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VICTORY OF THE MONTH: HOW CAN HIRING AN ATTORNEY AFFECT MY HEALTH?

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Julie Bobash

When Julie Bobash came to our office in search of legal advice after being injured in a motorcycle accident, she had no idea of the impact Charles Boyk Law Offices was about to have on her health.

Julie was going through a lot. Three months prior she had been tossed from a motorcycle like a rag doll while riding as a passenger and was still experiencing a lot of back pain.

"It was the best decision I ever made, coming to see Chuck," Julie said. "He knew many doctors in town and he referred me to Dr. Ebraheim, an orthopaedic surgeon, for a second opinion."

Dr. Ebraheim discovered why Julie's back pain was so bad: despite having received previous medical attention, the other doctors missed the fact that she had a shattered vertebra.

When new clients come to our office, many of them are still in pain, which is why we then provide them with:

- A comprehensive analysis of the accident
- An explanation of how it could have caused the injuries and affected their health

- A review of the other medical opinions they have already been given
- A recommendation of physicians they can visit for a more detailed exam and explanation
- Regular follow-up calls to their home or cell to check up on their treatment, how they are feeling and to make sure all questions are answered.

The reason Chuck requires the staff at the office to constantly check up on his clients is two-fold. Not only does it remind the client that we are constantly working on their case, but it also helps us to recognize any health changes almost immediately.

"Communication is everything," Chuck Boyk said. "The vast majority of our clients are repeat or word-of-mouth clients because they understand that we make the effort to help our people understand what they are going through and understand how we are going to fix their problem. Our goal is maximum recovery – both physically and financially."

In Julie's situation, we were able to notify the insurance company of the true seriousness of her injuries, therefore obtaining for her the proper compensation that she was entitled to, which was much more than her initial offer. The at-fault party's insurance company was only willing to pay \$7,500 for her injuries. After our office took the case to trial and we were able to prove just how badly she was hurt, the jury awarded Ms. Bobash \$109,500 plus she received another \$10,950 as pre-judgment interest.

Julie believes that had it not been for her decision to call a lawyer like Chuck Boyk, she would still be in extreme pain without the settlement money to cover her medical bills.

"It was like there was a platoon of soldiers standing there on the enemy lines," Julie said. "[He] fought every bit of the way."



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START HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT & TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



Lori Crawford & Eddie Murphy



Shavella Hill & Jennifer Peluso

Congratulations to October's Teacher of the Month, Ms. Lori Crawford, who was nominated via video by Start High School senior, Eddie Murphy. We also want to recognize freshman Shavella Hill, October's Student of the Month, nominated by Ms. Jennifer Peluso.

MY "SMART" BROTHER, FRED

by Chuck Boyk



Fred Boyk poses next to his sister, Sue, who holds baby Chuck

When I was growing up, Fred was always the "smart" brother. Five years my senior, Fred was the super-achiever and ended up graduating at the top of every class; he was #1 in grade school, high school, college and law school.

I was always the "other" brother. My grades were good, but nothing special. Teachers always asked why I wasn't an academic star like Fred.

Fred went on to become an accomplished business executive and owner, before going back to attend law school after selling his business. But no matter how busy my big brother was, he was always very supportive of me and offered encouragement. He was the one to co-sign my student loans. He loaned me \$300.00 to buy my first business cards and letterhead as an attorney. He called in a favor to get me office space as a beginning lawyer.

The life lessons I learned from Fred include:

1. **Hard work and dedication is a must to get ahead.**
2. **Find your passion and you will never work a day in your life.**
3. **We all need people to mentor us and open doors.**

I recommend you read Fred's ongoing advice in our newsletter. Remember, he is the "smart" brother.

AT THE END OF YOUR FINANCIAL ROPE? YOU HAVE OPTIONS

By Fred Boyk

Financial difficulties can happen to anyone, for any number of reasons. Even the wisest and most frugal spenders are not immune to sudden illness, a job loss, a divorce or some other unexpected event.

When life-changing incidents occur, many people quickly find themselves without any money to support their families, and resort to payday loans or cash advances on credit cards to get by each month. Other people are forced to borrow from friends or relatives just to pay for life's necessities.

