

BOYK BULLETIN

Alyssa Headley: The Road to Recovery After a Rollover Accident



Alyssa's car after the accident

Alyssa Headley was working two jobs and on her way home from one of them when her life was literally turned upside down.

At 10pm on May 9, 2014, Alyssa was struck by an uninsured driver who was so busy paying attention to his phone that he ran the stop sign at the corner of State Route 199 and Roachton Road, causing her car to flip three times and leave her hanging upside down by her seatbelt.

After being extracted from the vehicle, Alyssa was transported by ambulance to the University of Toledo Medical Center where it was determined that she had a dislocated left knee cap and two shattered bones in her ankle.

A plate and two screws were surgically implanted to repair the damage to Alyssa's ankle and the hardware was in place for two months. In addition to the plates and screws, Alyssa had to have a large halo surrounding her leg, causing

her to be wheelchair bound for much of her recovery.

"When I was admitted to trauma unit at UPMC, my dad looked up lawyers and found Charles Boyk and one of the nurses who was cleaning the wounds around the hardware said that she had heard great things about Chuck Boyk, so we called him up and had a meeting at the house," Alyssa said.

A few months after the accident, Alyssa had to undergo a second surgery to have the hardware removed.

Charles Boyk Law Offices handled the entire process and helped Alyssa obtain compensation under her uninsured motorist coverage, to help pay for the abundance of medical expenses that she had incurred.

"It was actually pretty easy for me," Alyssa said.



Alyssa Headley



Alyssa's ankle after surgery

"They took care of everything for me. They only asked for a couple of signatures and some paperwork and asked for some pictures of the injury. Not a big deal."

Through it all, Alyssa continued to stay optimistic, despite being cooped up the house and unable to drive.

"Cindy, Leslie, and Lisa in the office were very kind, very nice, very patient," Alyssa said. "They could tell I was getting a little on edge being locked in the house and they were very helpful."

Alyssa attributes her substantial settlement to the hard work and experience provided by the firm. She was also pleased with the service she received.

"Chuck is funny," Alyssa said with a laugh. "And he's a good guy and knowledgeable. I love the lawyer's office and I will be a client for life. I recommend them to a lot of people."

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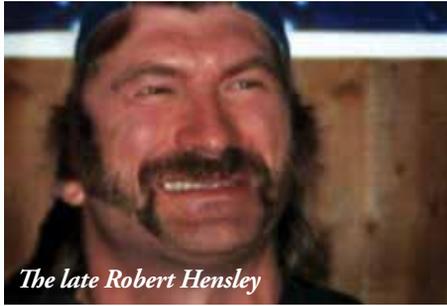
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BODY CAMERAS TO BE USED BY CELINA POLICE AFTER WRONGFUL DEATH SETTLEMENT



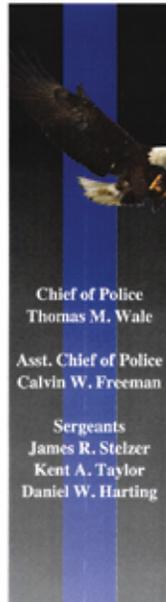
The late Robert Hensley

The family of Robert Hensley accepted a public apology from the Celina Police Department shortly after their wrongful death lawsuit settled for \$800,000 last month.

Mr. Hensley was shot by a former Celina police officer on April 10, 2013 at the age of 39. The officer was investigating a report that Mr. Hensley was improperly displaying a handgun in public. The gun was later found to be unloaded.

But more important than any amount of money is the fact that Celina Police officers will now be required to wear body cameras that will record audio and video of all interaction that police have with the public.

The lawsuit alleged that the shooting violated Mr. Hensley's civil rights and the City and Mr. Hensley's family settled the



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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hensley,

We deeply regret the circumstances that led to the death of your son, Robert Hensley. Providing quality law enforcement service to our community is of the highest priority to the City. Soon, each officer will be wearing a body camera that will record the audio and, to the extent the camera can, the events that take place as our officers engage with the public. This will supplement the already present cruiser cams. Furthermore, in my capacity as the newly-appointed Chief, I have undertaken a revision of the Police Department's policies and procedures. The policies are being revised after a set of policies that are CALEA compliant. And, if resources can be secured, CALEA accreditation will be explored.

Again, the City is sorry for your loss.

The apology issued by the Celina Police Department to the Hensley Family

lawsuit out of court after the officer was not indicted on criminal charges. Neither the City nor the former officer admits liability in the settlement.

Our firm, along with co-counsel Alphonse Gerhardstein of Cincinnati, represented the Hensley family and we were encouraged to learn of the steps that the Celina

police are taking to prevent tragedies like this from happening again.

"We are pleased the Celina Police Department took seriously our demand to use body cameras from now on," Chuck Boyk said. "It is our hope that their use will prevent other families from having to endure the same painful experience that the Hensley's have gone through."

