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**Local Insurance Agent Tells Her Story of Why She Needed Boyk Law After A Car Accident** *As told by Nicole Bloomer*



Nicole Bloomer

thought my case would proceed and what I needed to do from there.

The crazy part for me is that I'm an insurance agent so I thought it would be smooth running. I know how claims work and I know what the process is. My case is unique and therefore it got complicated. And even though I know the in's and the out's of the claims process, it didn't go like that.

It wasn't smooth, it wasn't easy. But the nice part was that Chuck was by my side the whole way. Every time something arose, he told me what was going on with the insurance company and said, "What's your opinion?" and asked, "What do you want to do from here?" and he worked with me to figure it out.

My own insurance company fought me for a little while and there were some complications that arose in the case and Chuck gave me my options and always presented me with choices, and I really liked that.

I would refer Chuck Boyk to any of my friends and family and the staff there is also great. I also worked with Leah [Michael] at the office and she was so helpful, so nice, and always very willing to cater to my schedule, and did things via email which was very helpful for me. She stayed on top of things and kept me reminded of court appearances and things like that.

I hope to never have to use a lawyer for a car accident again, but if I did I would definitely go through Chuck.

I was at a house with some friends standing in a driveway when a girl who had been drinking decided to drive and she actually ran over me as a pedestrian. At that time I was mostly in shock. I knew that I couldn't move; she had run me over from the bottom of my left foot, up my left leg, and across my abdomen; breaking bones in my left leg as well as my pelvis – actually snapping my pelvis in half. I was taken to the hospital where I stayed for a long time after that. I wasn't able to walk for about five months so it took almost a full year to get back to full capacity through physical therapy and other medical treatments.

The first year or two was of course just mostly focusing on recovering and the insurance for the girl that hit me was actually paying the medical bills. It was a very unique situation in that the accident happened in a different state

from which I reside and therefore the laws were different and that began getting complicated. They started not wanting to pay medical bills and she had a very low state-minimum policy that didn't offer me much money as far as pain and suffering or loss of wages. So at that point I decided I needed to get a lawyer involved because I was going to have to use the uninsured motorist's coverage on my own policy.

I was referred to Chuck Boyk by my doctor. He had worked with him previously and had a really good rapport with him and knew that he had good results so he referred me there. Upon the first time meeting Chuck I really liked him, he was a really nice guy. He's very easy going and easy to work with and he gave me a good opportunity to explain everything to him and he was very honest with me about how he

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# Mayor Helps Boyk Law Award TPS Proud Student & Teacher of the Month



Dr. Durant, Ceila Toney, and Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson



Dr. Durant, Amy Estevanes, Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, and Treshaun Murrell

Last month, Paula Hicks-Hudson, Toledo's Mayor, was on hand to celebrate the TPS Proud winners with Jones Leadership Academy students, along with Toledo Public Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Romulus Durant.

"This is truly a celebration when you as students identify teachers who you think should be receiving an award and the teachers do the same to identify a student," Mayor Hicks-Hudson said. "What that says to me is that you are about more than just an education; you are about community. And what community means is that you all look out for one another and you lift each other up and that you make sure that if someone is falling down, you try and help them and give them a pleasant word. And so I want to commend you and everyone who has been nominated for TPS Proud. And I'm proud to be here and to be a

part of this celebration, so keep on doing the good work that you're doing!"

After listening to speeches by the Mayor, Dr. Durant, and Jones Leadership Academy principal Ward Bennett, teacher Amy Estevanes was awarded Teacher of the Month and a \$150 Visa gift card.

"She's calm, she's nice, she's perfect for the class so she keeps us on point," said student nominator Treshaun Murrell. "She taught me how to love life and never give up."

Treshaun will receive a \$50 Visa gift card for making his uplifting video about Ms. Estevanes.

Student of the Month Ciela Toney was recognized for everything she has done to help others while also paying attention to her studies, and received

a \$150 gift card. Ciela was nominated by her teacher, Annelise Mason.

"Ciela is always on task and coming up with creative new ideas," Annelise said. "She often leads the discussions and helps other students to make connections. She is always willing to help another student who is struggling, even if it means taking longer to do her own work."

The TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest is a joint effort between Toledo Public Schools and Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. Each month, one teacher and one student from one of TPS's high schools will be awarded with a \$150 Visa gift card. Stay tuned for winners from next month's school, Rogers High School.

