

The BOYK BULLETIN

Seven Years After Near-Fatal Accident, Boyk Law Client To Publish Memoir About Life-Changing Experiences



Author and Boyk Law client Aimee Ross

Aimee Ross was living a perfectly normal life raising three kids, married to her high school sweetheart, and teaching at her high school alma mater.

Life was perfect—right until it wasn't.

Unhappy in her marriage, Aimee asked for a divorce. Three days later, she suffered a heart attack at age forty-one. Five months after that, she survived a near-fatal car crash caused by an intoxicated driver.

Her physical recovery took months and left her body marked by scars. The emotional recovery, though, would take longer, as Aimee sought to forgive the man who almost killed her—and to forgive herself for tearing apart her family.

In March 2018, Aimee—who was represented by the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices after her car

accident—will release her first book, *Permanent Marker: A Memoir*, in which she chronicles how her life was transformed by her experiences in 2010.

In this Q&A, Aimee shares how her writing her book enabled her to process and heal from the traumas she endured.

What prompted you to write a memoir?

I had to understand what happened to me: Who had I been and who did I become? I knew I was different. I knew something life-changing had happened to me, and I needed to understand how it had affected me so deeply.

How did reliving your most painful experiences affect you? Did it feel therapeutic, or was it harder than you anticipated?

I've been working on this for more than six years, to tell the truth. When I first started writing, it was only about the accident. Before I knew it, the story of my divorce and heart attack was bubbling out of me without control. Within months, I realized that even though I'd chosen to get divorced, the heart attack and accident just happened to me; my first reaction was that karma was paying me back. Guilt made me wonder if I had deserved all of what happened, and ultimately, that's when I started asking the bigger questions of myself. As the book explains, writing most definitely became my therapy. I cried a lot and processed a lot. And thank goodness, because it worked.

What makes a great memoir?

A great memoir, no matter the writer's experience, makes you feel as if you have been through it with her. Not only does the writer have a voice that's relatable and realistic, her story has universal qualities that help you identify with it

while making you feel something.

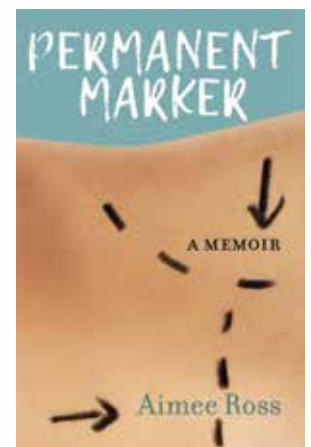
What's the primary takeaway you hope readers get from *Permanent Marker*?

Ultimately, I think we're all asking the same questions of ourselves: Why am I here? What is my purpose in life? How do I get through this struggle? Memoirs are the perfect genre to find possible answers in others' experiences to help us answer our own.

What would you say to someone who was facing a similar situation, like a car accident injury?

I would tell them not to be afraid to ask for help, because you can't do it alone. After my accident, my brother Brian connected with Chuck Boyk and his staff, and I'm still so grateful. Chuck's office made sure that everything was taken care of regarding medical costs, missing work, etc., and left no stone unturned. Having Chuck and his staff on my side allowed me to focus on my recovery and, as a result, heal so that I could tell my story.

Permanent Marker: A Memoir by Aimee Ross is available for pre-order now on Amazon.com and at KiCamProjects.com.



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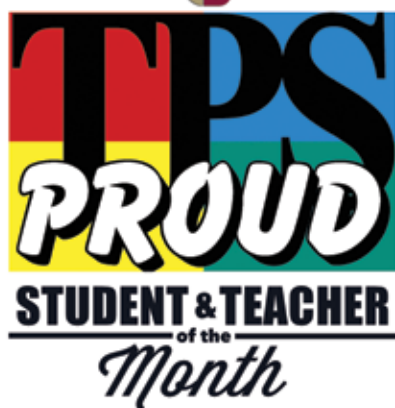
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TPS Proud Kicks Off at Sherman Elementary

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Twenty-five kids made heartwarming teacher appreciation videos this month as a kick-off of the TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest. All year long, the children will be asked to tell us about their favorite teachers by answering these questions:

■ **What is it about your teacher's class that you like so much?**

- **What do you think that he/she likes to do for fun when they are not in the classroom?**
- **What has he/she taught you that is going to stick with you for the rest of your life?**
- **If you could tell your teacher one thing, what would it be?**

As you can imagine, the kids, whose ages ran from five to fourteen, had hilarious answers and the videos are available to watch on our website, www.TPSProud.com. From those videos, we will choose one teacher to win a \$150 Visa gift card. The teachers are also currently nominating kids for Student of the Month and the winner will receive a pizza party for the whole class and a \$150 Visa gift card. Stay tuned to learn the winners and for more videos from our next TPS elementary, Birmingham!



