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BULLYING – IT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR TOWN

In recent years, there has been a surge of awareness related to bullying and the serious repercussions associated with it. Even with all this talk, bullying is still a large problem in our schools. It isn't something that we just see in far off cities, but it is happening in our hometown every day. Our office has recently been made aware of several stories of children in our own area who have been bullied, some taking their own life as a result. Even with all of the organizations and the awareness that is being raised, there is still a lot of work to do. We would like to take this time to discuss the warning signs of bullying from both sides of the coin.

The following is a list of signs that your child is being bullied:

- Unexplainable injuries
- Lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry
- Frequent headaches and stomachaches
- Feeling sick or faking illness
- Changes in eating habits (skipping meals or binge eating). Kids may come home from school hungry because they did not eat lunch.
- Difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares
- Declining grades, loss of interest, or not wanting to go to school
- Sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations
- Feelings of helplessness or decreased self-esteem
- Self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide.

Signs that a child is bullying others:

- Get into physical or verbal fights
- Have friends who bully others
- Are increasingly aggressive

- Get sent to the principal's office or to detention frequently
- Have unexplained extra money or new belongings
- Blame others for their problems
- Don't accept responsibility for their actions
- Are competitive and worry about their reputation or popularity

Whether you know a child that is being bullied or you know one that is bullying, you need to get them the proper help so that we can stop this vicious cycle.

Here are some bullying resources:

www.stopbullying.gov – For warning signs, info and prevention

www.pacerteensagainstabullying.org – For teens about bullying prevention

www.yourlifeyourvoice.org – Hotline and bulletin for teens that are experiencing bullying and depression.



RECENT FIRM SETTLEMENTS: FULL RECOVERY FOR LOUDONVILLE TEACHER & COACH

A little over two years ago, Aimee Young, high school teacher and coach, was driving on her way home from a school sponsored drill team dance camp. Aimee was a coach of the high school's drill team which would perform during halftime at varsity boys basketball games and she had three students in the car with her.

As Aimee approached an intersection, a nineteen year old driver who was under the influence of multiple drugs failed to stop at the stop sign and ran head-on into the driver's side door of Aimee's vehicle at approximately 55 miles per hour. The impact was absolutely devastating, and Aimee's car was completely destroyed after the direct and high-speed collision. The intoxicated driver died that night from injuries he sustained in the wreck.

When the fire department responded to the accident scene they found Aimee pinned and trapped inside her vehicle. Aimee suffered through a prolonged extraction due to the extreme difficulty of removing her from the twisted metal that used to be her car. Aimee was transported via life flight to Cleveland MetroHealth Hospital where she would spend an entire month – the majority of that time being spent in the Intensive Care Unit. In addition to her many surgeries and other medical procedures, Aimee received occupational and physical therapy while she was in the hospital.

It was Aimee's brother, who lives in Perrysburg, who initially connected her with Chuck Boyk and the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. From the moment they received Aimee Young's telephone call, the team at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC sprung into action and began developing a strategy for handling her complex case.

Being that there were multiple individuals injured in the accident who were contemplating legal action and would be pursuing a potentially limited amount of insurance funds, the decision was made to file a lawsuit in order to ensure that Aimee's rights were properly preserved.

In addition, the Boyk law office addressed the complicating factor that Aimee was in the course and scope of her employment with the school district at the time of her injury. This fact entitled Aimee to Workers' Compensation benefits which had helped to cover her initial medical bills but which also caused there to be

Chuck Boyk and Aimee Young



a Workers' Compensation lien on any amount of money that would eventually be recovered from the at-fault driver. This factor was taken into consideration during all negotiations on Aimee's case.

Aimee's case had yet another complicating factor. In Ohio, damages for pain and suffering are capped at \$250,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence, unless a plaintiff can prove that he or she sustained what the law calls a "permanent and substantial physical deformity." The legal team at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC took note of some significant scars that Aimee had sustained in the wreck and were successful in locating favorable state and federal case law indicating that the type of scars that Aimee had could in fact be considered a "permanent and substantial physical deformity."

This opened the door for Aimee to potentially settle the pain and suffering portion of her claim for an amount above and beyond the damages caps. This information was critical in advancing and negotiating Aimee's claim because it increased the claim value significantly.

The Boyk law office was successful in securing a mediation date in the hopes of obtaining an out-of-court settlement without the need for a trial. The mediation took place on July 5, 2012 and it was an absolute success. Charles Boyk was the chief negotiator on Aimee's behalf and was successful in negotiating a

confidential settlement which was more than pleasing to Aimee. In addition, Chuck was successful in negotiating with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to significantly reduce the lien that they had on Aimee's claim, thus significantly increasing the amount of money that the firm was able to put in Aimee's pocket. Attorney Chuck Boyk was very pleased with the outcome and was equally impressed with the way that Aimee handled herself throughout the entire process. "Aimee has been a dream client," Chuck said, "Her courage, cooperation, and intelligence has made representing her a pleasure."

