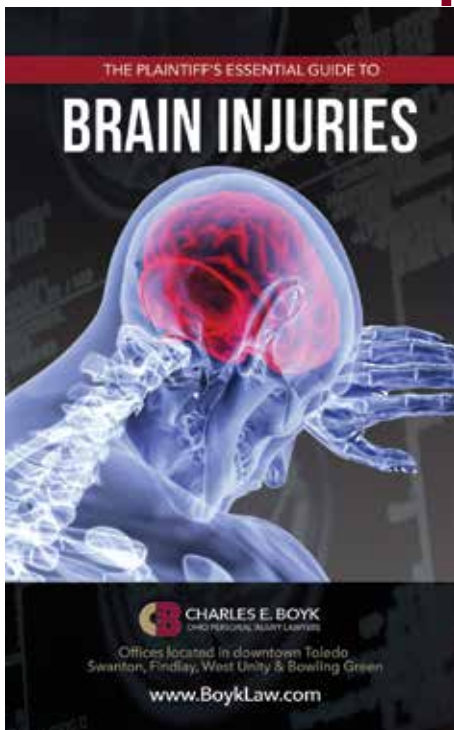


# The BOYK BULLETIN

## Boyk Law Publishes Book On Brain Injuries; Offers Free Copies To Readers & Organizations



Brain injuries can take a serious toll on the body and the mind, especially when they are caused by someone else's negligence. Many times recovery requires treatment plans from multiple specialists and it is often a team effort between doctors, family members, and caretakers which can leave patients with a multitude of questions like:

- **Who is going to pay for the medical bills?**
- **The doctors told me I'm fine, but I'm just not the same; what should I do?**

- **Why can't I seem to function at my job? I can't afford to lose my paycheck.**
- **I can hardly think, let alone remember what needs to be done, and the insurance company keeps calling. Can I trust them?**
- **Why am I so angry/tired/emotional all of the time?**

That is why we wrote *The Plaintiff's Guide to Brain Injuries*. We took the experience of securing millions of dollars in compensation for victims of brain injuries and turned it into a way to help our clients regain as much normalcy as possible after a serious accident that has turned their family's world upside down. The book answers tough questions on how to manage a traumatic brain injury, steps you can take to protect yourself and your family, and how an experienced brain injury lawyer can make a huge difference in your recovery.

It features a chapter written by neuropsychologist Dr. Jay Inwald, founder of Neurobehavioral Consultants, PC, to give readers a firsthand look at what treatment for a traumatic brain injury is like, what common challenges people face during recovery, and how families can best provide hope and support.

The book is easy to read and filled with real-world examples. Copies are available for free and we are inviting any organization that has regular contact with brain injury victims to request multiple books to hand out to their patients or colleagues. Also available is

the opportunity to have the attorneys in our office speak to a class or group free of charge.

We have also included in the book and on our website a handy, printable Brain Injury Checklist that can help traumatic brain injury victims document their symptoms as a way to share information with their doctor and track recovery progress. It can be found by visiting [www.charlesboyk-law.com](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com) and typing "Brain Injury Checklist PDF" in the search bar at the bottom of the homepage.

**To order your complimentary copy of *The Plaintiff's Guide to Brain Injuries*, please call us at 419-241-1395 or visit [www.brainbookohio.com](http://www.brainbookohio.com).**

Brain Injury Checklist	
Name:	Date:
<b>Physical Symptoms</b>	<b>Emotional Symptoms</b>
Headaches or pressure in head	Depression or sadness
Fatigue or feeling tired	Irritable
Dizziness or balance problems	Nervous
Nausea or vomiting	Loss of temper easily
Blurred or double vision	Anxiety
Bothered by noise	Mood swings
Change in smell	Negative attitudes
Sense of taste altered	Argumentative
Change in food preference	Apathy
Hearing loss	Fearfulness
Ringing in ears	Tactlessness
Numbness or tingling	Loss of self-confidence
Vision problems or floaters	Reduced stress tolerance
<b>Cognitive Symptoms</b>	<b>Personality changes</b>
Difficulty thinking clearly	Explosive irrational anger
Difficulty concentrating	Increased suspiciousness
Difficult remembering	Paranoia
Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy	Defensiveness
Decreased judgement	Impatience
Decreased academic function	Loss of initiative

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# Know of a Kid Making a Difference? Tell Us & They Could Win a Bike!



Bikes for Kids is asking parents, teachers, caregivers, and loved ones to recognize a child who has made a difference in the life of someone else by nominating them to receive a free bicycle from Wersell's Bike Shop, compliments of Boyk Law. Wersell's will be donating a helmet and a lock to each winner. While there are no specific guidelines on what makes a nominee deserving of a new bike, we encourage nominators to think about any kind things that the child has done for others, or how the child has positively impacted his or her family, friends, community, or classroom.

Each winner will be featured on WTOL's morning show, "Your Day", and have their own article in the Boyk Bulletin!

**To nominate a child in your life, visit [www.BikesforKidsToledo.com](http://www.BikesforKidsToledo.com). Questions about Bikes for Kids program can be directed to Anneke by emailing [community@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:community@charlesboyk-law.com) or by calling 419-720-4456.**



## CASES OF INTEREST: JUNE 2017

### Client Will Have Limited Use Of Arm After Car Accident Causes Shattered Elbow

A month before her high school graduation, our client was riding in a car with three friends when the driver hit railroad tracks while speeding, causing him to lose control of the car and strike a tree. She was knocked unconscious in the wreck and was transported to the closest trauma hospital where she stayed for three days recovering from a concussion and surgery to repair a shattered elbow and four fractures in her shoulder which will leave her with limited use of her dominant arm. Doctors also had to remove glass that was embedded in her skin and she will need dental work to repair a chipped tooth.