OFFICE DROPS OVER 118 POUNDS IN BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST



Wade Thompson before (left) and after (right)

Eight Boyk Law employees sweat it out for 11 weeks during our office's Biggest Loser Challenge, resulting in a total of 118.2 pounds lost.

The winner of the contest was our Court Runner, Wade Thompson, who lost almost 9% of his body weight over the duration of the contest, which ran from the first week of

October until December 19th.

Wade was one of the more fierce – but quiet – competitors, and achieved the goal of winning the contest by changing his eating habits and adopting a regular workout routine.

In a bit of a twist, attorney Wes Merillat technically beat Wade by a mere body percentage point, but refused to accept the prize money of \$500 that was donated by Chuck Boyk. Instead Wes disbursed it among the top three runners up – Wade, Emily Revenaugh, and Maria DiCarlo.

Way to go, Biggest Losers!

START HIGH SCHOOL'S DECEMBER STUDENT & TEACHER OF THE MONTH WINNERS



Jennifer Schaefer with her science class

It's not every day that Start High School Science teacher Jennifer Schaefer is told by a student how great of a job she is doing. And even rarer is having a student speak so highly that it wins the educator \$250. But this past month, that is what happened to Ms. Schaefer after her student, Jared Barnhill, created a video nominating her for December's Teacher of the Month. Jared's video won him a \$50 Visa gift card.

"She is a very nice teacher and she strives to help us to learn," Jared said. "She is a nice person and I enjoy everything about her class – she teaches us about the earth and space."

Ms. Schaefer was shocked when representatives from Boyk Law entered her classroom to tell her about the award.

"Thank you!" she said. "I had no idea!"

Another thrilled person was Start Senior Lindsay Cluckey after learning that her Drama teacher, Nancy Ludden, had nominated her for December Student of the Month.

Lindsay was all smiles as she collected her plaque and her \$50 Visa gift card, while hearing about the great things Ms. Ludden had to say about her.

"Lindsay is very active at Start," Ms. Ludden said in her nomination. "She has been a part of every Start play since her freshman year and this year she is stage manager. She is President of Start's chapter of the International Thespian Society. Lindsay is a wonderful example to other students and is respectful and reliable."

Each month, Boyk Law chooses one teacher and one student from a pool of nominations to win various gift cards. Students must submit a video nomination and teachers recognize students using a survey. To watch the heartwarming videos on the Student and Teacher winners, visit www.NominateAStartStudent.com.



Lindsay Cluckey

RECIPE: Sarah's Spectacular Salted Caramel

This versatile treat can be poured over your favorite ice cream, drizzled over cheesecake, used as a pretzel dip, stirred into hot apple cider or coffee – or on virtually anything!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sugar
- 6 Tablespoons salted butter
- ½ cup heavy cream or whipping cream
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a large, deep saucepan, heat the sugar over medium heat until melted, making sure to stir constantly with a spatula. Keep stirring even after it gets clumpy – it will eventually turn into a brown liquid.

2. Add butter as soon as the sugar is completely melted. Stir until butter is melted.
3. Slowly pour in the cream while constantly stirring.
4. Allow to boil for one minute (bubbling may occur).
5. Remove from heat and stir in the salt.
6. Store in a glass container in the fridge. Warm for a few seconds in the microwave before serving.





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CASES OF INTEREST: FEBRUARY 2015

Semi-Truck Side-Swipes Client's Truck, Pushing Him Into Guardrail & Dragging His Vehicle

Our client's truck was side-swiped with such force by a semi-truck that the accident totaled our client's vehicle and fractured three of his vertebrae and caused facial bruising. He was admitted to a trauma hospital's ICU, after being transported there from a local hospital not equipped to handle his injuries. He is still treating with an orthopaedic specialist to rule out the need for surgery, and our client was not allowed to bend his back or lift heavy objects, causing him to miss work for eight weeks and making it difficult for him to deal with the pain of the fractures.

Young Man Cut Off On Expressway Entrance Ramp Slams Into Concrete Pillar, Severely Injuring Stomach

Our client lost control of his vehicle after being struck by another driver, which caused him to strike a concrete pillar and total his car. As a result of the accident, our client's bladder ruptured he needed emergency surgery and 15 staples to repair the damage. Our client spent nine days in the hospital after the accident and was admitted for an additional three days a week later for complications. He is still undergoing physical therapy to treat injuries to his neck and back, and is still facing complications from the bladder rupture.

Seemingly Minor Rear-End Accident Turns Serious After Brain Bleed Is Discovered

After speaking with a potential client over the phone and listening to his symptoms resulting from a rear-end car accident, Attorney Mike Bruno suggested that the gentleman seek immediate medical attention. The man took Mr. Bruno's advice and went to a local hospital where a CT scan revealed a brain bleed. He was rushed a hospital more equipped to handle the injury and was admitted for two days. The man became our client and is still dealing with doctor follow-ups and additional CT scans to treat his on-going headaches and is he still unable to work 12 weeks after the accident.

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