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## DRILLING FOR DOLLAR\$: SMALL SMILES DENTAL CLINICS ACCUSED OF ABUSING CHILDREN

Going to the dentist can be a terrifying experience for small children, but with the help of kind dentists and caring hygienists, it is possible for kids to overcome their fears and have their teeth properly worked on.

Unfortunately, this was not the situation for patients of Small Smiles dental clinics. With locations nationwide as well as in Toledo, Small Smiles dental centers specialized in pediatric dentistry and were one of the few dental firms that accepted Medicaid insurance.

But instead of helping children and families who could not afford private dental insurance, Small Smiles dentists took advantage of the kids by performing unnecessary treatment in order to fraudulently bill Medicaid and make more money. An FBI investigation found that Small Smiles dentists nationwide were engaged in the following, all in the name of corporate greed:

- Drilling and filling cavities that never existed
- Shaving down children's otherwise

healthy baby teeth and implanting silver caps

- Performing painful root canals and other dental procedures without any local anesthesia or "laughing gas"
- Strapping down children's arms and legs so that they could not move during the procedures
- Refusing to stop treatment or soothe the children even after they urinated on themselves
- Not allowing parents to accompany their kids during treatment, even after repeated requests
- Not asking parents' permission before beginning the dental work
- Threatening to call Child Services when parents would object to the excessive or unnecessary treatment

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices wants to provide help to Small Smiles patients who have dealt with any of these horrific acts, with the help of the firm's newest attorney, Wesley Merillat.

Wes has extensive experience fighting for the rights of injured children and young adults, as he has handled nearly 1,000 Small Smiles injury cases. He has been federally appointed to an arbitrary committee overseeing litigation against the company and their insurer.

"I have zero tolerance for those that abuse or exploit children," Wes said. "We are dedicated to those children by standing up for them and striking back at the mega corporation that caused serious injury to thousands of children across the United States."

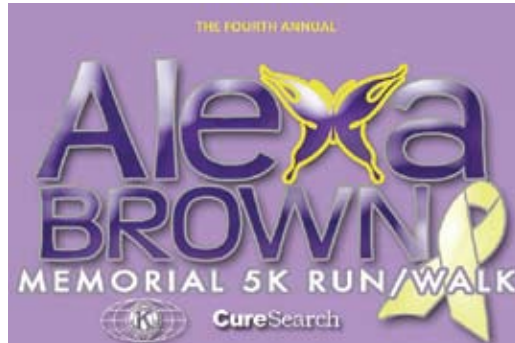


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# RUN TO REMEMBER: 4th ANNUAL 5k, BUTTERFLY RELEASE AIM TO FIND A CURE FOR CANCER



Alexa Brown



The family of Alexa Brown, a Clyde resident who lost her battle with cancer at age 11, invites you to participate in the 4th Annual Alexa Brown Memorial 5K Run/Walk and 1K Kids Butterfly Fun Run with all proceeds to benefit CureSearch, the world's largest childhood cancer research organization.

A \$150 gift card will go to the top male and top female, along with prizes for the runners up and refreshments, door prizes, goodie bags and massages for all participants.

The race will be held on Saturday, September 21st at 8:45am, with the start and finish in downtown Clyde, Ohio. After the race, there will also be a butterfly release in memory of Alexa. Advanced entry fees for the race are \$20 per person or \$15 for the Fun Run until September 11th. Race day registration is \$25 and all who participate will receive a t-shirt, with the option of upgrading to a tech shirt for an additional \$5.

For more information or to register for the race, visit [www.runtorememberalexa.com](http://www.runtorememberalexa.com).

## RECIPE:

# Anneke's One-Pan Sautéed Chicken

**Every Mom Needs This Amazing 3-in-1 Recipe that Starts with Frozen Chicken!**

*Forget to thaw the frozen chicken last night? No worries! Add one of three marinades to the Basic Chicken Recipe and you're sure to suit any taste.*

## BASIC CHICKEN RECIPE:

- 4-5 frozen chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup water
- Marinade (choose one below)

## INSTRUCTIONS:

■ In a large sauté pan, cover frozen chicken breasts with marinade and add water. Cover and bring to a boil over medium-high heat; boil for 5 to 7 minutes. Flip chicken and reduce heat; gently boil for 7 to 8 more minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink. Marinade will boil down to a thickened sauce.

