact our community” said Charles E. Boyk.



Good News, Good People Winner **Tami Brodbeck**

Seven years ago, Tami was searching for a way to combine her love for sewing, with her call to help others. So, like many of us, she took to the Internet. She immediately stumbled upon a group called Newborns in Need, which supplies baby blankets and care packages to local hospitals. After attending her first Newborns in Need conference Tami was hooked! She quickly became President of the Toledo chapter of Newborns in Need and through her leadership, the group was able to donate blankets not only to Northwest Ohio babies, but they also branched out internationally sending blankets and toys to Albania and booties to Africa.

Tami soon recognized that people of all ages and specifically the elderly could also benefit from her group's masterful sewing, knitting and crocheting skills. And, her vision turned to reality in the form of HeartWorks. The HeartWorks group meets the second Saturday of each month at Calvary Assembly of God Church. During their "work days" a flurry of activity takes place. From quilting, to knitting and crocheting, there is never a dull moment. Their latest project is making 30 quilts for the May graduates of the Polly Fox Academy, a charter school for pregnant teens and teenage mothers.

"I have always loved quilting, sewing and crafts of all kinds. I'm so honored to be able to bring a little sunshine and warmth to people's lives with our quilts and blankets. I'm the one that's really blessed because I get the chance to help people, just by doing something that I love," said Tami.

"Folks like Tami exemplify the true spirit of the 'Good News, Good People' project," said attorney Charles E. Boyk. "I thrilled to celebrate Tami and the entire HeartWorks Group for their outstanding commitment to our community," he said.

To honor Tami's efforts, the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices donated \$100 to HeartWorks, which will be used to further the groups efforts. To find out more about HeartWorks and how you can get involved, visit Calvary Assembly of God's website at toledocalvary.com.



Good News, Good People Winner **Sharon Rosencrance**

Sharon, who is originally from Temperance Michigan, was nominated by Kim Crozier of The Victory Center. She has been donating more than 10 hours of message therapy to The Victory Center each month since 2009. The Victory Center offers FREE non-medical support to cancer patients and their families.

Sharon started got involved with The Victory Center while she was still a student in massage therapy school. A group of her classmates were going to volunteer, and she decided to join them. She began as a front desk volunteer and later moved to volunteering as a massage therapist. Sharon says that because she has been blessed she feels the need to give back.

Therapists like Sharon are a large part of the reason why The Victory Center is able to offer these services at no cost. Sharon greets each one of her cancer patients with a tremendous smile and walks them down the hall to the treatment room; where they experience 30 minutes of pure relaxation and stress relief. Sharon provides the gift of kind, human touch to so many cancer patients who are undergoing treatment.

Sharon not only helps at The Victory Center, but also is a licensed beautician. The salon she works at Sharon not only offers the services of cosmetology, but also massage therapy.

"Sharon's volunteer efforts are a great example of caring people helping each other in our community," said Charles E. Boyk.

We were happy to nominate Sharon for all of her help and support with the Victory Center. If you would like to help at the Victory Center please go to their website at www.thevictorycenter.org for more information!



Good News, Good People Winner **Charles Fugate**

Nominated by church member and Charles E. Boyk employee Cynthia Walborn, Charles was chosen because of his tremendous effort with the children's summer lunch program. Charles, along with the RiverPoint Ministries of Point Place, Ohio, thought of the idea of providing lunches to kids during the summer after a church conference in 2010. The conference had brought up the topic of poverty and how some children only get one nutritious meal a day (lunch) which they would normally receive at school. The RiverPoint Ministries church members thought this would be a great idea for their area considering there are three elementary schools within a couple miles of the church.

The church members sent out flyers to the three elementary schools in the area, and also posted signs around the community a couple weeks before school let out for the summer. Lunch was served Monday through Friday for one hour each day, noon to 1 p.m., and kids under the age of 18 were free to attend. Each day they had different volunteers to help with the lunches. They had two servers, one attendance taker, and one driver to go get the food.

The food was provided by Lucas County Feed The Children, a non-government organization that provided different agencies, such as RiverPoint Ministries, with free and nutritious meals to children five days a week all summer long. They had an average of about 20-22 kids each day, starting in June once school let out, up until August 19, 2011.

