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**Holiday Recipes**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Make merry from the comfort of your kitchen!**

**Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Honey and Ginger**

**Ingredients**
- 5 lbs. sweet potatoes
- 1/2 stick butter (1/4 cup)
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 1 1/2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 3/4 tsp. each salt and pepper

**Directions**
1. Pierce each potato one with a fork and place in jelly-roll pan.
2. Bake 50 minutes to 1 1/4 hours until very tender.
3. When cool, split and scrape pulp into a large bowl.
4. Add remaining ingredients; mash until smooth.
5. Spoon into serving bowl; garnish with parsley.

Makes 12 servings.

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**Welcome To Our New Attorney Nicholas Dodosh**

**The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices are proud to welcome Nicholas Dodosh to the practice as their newest attorney.**

Nick earned his undergraduate degree in political science and communication at Miami (Ohio) University before earning his Juris Doctor at The University of Akron. He was sworn in as an attorney in the state of Ohio on November 8.

While in law school, Nick was the assistant editor of the Akron Law Review and was on the Trial Team. He was also a law clerk at Reminger Co., LPA. He said he learned important skills during his time there that have prepared him for his career in law.

“Everything was defense-oriented, so I learned law from the other side,” he said. “Now I know how the defense will work, which is a huge benefit.”

Since taking a position with our law firm, Nick has moved from his native Cleveland to downtown Toledo. When he’s not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends and listening to music.

Attorney Chuck Boyk said he was impressed with Nick from the beginning.

“He’s very smart and organized,” Chuck said. “He has the potential to be a superstar attorney.”

Welcome, Nick!

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**Lawsuits Filed on Behalf Of Two Firm Clients**

Our office recently filed two separate lawsuits in U.S. District Court: one concerning the shooting death of Linda Hicks and one regarding the serious injury of Nathaniel Lewis.

The suits concern the shooting death of Linda Hicks on behalf of the estate of Ms. Hicks only.

We have filed these suits against the City of Toledo, the Toledo Police Department and Officer Diane Chandler (in her individual capacity) on behalf of both the estate of Ms. Hicks and Mr. Lewis. We have filed suit against Marria’s Adult Family Home.

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**Cases of Interest**

**our office is handling**

A car accident in Kentucky sent a 70-year-old Ohio woman to the hospital. She suffered a fractured pelvis and had to have a portion of her lower bowels removed. She was taken via ambulance from Kentucky back up to Ohio and is now a resident in a rehabilitation hospital program.

A pregnant mother was involved in an accident and lost her unborn child. She and two of her sons were passengers in a car that ran a red light and crashed. The sons suffered minor injuries; one is still treating for a knee injury. The mother, who also suffered a collapsed lung, was life-flighted from the scene.

A Virginia car accident caused injury to a female passenger in the vehicle. She suffered a broken wrist and pinkie and was taken from the scene to the hospital via EMS. She will have to consult with an orthopedic surgeon in Toledo.

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**The Boyk Bulletin**

Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC  Attorneys Charles Boyk, Mike Bruno and Nicholas Dodosh

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Hunting Injury Case Settles for $350,000

A client of the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices recently saw his case settle for $350,000. Our client was injured while out hunting with some friends. His companion’s gun accidentally discharged, and our client was shot in his ankle. The shot took out his Achilles’ tendon and shattered his ankle and heel. Following his injury, our client endured four surgeries. These removed bone fragments and put plates into his foot. He now has to wear a brace, can’t walk over uneven surfaces and can’t carry more than 20 pounds of weight. With his medical costs covered, our client was able to use some of his settlement to take care of other financial obligations. And even though his injury was a painful experience both physically and emotionally, he says he was glad it allowed him the opportunity to spend more time with his children.

Although his case was not necessarily an example of a typical settlement, our office was happy to be able to assist our client in getting the compensation he deserved following his accident. To read more about our office's hunting safety tips or to see more information about cases we have settled, visit www.CharlesBoyk-Law.com.

What Our Clients Are Saying

“Every time I came in everybody was very friendly. I would most definitely send someone here if they needed a lawyer.” – Alex B.

“Everyone was always very professional, they returned calls promptly and they answered all my questions.” – Patricia B.

“The best part about my experience was how we went from a meager offer to a greatly higher offer.” – Pamela D.

“They explained each step in the process and maximized results.” – Chad L.

Employee Spotlight

Ashley Henninger

I f you’ve called into our office lately, Ashley Henninger probably greeted you. Ashley spends three days a week with us here at the law firm. Her job doesn’t just end with answering phones, though.

“Ashley is a huge help to me,” said Paige Aten, marketing director. “She makes my job a lot easier and makes my days run a lot smoother.”

This is because Ashley has stepped into the role of a marketing assistant in addition to her responsibilities at the front desk. She writes blogs for several of the firm’s websites, sends welcome letters to new clients and helps with any other marketing tasks as they arise.

Ashley, who is a senior at UT double-majoring in marketing and professional sales, says she used her experiences in college and law school. Real world experiences, books, seminars, tapes, brainstorming with others and making mistakes have been the keys to my continued learning.

Find something you love to do and you’ll never work another day in your life. I love being an attorney and my kids tease me that work is just play for me.

Ramblings of a 52-Year-Old Man: Attorney Chuck Boyk’s Guide to a Happy Life

W hen I was 15 years old I was sure I had all the answers about life. In the 37 years since, though, I’ve realized that I’ve got a lot of work to do every day. My 15-year-old daughter Emily, who is “right about everything” (sound familiar?), constantly reminds me of my lack of knowledge.

Whatever my current knowledge level actually is, here are 10 lessons I’ve learned over the years that have made life more enjoyable:

1. Make goals in every area of your life and create a plan to accomplish each goal. Life without goals and plans is not productive.
2. Under-promise and over-deliver. Your credibility is everything. I try to accomplish this both as an attorney and in my personal life.
3. Spend time alone and just think and brainstorm. The best ideas and creativity come to an uncluttered mind.
4. Exercise daily. Your mental and physical health need it.
5. Go the extra mile. The people who get ahead do much more than just what is required. Extra work is an opportunity, not a burden, to the go-getter.
6. Continue to learn every day. I have acquired most of my knowledge since graduating college and law school. Real world experience, books, seminars, tapes, brainstorming with others and making mistakes have been the keys to my continued learning.
7. Find something you love to do and you’ll never work another day in your life. I love being an attorney and my kids tease me that work is just play for me.
8. Keep your word. Your reputation is crucial, and once it’s lost it’s almost impossible to get back.
9. Take intelligent risks and don’t follow the crowd. If you want to get ahead, taking the “safe” route will not distinguish you from the crowd.
10. Admit your mistakes. This is not easy but solving problems is more important than bruising your ego.