## RECIPE: Oma's Indonesian Fried Rice

*A south-Pacific twist on an Asian favorite, this fried rice was a staple always made by "Oma" Edwina van Druten, a friend of Boyk Law's. ("Oma" means "grandmother" in Dutch!)*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups cold, cooked rice
- 3 eggs, beaten
- Cooking spray
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped
- 1 leek, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cooked and cubed
- ½ pound peeled and deveined shrimp, uncooked
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3 Tablespoons sweet soy sauce\*\*

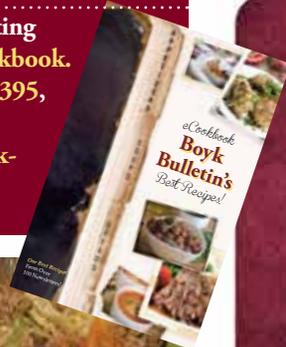
*\*\*If you don't have sweet soy sauce, dissolve 2 Tablespoons brown sugar into 3 Tablespoons of regular soy sauce\*\**

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat a large, non-stick frying pan over medium heat; spray with cooking spray. Cook eggs in single layer until they begin to set. Flip omelet in one piece and cook on other side until fully set. Remove from pan and slice into ½ inch strips.
2. In the same pan, heat oil over medium high heat. Stir in onion, leek, and garlic. Cook until onions are soft, 3-5 minutes. Stir in chicken, shrimp, coriander, and cumin, mixing well. Cook and stir for approximately five minutes.
3. Mix in the cold rice, sweet soy sauce, and omelet strips; cook until shrimp is pink and cooked all the way through and the rice is hot, three to five minutes. Enjoy!

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## Attorney Wes Merrillat's Leprechaun Trap Catches Mouse Instead



Created for his daughter Ava's classroom last St. Patrick's Day, Wes Merrillat's hand-made Leprechaun Trap saved a little mouse's life last month.

When Wes' paralegal, Kassi Keil, mentioned that she had a mouse in her house, Wes offered up his Leprechaun Trap. He brought in the office and that night Kassi set the trap with peanut butter

right after she saw the mouse run across the floor. Not even five minutes later, the mouse was caught.

"I was so excited that we didn't hurt it," Kassi said. "My fiancé Jeff and I put the trap and our dog, Tux, in the car, drove to the park, and let the little guy go."



*Chuck Boyk before enjoying birthday cake*

## March Birthdays Honor Attorneys Chuck Boyk & Mike Bruno



*Mike and Chuck*

More than a quarter of the people working at Boyk Law have birthdays in March, so to celebrate, the office enjoyed Chipotle and birthday cake. No one wanted to disclose how old they turned, but Chuck Boyk, Mike Bruno, Nancy Thomas, and Anneke Godlewski were all guests of honor at the luncheon.

*Happy birthday!*



*Boyk Law enjoying lunch*

## CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2016

### Worker Falls From Roof After Ladder Not Properly Secured, Lands In Intensive Care Unit

OSHA was called in to investigate after an unsecured ladder with an improper tie down caused our client to fall over 20 feet onto the ground below. He was taken by ambulance to a local hospital where it was discovered during surgery that the broken bones in his crushed shoulder had severed an artery and caused internal bleeding, resulting in multiple strokes and a heart attack. After being life-flighted to a trauma hospital, he spent 16 days in ICU, before being transferred to an in-patient rehab facility where he stayed for over three months. He is facing months of additional physical therapy, is still having impaired vision, and will most likely never work again.

### Young Athlete Suffers Double Fracture, Need For Surgery After Car Accident, Sacrifices Spring Season

After another driver failed to yield at a stop sign, our client was t-boned at a high rate of speed. She was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where x-rays revealed a double fracture of her arm. Two surgeries were needed to repair the break, using two plates and six screws. The gifted high school scholar athlete will be unable to participate in her spring Track and Field season, has not been able to work, and is facing a long road of physical therapy as a result of the accident.

### 31-Year Old Mother of Three Visits A Chiropractor For Neck Pain & Headaches, Suffers Cerebellar Stroke

Our client spent two weeks in the hospital after suffering a stroke following chiropractic manipulation of the cervical spine. Boyk Law is helping her investigate if an improper adjustment on her neck caused the dissection of her vertebral and basilar arteries resulting in a cerebellar stroke which has left her with a wide range of medical issues which require continued care and treatment.



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## April's Raving Fan of the Month

"I appreciated not only the fact that I got a good settlement, but that Charles Boyk Law Offices did all the work. I would not have gotten anything if I would have done it by myself since the insurance company wasn't even willing to pay my medical bills before I called Chuck and Mike. They are the best!"  
- Kelly Cartwright



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