"Charles Fugate is a great example of how the accomplishments of an individual can help solve community problems" said Charles E. Boyk.



Good News, Good People Winner **Jill Lane**

Nominated by the parent of a student at the Hebrew Academy, Jill was chosen because she has been the backbone that has held the teachers, children and parents together. Tracy Walkin states that Jill is the “go to person” for everyone’s needs. “Without her it seems the school could not be the best it is today!” said Tracy.

Jill has maintained her duties of her position as the Administrative Assistant at the David S. Stone Hebrew Academy for eighteen years, but her job doesn’t end with just administrative tasks; she also helps with recess duty, nurse’s duties, plan and coordinate fire and tornado drills, and helps the parents as well as the students with any questions they may have.

Her contribution to the David S. Stone Hebrew Academy started long ago when her children were in school. She started out by being involved with the Hebrew Academy Parents Association (HAPA), and over the years her involvement progressed. Jill was even asked to be on the Toledo board of Jewish Education. Her involvement with the academy has grown over the years, and she has enjoyed everything that she has done.

Jill has lived in Toledo her whole life and feels that Toledo is a great place to grow up and live. “There are many things to do in Toledo; we have wonderful metro parks, a zoo, art museum, AAA baseball team, and much more, who wouldn’t want to live here?!” said Jill.

“Local communities excel when people go above and beyond their duties. Jill Lane is a perfect example of this.” said Charles E. Boyk.

We were happy to nominate Jill for all her help and support with the David S. Stone Hebrew Academy.

Good News, Good People Winner **Jeff Schlekic**

Nominated by a fellow student at the University of Toledo, Jeff was chosen because he started the organization, LitterBugz, to help clean up Toledo. Briana Edmondson states that Jeff “wanted to make a difference by starting a nonprofit organization known as the LitterBugz, to promote a cleaner and greener Toledo.”

Jeff is a senior at the University of Toledo majoring in Marketing and Professional Sales. He wanted to start LitterBugz because he “doesn’t like litter”. He felt that he could clean the city with a brand, logo, and a movement.

He started off this organization by meeting with a few friends interested in the movement in his apartment. They began meeting in early March 2011 and became official March 23, 2011. For their first event to clean up Toledo they had 22 volunteers, and collected 28 bags of trash! The number of volunteers has grown to roughly 100 people, and Jeff hopes the number will continue to grow over the coming months.

LitterBugz meets every Saturday to pick up litter. They meet at Rocket Hall on the University of Toledo’s campus and then pick a residential area to clean up for the day. They pick up litter from 2p.m-5:30p.m., with a 45 minute break where food, drink, and entertainment is provided. Jeff states “we hope to collect three to four hundred bags of trash by the end of summer.”

“He is a smart young man who takes massive action on helping his community” said Charles E. Boyk.

We were happy to nominate Jeff for all his help and support in cleaning up Toledo! If you would like to volunteer to help clean up Toledo, please visit www.thelitterbugz.com for more information!

Good News, Good People Winner **The Josh Project**

The Josh Project is a charitable organization that has been serving the area for more than five years. Wanda Butts and her daughter, Tankeeya, started The Josh Project in January of 2007 after Wanda’s son drowned in a lake while playing with friends in August of 2006.

Wanda and Tankeeya turned this tragic accident into something great. They believe that swimming is an important life skill. They also believe that the application of water safety is essential to saving lives. Wanda, Tankeeya and Tankeeya’s children were the first students of The Josh Project, and they have been giving lessons ever since!

Wanda was also recognized as a CNN Hero this past month. CNN reports that “According to USA Swimming, 70% of African-American children cannot swim, compared with nearly 60% for Hispanic children and 42% for white children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African-American children between the ages of 5 and 14 are three times more likely to drown than white children in the same age range.”

Their mission is to build basic swimming skills and develop the knowledge of water safety to save lives. The Josh Project has had over 800 participants since 2007 and continues to have people sign up for sessions every day. Each participant is provided with four free half-hour lessons per session. There is a \$10 registration fee, but the lessons are free!