### Back Surgery Needed Five Months After Car Accident

After dealing with rounds of chiropractic and physical therapy appointments that didn't seem to alleviate pain caused by a car accident, our client finally had to undergo low lumbar surgery. After striking someone who pulled out in front of him, our client needed to wait for a month after the accident before seeking any treatment so that he could recover from post-concussive syndrome which was causing terrible headaches. Doctors then performed x-rays and MRIs in addition to the therapy and it was exactly five months after the wreck that he was admitted to the hospital for back surgery. Our client now faces even more physical therapy to recover from the operation.

### Drunk Driver Fractures Client's Neck, Leaves Him In A Halo For Three Months

Our client was struck by a drunk driver who ran a red light, causing him to also strike a passing police cruiser. He was transported to a hospital where he was admitted to ICU with a broken neck. Doctors then placed a halo on our client to keep his neck immobile to see if the device will prevent the need for surgery. The halo will stay on for three months as he recovers, while he awaits additional treatment for injuries to his shoulder and knee.



# TPS Proud Student & Teacher of the Month for May Toledo Early College High School

The TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest is a joint effort between Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC and Toledo Public Schools. Each month, one teacher and one student from one of TPS's high schools are awarded with a \$150 Visa gift card. To watch the heart-warming teacher nomination videos or if you are a TPS educator who would like to nominate a student, visit [www.TPSProud.com](http://www.TPSProud.com).



Joseph Chaput and Katie Coffey

**Student winner:** *Joseph Chaput, Junior*

**Nominator:** *Katie Coffey*

"I had the pleasure of having Joseph in my class this year. Not only did I discover that he is an excellent writer—who will undoubtedly have his name known far and wide one day, but he is the most excellent helper. If I have any task that needs to be done, Joseph does it without complaint. The bulletin boards that you see around the school are done by him. He took time out of his day for weeks to complete them—putting them everywhere one was needed. When I offered service hours, Joseph simply said that he was doing it to do it. Joseph makes it point to know each and every student in the building. He makes it his mission to know everyone's name, and holds meaningful conversations with them as well. To me, this builds a community; it allows the students who are new to the building feel welcomed in their new school."



Randy Nissan and Raya Smidi

**Winning Teacher:** *Randy Nissan*

**Nominator:** *Raya Smidi*

"I really like his class because he makes it really fun. He teaches in a way that no other teacher teaches because he just makes the class fun and easy to understand. Everything in American Studies – he makes it so easy to memorize, he gives us techniques to memorize what's going to be on the next test, he gives us extra study guides, and plays games. Keep being a great teacher!"

## RECIPE: Katelyn's Frozen Key Lime Pies

*Leave the oven off this summer and cool down with these individual tasty treats. You may not be able to have just one!*

### INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup key lime juice, fresh squeezed or bottled
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 8 oz whipped topping, plus more for garnish
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- ½ stick butter, unsalted, melted
- 1 sleeve honey graham crackers, turned into crumbs

### DIRECTIONS

1. Crush graham crackers and mix with the butter, set aside.
2. Cream the cream cheese until smooth using

a hand mixer, add in the sweetened condensed milk and mix until smooth. Add the key lime juice and mix until smooth.

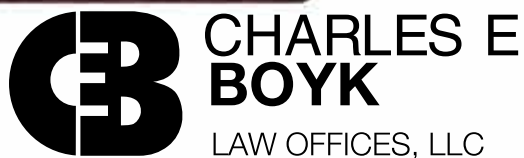
3. Let the whipped topping defrost and add to the cream cheese mixture, folding it in until combined.

4. Taking individual silicone cups (I use silicone cupcake liners) fill with the cream cheese mixture about ¾ of the way up. Top with the graham cracker crumbs. Place on platter or sheet tray and place in freezer for 4 hours or until set. Unmold pies carefully and serve graham cracker side down. The easiest



way to do this is to submerge the bottom half of the mold into warm water for a few seconds.

5. Serve with whipped topping garnish and key lime slice if desired, enjoy!



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## June's Raving Fan of the Month

"When I got in my accident, Boyk Law was available to me 24/7, made everything super easy and got me the most money for my case."

— Samantha M.



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## 6th Annual Race For Justice

**What:** A 5k race and 1 mile walk

**When:** Saturday, June 24th – Registration & Check-in starts at 8am, Race starts at 9am

**Where:** Downtown Toledo, beginning at the Center for Equal Justice, 525 Jefferson Ave.

**Who benefits:** Medical-Legal Partnership for Children (MLPC), a partnership among pediatric, obstetric, and mental health providers and poverty law attorneys.

**Why:** To help underserved children and families in Lucas County challenged with poverty, discrimination, family violence, and other civil legal issues.

**Cost:** \$30 per person and includes Dave's Running Shop chip timing and a t-shirt

**How to register:** Visit [www.race4justice.org](http://www.race4justice.org), call 419-255-0814, or email [race4justice@ablelaw.org](mailto:race4justice@ablelaw.org).