If you are in this type of situation, you should consider options other than high-interest borrowing, which can often lead to a vicious cycle of insurmountable debt. Some sort of financial reorganization, negotiation with creditors, or even personal bankruptcy may allow you to sleep better, reduce your stress levels and plan for your financial future.



Attorney Fred Boyk

Attorney Fred Boyk has many years of experience dealing with clients that are in financial distress. He offers free consultations that include a comprehensive list of options tailored to your individual situation. We would be happy to put you in contact with Fred Boyk; simply call our office at 419-241-1395 or fill out our online contact form at www.charlesboyk-law.com for more information.

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Are you crafty? Obsessed with websites like Pinterest and Etsy? Love to sell your homemade goods or buy local?

Stay tuned for more information on a Valentine Arts and Crafts Show hosted by Charles Boyk Law Offices in the lobby of the PNC Bank Building on February 13th and 14th. Booth space will be available for rent to local artists and crafters and all rental proceeds will go to benefit the Daughter Project. For more information on how to rent a space, contact Anneke at 419-720-4456 or email her at agodlewski@charlesboyk-law.com. For more info on the charity, visit www.TheDaughterProject.org.



RECIPE: Sue's Scrumptious Two Corn Casserole

As the mother of our receptionist, Emily, Sue is always looking for mouth-watering meals to serve to her three daughters. This is an easy family favorite that is sure to be a hit in any household.

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup butter
- ¾ cup chopped green pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 17 oz can cream-style corn
- 17oz can whole kernel corn, undrained
- 3 eggs, well-beaten
- 8 ½ oz package of corn muffin mix, like Jiffy
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a two-quart casserole dish.
2. In a medium-sized skillet, melt butter. Add green peppers and onions; sauté until crisp-tender.
3. In a large bowl, combine corn, eggs and muffin mix; blend well. Pour into greased casserole dish and sprinkle with cheese.
4. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until firm and set. Let stand for five minutes before serving. Serves 12.



GET WITH THE TIMES: CHUCK BOYK HELPS BUSINESSES, CHARITIES ENTER THE 21st CENTURY



Video studio and green screen

Have you ever watched the movie *E.T.* and wondered, "How the heck did that little boy ride his bicycle up in the air?"

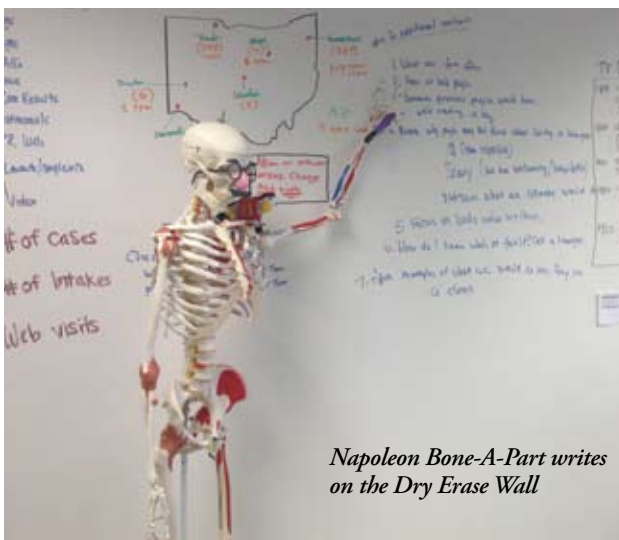
No, Steven Spielberg didn't enlist the help of Harry Potter and teach the boy to fly. Instead, the video for that particular scene was shot in front of a "green screen". A green screen allows the videographer to film the movements of a person or object, then separately film or use a different background and merge the two together. The end results can be limitless – the actor can appear to be flying through the air, swimming under water or even standing in the middle of a busy highway.

As you can see by watching one of our nearly 1,000 videos on YouTube, many of the pieces that we have produced have been in front

of our own green screen in our in-house video studio. We brainstorm ideas for the videos using our Dry Erase Walls – we literally put the "writing on the wall" and use dry erase markers to jot down our thoughts.