Aimee is extremely grateful that her brother made the recommendation that she contact the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC to handle her case. Aimee said, "I can honestly say without any hesitation that if my brother hadn't thought of contacting Chuck, I would be in a very desperate financial and personal situation after that wreck. Chuck and his office have been some of the most reliable, fast-acting, and caring people that I have ever met." Aimee's praise for the Boyk law office did not stop there. She went on to state, "After two years of working with the legal team at Chuck's, I feel like I have friends I can call for anything regarding my situation. Although the settlement has gone through, I know without a doubt that I can call Chuck or his office if I need any further assistance. I could never have gotten through all that I have without them as support, and in so many, many ways."

RECIPE

JELL-O WORMS!

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 packs (3 oz) of your favorite Jell-O
- 1 package unflavored gelatin (for extra firmness)
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 3 cups boiling water
- 15 drops of your favorite color of food coloring
- 100 flexible straws (or enough to fill your container)
- Tall container (1 quart or 1 liter carton of milk)

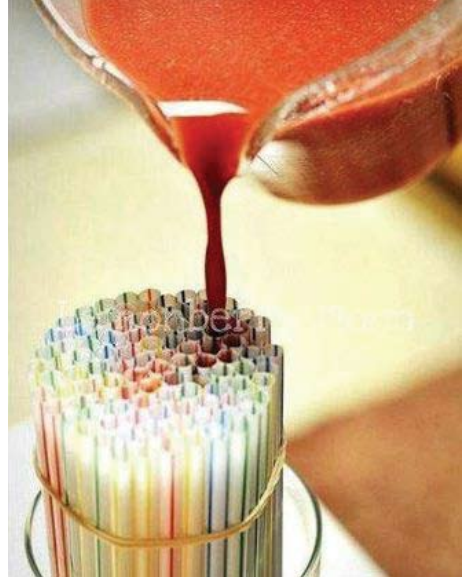
DIRECTIONS:

- Combine gelatin in bowl and add boiling water.
- Let it cool to lukewarm and then add the whipping cream and 15 drops of food coloring.
- Gather your straws (don't forget to flex them out) and put them in the

container. It's important that the straws have a tight fit so the jell-o stays in the straws. For this reason, a 1 liter carton may be better; you will probably get longer worms since there is a tighter fit. If you have a bigger container, a rubber band around the straws is helpful, or you could just add more straws to fill the container.

- Add the gelatin mixture to the straw-filled container and let it set until firm.

There are multiple ways you can remove the worms from the straws. You can roll a rolling pin over the straws and squeeze them out or you can hold the straws over warm water. The worms will slip right out.



RACE FOR THE CURE!

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices staff and their families are participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Sunday, September 30, 2012. This is the firm's 5th year participating in the race. The idea for the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices team shirts was created by the employees of the firm. The employees' ideas were then transformed into the design which was created by Brian Fowler, from BDP in Perrysburg, Ohio. The team shirts are also being entered into the t-shirt competition. Participants of the race can cast their vote for their favorite shirt by making a \$1 donation per vote. A panel of survivors, Race committee members, and Komen staff will select the winner. We will let you know next month how we ranked in the competition!



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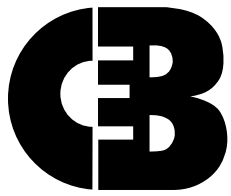
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Your reviews mean a lot. Thank you!

FEATURED TESTIMONIAL

"I appreciated the frequent phone calls to not only inform me of what was going on with my case, but also to check on my well being."

—Brittany M.



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COMING SOON!



CASES OF INTEREST: SEPTEMBER 2012

SIX YEAR-OLD BOY BIT IN THE FACE BY TERRIER

Our client, who is six-years-old, was bitten by a dog on his right cheek. Our client was over at a family friend's house when the dog came up and bit him on the face. He suffered from several deep wounds on his face and is seeing a plastic surgeon to deal with permanent facial scars.

SPONGE LEFT IN BODY AFTER SURGERY

Our client had surgery at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio to remove part of his esophagus which had cancer. Everything seemed to be going fine post surgery until our client started suffering from infections around the incisions. A lump also began to form. About four months later, doctors discovered that a sponge was left inside our client which was causing the infection and lump. Our client had to have a second surgery to remove the sponge, and a drain had to be put in to get rid of the infection.

DRIVER FAILS TO STOP AT STOP SIGN, CAUSING A COLLISION

Our client was a passenger in a vehicle when the driver failed to stop at a stop sign before attempting to cross a four lane highway. Due to the failure to stop, the vehicle traveled straight into the path of a semi truck. The semi pushed the car a couple hundred feet before coming to rest on the side of the road. Our client was in the back seat at the time of the accident. She was transported by EMS to Parkview Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana where she was treated for multiple contusions on her face, a broken neck, chipped teeth and a concussion. She also suffered from injuries to her left ankle and right foot. She will need to wear a halo for three months.

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