“The Josh Project is a fantastic example of local people taking a horrible tragedy and remembering their loved one in the best way possible --- helping prevent future tragedies.” said Charles E. Boyk.

Our firm was happy to recognize The Josh Project for all of its work to help children and their families learn how to swim. If you would like to donate to The Josh Project, you can visit their website at <http://www.joshproject.org/welcome.html> for more information. You can also find The Josh Project on Facebook and Twitter!



Good News, Good People Winner **Norm Eck**

Norm has been the lead volunteer for the Unity United Methodist Church Food Pantry since 2003. His main role at the Food Pantry is to do the grocery shopping, stock the shelves and ensure that the donations are properly allocated and distributed to the over 50 families who arrive at the pantry each week.

“In addition to offering each family up to nine meals per week, I’m glad that we’re also offering them hope and a place where they can come to know that they’re not alone in the world,” said Norm.

“Norm exemplifies the ‘Good News, Good People’ project,” said attorney Chuck Boyk. “Here’s a guy giving back to his community and changing people’s lives. We are very pleased to honor his wonderful efforts and look forward to hearing more stories about other folks in our community who are doing amazing things,” he said.

To honor Norm’s efforts, the Charles E. Boyk law offices awarded the Unity United Methodist Church a \$100 donation towards the food pantry at a press conference with Toledo Mayor Mike Bell.

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The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC announced a new contest for charities known as "The Chuck Boyk Challenge." The Chuck Boyk Challenge is highlighting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Based on the popular "Pepsi Challenge," Charles Boyk thought it would be great to have the community vote on their favorite charity and award a total of \$5,000 to be divided among the top three charities. The organization receiving the most votes will receive a check for three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00); the organization receiving the second most votes will receive a check for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); and the organization receiving the third most votes will receive a check for five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations desiring to participate and be considered for a cash prize must provide written notice on or before November 12, 2012 to the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC.

Voting commenced on November 14, 2012 at 9:00 am EST and concluded on February 14, 2013 at 11:59 pm EST. A voter could cast a vote for their favorite charity participating in "The Chuck Boyk Challenge." This was a great chance to show support for the charity that meant the most to the voters.

The three (3) organizations receiving the largest amount of votes were announced on February 15, 2013 at 9:00 am EST.

"This is a great opportunity to create awareness of charitable organizations and recognize them for the great work they do," said Charles Boyk.

The Chuck Boyk Challenge

WINNER!



Pictured from left to right: Life Connection of Ohio – Jamie Adams, Community Relations Representative, Kara Steele, Director of Community Relations and Chuck Boyk.

The challenge commenced on November 14, 2012 and concluded on February 14, 2013 at 11:59 PM. The Charles Boyk Law Office would like to announce that the following three charities have officially won The Chuck Boyk Challenge. Coming in first place and winning a total of \$3,000 was Life Connection of Ohio, followed by FOCUS in second place winning \$1,500, and in third place was Padua Center taking home \$500.

Life Connection of Ohio promotes and facilitates organ donation in northwest and west central Ohio. There are more than 116,000 people awaiting life-saving organ transplants in the United States, including over 3,400 Ohioans. The good news: One person can save up to eight lives through organ donation and 50 more through tissue donation.

FOCUS, located in Toledo's Old West End, was founded in the traditions of faith and service. Family Outreach Community United Services (FOCUS) is a community based agency called to embrace people in need, bring voice to the voiceless, and restore hope and dignity to the forgotten. FOCUS fosters the skills that enable people to gain control of their lives and their futures by providing the necessary steps to emerge from homelessness and poverty, and gain economic and social stability.

The mission of the Padua Center is to be a Christian community-based presence empowering people at all stages of life to achieve their maximum potential through education, counseling, support and community involvement. The Padua Center is located in inner city Toledo.

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC would like to thank all those who participated in The Chuck Boyk Challenge as well as those who work day in and day out for these charities. Your work in our community is not going unnoticed. ■

The Chuck Boyk Challenge 2nd PLACE



Pictured from left to right: FOCUS - Lori Quartermaine, Grants Administrator and Kyle Greff, Executive Director.

