CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2013

COMPRESSED DRAINER’S NEGLIGENCE CASES NAME’S EKUR
Our client, a 70-year-old Toledo resident lost his life due to the negligence of the driver. He was a loving husband and father of two. Our client was a passenger in a one vehicle accident. He was riding with one of his friends on a rural road. As it was foggy out that day, the police suspect that that driver became dizzied and overcorrected on a curve, throwing the pickup onto a six foot ditch along the road. The pickup ended up on its roof.
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Our client, a 48-year-old Toledo woman, was a passenger on her friend’s motorcycle when another vehicle pulled out in front of them. Our client was thrown over the handle bars when the motorcycle struck the side of the vehicle throwing both the driver and our client onto the pavement. Our client suffered numerous abrasions to the body including her legs, face, arm and back. She also was knuckled unconscious and is now suffering from a closed head brain injury. She was taken from the scene by ambulance and is now treating with a neurologist for her head injury.

UNLTD TO RETURN TO WORK AFTER FRONT RIGHT WHEEL EXPLODED
Our client, a wife and mother of six, was stopped at a stop light when a vehicle slammed into the rear of her vehicle. She was treated at the hospital for a concussion and pain to her knee and back. After receiving physical therapy for nearly three months, she has since had to undergo two knee surgeries and will likely need another surgery to repair mistemporary ligaments. She has been told that it is unlikely that she will be able to return to her former job which required lifting and bending.

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THE CHUCK BOYK CHALLENGE

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St. Jude Children’s Hospital

The mission of St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital is to advance at no cost to families, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. St. Jude is guided by the vision of their founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family’s ability to pay.

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The three (3) organizations receiving the largest amount of votes will be announced on February 15, 2013 at 9:00 am EST. Be sure to check the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices Facebook and Twitter accounts, as we will be providing information on each of the charities participating!

**RECIPE GLUTEN FREE, GRAIN FREE CHEESY GARLIC CAULIFLOWER BREAD STICKS**

"This recipe is a healthy and delicious alternative to the usual breadstick" - Laura Hanley | Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC

**INGREDIENTS**

1. cup cooked, diced cauliflower
2. 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
3. 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
4. 1 cup diced onions
5. 1 tsp diced garlic
6. 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
7. 1/2 tsp marjoram
8. Olive oil

**FOR TOPPING:**

1. 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2. 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
3. 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
4. 1/4 cup grated mozzarella cheese
5. 1 tsp dried oregano
6. Optional Marinara sauce for dipping

**Process**

1. Chop the cauliflower florets into chunks and steam them in a steamer or on the stove until slightly soft for 15 minutes. Place in a rice or grate. A large head should produce approximately 4 cups of rice sized cauliflower. The remainder can be used to make additional breadsticks. The breadsticks can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week.

**TO MAKE THE BREAD:**

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Prepare your baking stone or sheet by covering with cornmeal tampering.
2. Place back in the 450 degree oven until golden brown. After 2 minutes, remove from the oven and place on a cooling rack.

**Gluten free, grain free, and a fantastic way to get a serving of vegetables!**

**To serve:**

1. Serve with marinara sauce for dipping.
2. Serve with your favorite dipping sauce.

**Disclaimer:**

All recipes included in this publication are original creations or are provided by the represented charitable organization. The Chuck Boyk Challenge does not accept responsibility for the accuracy or outcomes of these recipes.

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**OUR PERSONAL CONNECTION TO WRONG-WAY ACCIDENTS**

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices have personal experience dealing with wrong-way accidents. Through the years, we have represented those injured in accidents of this nature and successfully helped our clients to receive compensation.

This type of accident is both confusing and overwhelming. Our attorneys know the correct steps to take in all parties involved, ending in a favorable resolution.

In 2011, The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC, clients were represented those injured in a wrong-way accident two years prior. The client suffered serious injuries, and we were able to negotiate a settlement resulting in an inability to continue working. After numerous surgeries and physical therapy, our client found himself with a massive amount of medical bills.

Since this particular wrong-way accident occurred in Michigan, our Ohio attorneys, with Michigan co-counsel, were able to file suit out-of-state. But, working through the proper channels, we were able to settle with the insurance company, and our client was able to recover compensation amounting to $550,000.

A pending case that The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices are dealing with is a drunk driver in the US 23, Monroe Street strip ramb in Sylvania, Ohio. When the vehicle is on the wrong side of the road and is struck head-on by a drunk driver traveling the opposite way of traffic, Blood alcohol tests confirmed the wrong-way driver was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the accident. This man’s decision to drive under the influence and disregard for the safety of others ultimately resulted in our client’s daily truck, back, shoulder, and knee pain. The attorney’s office are working with the client, ensuring the appropriate claims are filed and the client is in the best possible position for the numerous medical expenses accrued.

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC can only wish that the number of Ohio wrong-way accidents could decrease. The years 2011 and 2012 were critical years where other drivers should have suffered to the life-changing injuries that our clients have been faced with.

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