

## Clients Share Their Stories In New Boyk Law Book **Aimed At Helping Construction Accident Victims**



"I loved to work – that's just the type of guy I am. I used to build electrical bridges for Fort Defiance Construction Company and loved every minute of it. That all came to a screeching halt on August 25, 2003, when my boss told me to stand in the bucket of a backhoe so he could lift me up to fix some low-hanging cables and telephone wires. Allegedly he was on his cell phone when I came into contact with an energized line and was

electrocuted: 7200 volts of electrical current went through my right hand, across my chest, and blew out my left wrist. I was thrown out of the backhoe bucket and fell to the ground. I woke up in St. Vincent's Burn Unit. I didn't know what happened to me or how it happened until they explained what happened.

I spent the next 28 days in a coma and another 87 trying to recover from multiple surgeries, nearly 20 skin grafts, and cardiac arrest, among other things. We called three attorneys after I woke up in the hospital and Chuck Boyk was the only one who would come down and visit me there. He went above and beyond from day one; he really had a lot of work involved in the case and he really helped me out. Financially I was hit pretty hard because of the accident and Chuck got right to work.

He handled the worker's compensation claim and had expert witnesses come in who specialized in electrocution and fall accident cases. They seemed to know exactly what was going on so that was a good move on his part. Chuck and his staff did so much. They had piles and piles of paperwork on my case and worked hard to get me a settlement that would take care of me for the rest of my life since I can no longer work. He also fought for permanent total disability on my workman's compensation case and social security benefits. Chuck did good. Very good. I would highly recommend him to anyone injured on the job,

especially on a construction site. You won't be disappointed."

That story, written by Boyk Law client Robert Lucas, is just one of the many construction accident stories recounted in Boyk Law's new book, Injured Worker's Guide, Ohio Construction Accidents.

A comprehensive guide to all aspects of dealing with injury accidents that occur daily on construction sites across the country, the goal of Injured Worker's Guide is to answer questions like:

- Who is going to pay for my medical bills?
- What if I will never be able to do this kind of work again?
- How are we going to survive as a family without the paychecks?
- Am I eligible for worker's compensation?
- Can I sue the construction company responsible for my injuries?
- What paperwork needs to be filled out?

We want to give readers the chance to glimpse into the lives of other workers who faced seemingly insurmountable injuries but were able to get their lives back with the help of Boyk Law.

Boyk Law is offering free copies of *Injured* Worker's Guide, Ohio Construction Accidents simply by calling 419-241-1395, emailing info@charlesboyk-law.com, or by requesting online at www.ohioconstructionbook.com.

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# Client's Daughter Lands Roles On ABC, Nickelodeon After Following Dream To Move To Hollywood

When Boyk Law client Debra Mowery told friends and family that she and her daughter Alicia Nicole were packing up and moving to Los Angeles a year and a half ago to help the then-14-year-old make it big as an actress, they all thought she was crazy.

But the mom and daughter team, along with Alicia's grandmother, ignored the naysayers, found an apartment in West Hollywood and by a stroke of luck, Alicia was discovered by a modeling agency while out in public just two weeks after settling in.

We sat down with Alicia Nicole, 16, who has since landed roles in TV shows like "School of Rock" and "Henry Danger" on Nickelodeon, as well as on "Black-ish" on ABC.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love going to the beach and hanging out with my friends. On set, sometimes we have long days and others are short, depending on the number of takes we have.

Favorite ice cream? Cake batter

### Favorite food?

Spaghetti. One of the best things about working in a studio is the food. It is always so good!

Favorite Pixar movie? Monsters, Inc.

What's the farthest you've been from home? California. I still consider Ohio my home!

### What is your favorite hobby?

Dancing, shopping, and experimenting with fashion and make-up.



### What's the one thing you miss most about Toledo?

I miss my family and friends the most, but I also miss the home-cooking in Ohio.

What advice would you have to other young people trying to make it big in Hollywood? Stay faithful to yourself and don't change for others!



Congrats to Boyk Law employee Kiara Hurley who officially signed with Eastern Michigan University to play softball on a nearly full ride scholarship!



# **CASES OF INTEREST: DECEMBER 2016**

### Toledo Police Officer Left With Shattered Foot, Torn Meniscus After Fight With Suspect

Our worker's compensation client had to undergo three surgeries and months of physical therapy after a work injury left him with a shattered foot and torn ligament in his knee. The fight broke out the day after Christmas and left our client hospitalized for days to recover from the first surgery where a plate and eight screws were implanted into our client's foot. A surgery to remove the screws and also a surgery to repair the torn meniscus, along with multiple physical therapy visits, caused our client to miss quite a bit of work as he fights to regain his strength.