The Chuck Boyk Challenge 3rd PLACE



Pictured from left to right: Padua Center - Chuck Boyk, Terry Crosby and Sister Virginia Welsh.

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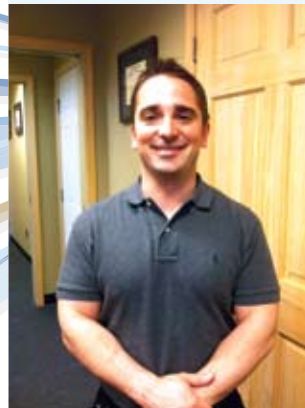
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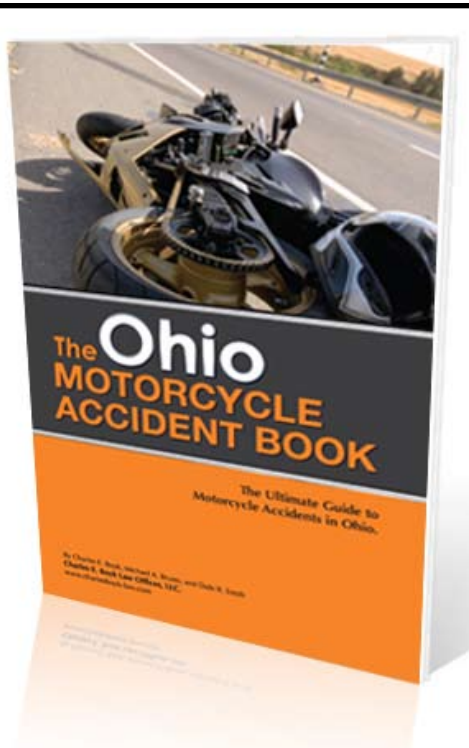
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A Peer Based Review Of Our Attorneys

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represent a lot of attorneys and their families. When another attorney asks me to handle a case for them or a family member, I consider that one of the highest compliments someone can give me,” said Chuck Boyk.

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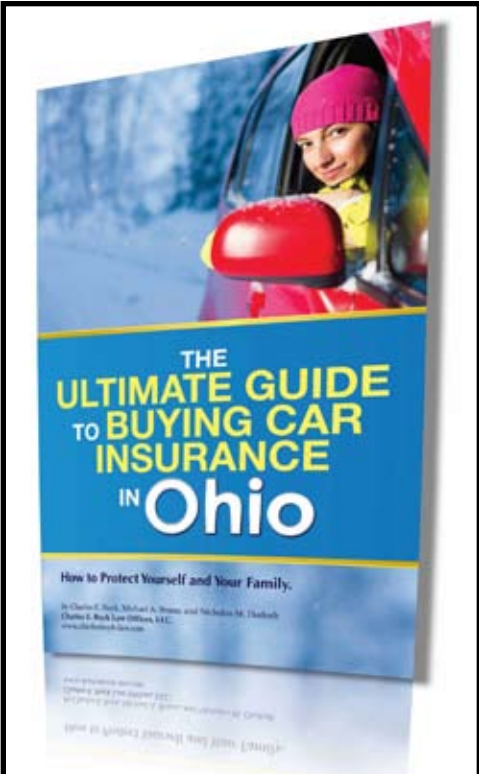
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Great Legal Marketing 2012 Marketer of The Year Award



We are pleased to announce that Chuck Boyk & the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC marketing team won the "Marketer of The Year" award at the 2012 Great Legal Marketing Summit in Arlington, Virginia. Great Legal Marketing is a marketing group comprised of lawyers from all across the United States and Canada. They often share ideas and strategies to optimize their marketing results. Chuck has been a part of Great Legal Marketing since they started back in 2005.

As a veteran marketer, Chuck was chosen along with 2 other GLM Members as the top 3 marketers to present at the summit. At the summit the top 3 were given the opportunity to present on not only how they market their firm, but things they have learned over the years to make the clients experience with their law firm a better process. With a little over 200 people in attendance, Chuck and his marketing team were voted "Marketer of The Year."







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