Chuck was so thrilled with the extra traffic that his videos brought to our website, that he is offering the use of our video studio and green screen to local businesses and charities in the area. And since marketing is one of Chuck's greatest passions, he is also willing to provide a comprehensive marketing plan to any business owner or Board member looking for ways to get their message, product or service out to the public in a creative and effective way.

For more information on how to take advantage of this marketing offer, contact Anneke at 419-720-4456 or by emailing her at agodlewski@charlesboyk-law.com.



Napoleon Bone-A-Part writes on the Dry Erase Wall

LOCAL ATTORNEY WAS SKILLED IN THE COURTROOM, TRUSTED MENTOR & FRIEND

As previously published as a Letter to the Editor from Chuck Boyk to the Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune.

The recent passing of Bowling Green attorney Max Rayle is a huge loss for the entire community.

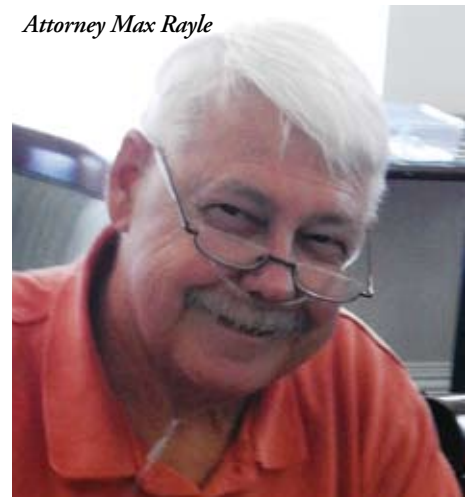
Max was a legend for his skill, engaging personality and dedication to his clients. I was lucky enough to know Max as an opponent, co-counsel and as my attorney.

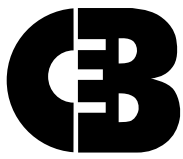
In my experience of over 30 years of observing trial attorneys, Max was the best! He owned the courtroom. He entertained and educated the jury. His was the voice of reason and common sense.

Max was caring, kind and the attorney that other attorneys went to for their own legal representation.

I was proud to call him my friend.

Attorney Max Rayle





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BOUNCING BABY BEN

Congratulations to Attorney Zach Murry and his wife, Becky, on the birth of their second boy, Ben Luther, who was born on October 9th. Sean, 2, has happily taken over his role as Big Brother.



Sean and Ben Murry

CASES OF INTEREST: DECEMBER 2013

Teen Seriously Injured At Football Practice

A 16-year-old Ottawa County boy was allegedly hazed by his coach at football practice and forced to undergo dangerous drills that left him injured and unresponsive. Instead of seeking proper medical attention for his player, the boy was sent home in the back of his brother's car. Hospital staff discovered that he had suffered a major concussion and a traumatic brain injury, and he was required to wear a neck brace for six weeks. Doctors have advised that the teen never again play contact sports.

Multiple Surgeries Required For Man's Hand & Arm Crushed In Machine At Work

A worker's arm was crushed in a machine that allegedly lacked proper safety devices, leading to the need for three surgeries and multiple skin grafts. The Wood County company had previously been cited by OSHA after the same unsafe machine caused injury to another worker, yet management appeared to intentionally refuse to abide by OSHA's demand to fix the problem. Had the company made the effort to properly protect their employees, our client would not have to undergo months of physical therapy, seek psychiatric treatment for emotional distress or deal with permanent injuries to his hand and arm.

Man Almost Loses Leg By Portable Saw Mill & Later Contracts A Serious Staph Infection From The Surgeries

Our client had to undergo two surgeries totaling over 10 hours on the operating table after his leg was nearly dismembered by portable saw mill. The first surgery involved the placement of steel rods and resulted in a 17-day hospital stay; the second surgery was an attempt to fix bones that were not healing properly. From the latter operation, our client contracted a serious staph infection which has delayed his physical therapy until after a visit to an infectious disease physician. Because of the accident, our client has missed months of work and is completely unable to enjoy life as he used to.



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