## MARINADES:

### Herbed Lemon Pepper

- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 2 to 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 1 tsp dried tarragon leaves
- 1 tsp each lemon pepper & salt

### Tex Mex

- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 4 oz can green chilies
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp each chili powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp each salt & pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce

### Asian

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 3 Tbsp water
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 2 tsp ginger
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic

*For bonus marinades, like Barbeque and Herbed Italian, visit [charlesboyle-law.com](http://charlesboyle-law.com) and type "marinades" in the Google Search Box.*



Tex Mex Chicken

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: ATTORNEY WESLEY MERRILLAT



Wes fishing with his son Evan

Once again, our firm has brought on board another experienced attorney to handle our new complex litigation practice. Attorney Wesley Merrillat is the lead attorney responsible for class actions and Multi-District Litigation in both Federal and state courts, primarily in the areas of pediatric

litigation, pharmaceutical and product liability, ERISA, antitrust and general commercial disputes.

Although many of his cases have been successfully resolved without the need for a trial, Wes' experience also includes successful bench and jury trials, as well as mediation and arbitration. A true advocate for justice, Wes has been involved in litigation against some of the country's largest companies, including: Ford Motor Company; Johnson & Johnson; Bayer Corporation; AT&T; Sprint; Verizon; T-Mobile; WalMart; Netflix; Merck & Co., Inc.; Baxter Pharmaceuticals and Small Smiles dental centers.

"Choosing to handle litigation involving children is absolutely driven by my own role as a father," Wes said. "By standing up for those who would otherwise not have a strong voice against a company that wronged them, I am fighting to level the playing field."

Wes was born in Morenci, Michigan and grew up in Fayette, Ohio. He received his undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University, studied at the University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain and earned his juris doctor with honors from Rutgers University. During law school, Wes also served as the executive editor of the law journal and was a member of Rutgers' moot court.

## Getting to Know Wes:

Tell us about your family. *I have been blessed. I have an amazing wife, Steffenie. We have been married 14 years, all of them happily. We have three great kids, and one pretty decent one – Sierra, Evan, Avah and Casen.*

What's your favorite ice cream? *Ben and Jerry's "Pistachio Pistachio".*

Favorite food? *Is hot sauce a food?*

What book are you reading right now? *Dennis Rainey's Stepping Up.*

Favorite Pixar movie? *The Incredibles.*

What's the farthest you've been from home? *Barcelona, Spain. It was 4,236 miles from home, but it felt a lot farther.*

What is your favorite charity? *International Justice Mission. To learn more about it, visit [www.ijm.com](http://www.ijm.com).*

What is your favorite hobby? *Fishing with my kids.*

# ATHLETE FACED CANCER, SPORTS WITH SAME DETERMINATION, COMPETITIVE SPIRIT



Jacob "Bubba" Andrews

As part of our ongoing effort to honor the families of the Clyde Cancer Cluster, each month the Boyk Bulletin will pay tribute to those who have lost their fight or continue the battle against the tragic disease.

Highlighting Jacob "Bubba" Andrews first seems appropriate, considering his personality. He was always the first person to encourage a teammate, the first person to remind his mom that she'd always have him in Clyde and the first to ignore his doctors' dismal prognosis.

Bubba's competitive character developed long before lettering in baseball, football and

wrestling in high school or playing college ball at Bowling Green State University. From a young age, Bubba gave 100% in everything he did, on and off the field. He made it his personal goal to include everyone around him, even when others didn't, and was determined to always focus on the positive.

His upbeat attitude is reflected in one of Bubba's mom's fondest memories from his childhood.

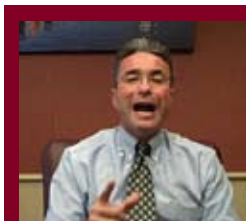
"We were in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma for a World Series baseball tournament. It was the bottom of the ninth, with two outs, a full count and a runner on second," Cinda McGilton said. "We were ahead by one when the opposing team's batter hit a home run. We lost the whole tournament by one run. It was devastating. But here comes Bubba, at 11 years old, smiling and exclaiming, 'Hey you guys, keep your heads up! Look what we accomplished! No one even thought we'd get this far!'"

That attitude earned him not only the George Hats Omachie award for sportsmanship and a spot on the All Tournament Team, but more importantly recognition from the tournament director who asked him to never change.