### Passenger In Rollover Accident Left With Scars, Traumatic Brain Injury

Our client was the back seat passenger when the car he was riding in flipped over several times before landing on its roof. After emergency personnel extracted him using the Jaws of Life he was transported to the closest trauma hospital to treat injuries to his right shoulder, neck, and back. It was later determined that our client also had a severe concussion that left him with memory issues, nausea, and sensitivity to light and sound for which he made multiple visits to a neurologist for and sustained scarring on his arms and back.

### Fall At A Local Convention Center Leaves Woman With Four Fractures In Knee

Our worker's compensation client needed to undergo surgery after slipping in water that the staff failed to clean up or warn about at the Seagate Convention Center in Toledo. The four fractures in her patella caused her to miss months of work as she still undergoes physical therapy to regain range of motion. The injury has left her unable to bend her knee to even a 90 degree angle.

CASE FILE

### TPS Proud Winner Learns CPR, Heart Monitoring To Help Premature Baby Brother



Waite High teacher Audrey Fox could hardly contain her emotions when she presented Junior Estrella Marquez with the TPS Proud Student of the Month award for her extraordinary dedication to her family after the premature birth of Estrella's baby brother.

### In her nomination, Audrey wrote:

"Estrella is an exceptionally compassionate student. She helps to care for her baby brother and while he was recovering from a premature birth last year, she took a CPR training course, a course to learn about his heart monitor, his medications, and all other intricate care he needed so she could assist her mom in caring for him. Estrella is just beginning to believe in her leadership qualities and while a quiet leader, she sets a standard that serves to motivate the students around her. Estrella has a will to succeed, a heart of gold, and a true desire to serve those around her."

Boyk Law worked with Audrey to organize the surprise of awarding Estrella with her plaque and \$150 Visa gift card. Her voice quivering, she told her how proud she was to have her as a student.

"Everything I ask of you, Estrella, you go above and beyond and do more than I even ask," Audrey told her. "And the lengths that you went to to take care of your baby brother is so astounding and I would never even know that about you because you are so humble. You are such a quiet leader in this school and I think that you would never ask for this recognition and that's why it just makes my heart happy to give it to you and to have you be recognized as a Student of the Month."

At Boyk Law, we know how hard it is to take care of loved ones facing special medical needs, which is why we applaud Estrella for the lengths she's taken to care for her brother.

A video of the heart-warming exchange can be found at TPSProud.com.

# Teacher of the Month — Josh Flores, Waite High School

Student Julia Campos received a \$50 Visa gift card for making her uplifting video about Mr. Joshua Flores, who she nominated for TPS Proud Teacher of the Month.

Julia appreciates the fact that in Mr. Flores' class, it's more than just a learning environment, which is why he received a plaque and a \$150 Visa gift card.

"He really connects you to Spanish class and helps you see the culture," Julia Campos said. "He opens your eyes to what education is really about and he does that in and out of the community. He helps us with community service and he's always there for every student who needs him. Some of the stuff he teaches goes outside of the classroom, especially as far as morals go. Treat people with respect, treat them how you want to be treated, be kind, be helpful."

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 award with a \$150 Visa gift card. Stay tuned for winners from next month's school, Rogers High School.



Julia Campis and Josh Flores

# RECIPE: Bobbie's Holiday Spiced Wine

The perfect hostess gift for the Holidays, Bobbie fills cute little bags with the dry spices and ties them to bottles of wine with decorative ribbon, along with a "Happy Holidays" message.

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 bottle white wine
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon clove
A pinch of ground nutmeg

### DIRECTIONS

- 1. Combine all in saucepan or crock-pot and stir well to combine.
- 2. Heat gently, but do not boil. Spices will float to the top as they cook. Skim off spices before serving. Best served warm garnished with cinnamon sticks and citrus slices.





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# December's Raving Fan of the Month

"I want to thank your team for making my daughter feel comfortable yesterday. She left your office yesterday with a smile and feels confident with your team's efforts. It's the small things like this that reassure her that she has a voice and that people care about her and what has happened. All she wants is to be acknowledged and when she has a concern that it is addressed. Thank you for being a part of that for her. I have not seen professionals that go the extra mile and add an additional layer of customer service the way your team does. It truly does make us feel special and we appreciate it."



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