And he didn't. If Bubba saw you on the street, he would make sure to shake your

hand and call you by name. Nobody was a stranger to Bubba - even if you didn't know him, he would treat you like a friend. After Friday night football games, he'd be tired and anxious for a shower, but would never hesitate to stop and talk with the little kids who waited all game to have their moment with him.

Bubba won with dignity, but he lost with dignity, too. Even when he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme, he approached life in the same way; whether things were 10-0 or 0-10. And when he passed away on March 18, 2012 at age 22, he did it proudly and just as dignified.



Charles Boyk Law Offices is quickly approaching the release of our 800th video and in honor of the accomplishment, we put together

a blooper reel of all the hilarious outtakes needed to get each video 'just right' Check your mailboxes soon, as we will be sending out the video via email and posting it to our website and YouTube channel. It is sure to be entertaining and will give you a glimpse of our attorneys' less serious sides, so make sure to add yourself to our email list by calling 419-241-1395 so you don't miss out!

## FREE DUAL USB CAR CHARGER JUST FOR HELPING US!

Want to reach 7,000 people with a message of your choice? Enter to win our Name the Skeleton Contest! The office skeleton we use for injury demonstration is nameless (and skinless!) and he is feeling very left out around the office.

That's why we need all of our readers to submit a name suggestion for the Skeleton by calling 419-241-1395, emailing it to [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com) or by writing it on our Facebook Wall. All who enter will receive a FREE dual USB car charger just for adding a suggestion! The charger is compatible with all Apple and Android products and can even charge two tablets at one time.

If your name is chosen, you'll receive our Grand Prize, which includes:

- A spot in our monthly newsletter, allowing you to send a message and photo of your choice to more than 7,000 households in

northwest Ohio, southeast Michigan and other spots nationwide.

- Dual USB car chargers for every driver in your family
- Lunch with Mr. Skeleton in our office, catered by your choice of one of five local restaurants, for you and three of your friends
- A Top Secret prize, valued at over \$150

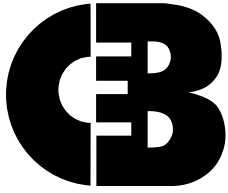
We also invite local kids to visit our Downtown office and have their photo taken with Mr. Skeleton, after choosing a prize from his Treasure Chest of goodies. No appointment is necessary!



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## NEW BOOK HELPS FAMILIES FACING DENTAL ABUSE

Another way our firm is trying to help families affected by Small Smiles is by offering a free book explaining the Small Smiles dental center abuse and its resulting litigation.

Geared toward parents of Small Smiles patients who may not even be aware that the treatment their child received was unnecessary, *Small Smiles, Big Injuries* is easy to read and gives parents a step-by-step guide to dealing with the complicated world of a child injury case. **For your free copy, visit [www.OhioAccidentBooks.com](http://www.OhioAccidentBooks.com) or call 419-241-1395.**

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# CASES OF INTEREST: AUGUST 2013

### Man Must Undergo Second Surgery After First Knee Replacement Fails

After extensive surgery to replace an arthritic knee, our 81-year-old client discovers that his knee replacement device failed prematurely. The implant was made by DePuy, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, and the same company that has come under fire for recalling many of their hip and knee replacement devices. Our client now needs a second invasive surgery to remove the old device and replace it with a new one. However, his advanced age may make the second surgery extremely risky due to the high number of potential complications.

### Family Needs Help After Son Is Fatally Shot By A Veteran Police Officer

A 39-year-old man loses his life after being mistakenly shot by a police officer shortly after leaving a shooting range. Our clients' loved one was walking through a parking lot with his weapon holstered when someone called 911 to report a man wielding a gun. Police arrived on the scene and the loved one was shot twice by a veteran officer, then later passed away at a local hospital. The deceased's family

enlisted our firm's help to bring a wrongful death suit against the department, since many of the allegations that prompted the shooting are believed to be untrue.

### Woman May Need Two Surgeries After Being Rear-Ended Twice In The Same Accident

A woman may need knee surgery to treat a possible torn meniscus after she was rear-ended twice by an elderly woman while waiting at a red light. Our client was taken to a local hospital where she was treated for what she thought was whiplash, but it was soon discovered that her extreme back pain could be caused by a herniated disc in her spine that may require surgery to repair. The impact was so severe that her car was totaled and she will most likely need extensive physical therapy following the surgeries.