Teriaunna Ferguson smiles during her Teachers Appreciation video interview



Boyk Law videographer Josh Nagel has Sherman students listen to audio during filming

RECIPE: Julia's French Apple Cake

This delightful fall treat is the perfect spin on traditional apple pie. Served warm or cold, it pairs nicely with homemade whipped cream.

INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 4 large apples
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons dark rum
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled

DIRECTIONS

1. Center a rack in the oven and preheat the oven to 350°F. Generously butter an 8-inch springform pan and put it on a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper and put the springform on it.
2. Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt together in small bowl.
3. Peel the apples, cut them in half and remove the cores. Cut the apples into 1- to 2-inch chunks.

4. In a medium bowl, beat the eggs with a whisk until they're foamy. Pour in the sugar and whisk for a minute or so to blend. Whisk in the rum and vanilla. Whisk in half the flour and when it is incorporated, add half the melted butter, followed by the rest of the flour and the remaining butter, mixing gently after each addition so that you have a smooth, rather thick batter. Switch to a rubber spatula and fold in the apples, turning the fruit so that it's coated with batter. Scrape the mix into the pan and poke it around a little with the spatula so that it's evenish.

5. Slide the pan into the oven and bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until the top of the cake is golden brown and a knife inserted deep into the center comes out clean; the cake may pull away from the sides of the pan. Transfer to a cooling rack and let rest for 5 minutes.

6. Carefully run a blunt knife around the edges of the cake and remove the sides of the springform pan. (Open the springform slowly, and before it's fully opened, make sure there

aren't any apples stuck to it.) Allow the cake to cool until it is just slightly warm or at room temperature. If you want to remove the cake from the bottom of the springform pan, wait until the cake is almost cooled, then run a long spatula between the cake and the pan, cover the top of the cake with a piece of parchment or wax paper, and invert it onto a rack. Carefully remove the bottom of the pan and turn the cake over onto a serving dish.



Boyk Law Receptionist Repels Down 16-Story Building to Raise Money for Cancer Victims

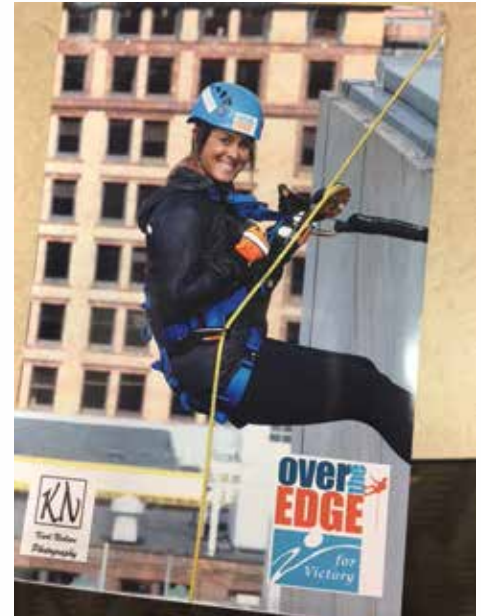
Boyk Law is so proud of the “face” and “voice” of the firm, receptionist Emily Revenaugh. What she recently did for the Victory Center only proves that the kindness and friendly service she gives every single person who calls or visits the office is genuine and heartfelt.

Emily had a personal goal to raise \$1000 for cancer research and repel down the side of the skyscraper across from our office. Emily exceeded her goal and had the whole office cheering for her - including the office dogs! Read Emily's own words on this awesome event:

“I recently signed up for Over the Edge Rappel Challenge, which supports The Victory Center to benefit cancer patients and survivors. The event takes place at The Toledo Edison Building on September 8th. The first 80 individuals to raise a minimum of \$1,000 will earn a spot to go Over the Edge for Victory. All money raised helps provide free programs and services at The Victory Center in Toledo, Ohio so that no cancer patient, survivor or family member has to face the cancer journey alone. Cancer

has played a huge role in my life, I have lost family members to cancer, but on a positive note, I also have family members that have won the fight against cancer. I am asking for everyone's support in donating in this event, any amount will help and be appreciated more than you know! Please visit The Victory Center's website to learn more about their amazing program!”

Awesome job, Emily! You are so inspiring!



Above: Emily doing the Over the Edge Rappel Challenge at The Toledo Edison Building

Left: Emily with 'Team Emily' at the office

CASES OF INTEREST: OCTOBER 2017

Head-On Car Accident Leaves Entire Family Injured

Our clients suffered multiple injuries after another car went left of center, striking their car head-on. The father suffered a foot fracture that will need surgery to repair and the mother loss consciousness at the scene and suffered a traumatic brain injury. One son had to have 25 stitches in his face for which he is still under the care of a plastic surgeon, and suffered a fractured right hand and dental injuries. Their other son had serious bruising and had to see emergency room dentists to treat the trauma to his mouth.

Woman Faces Permanent Hair Loss After Being Left Under Steamer Too Long At A Local Salon

Third degree burns left a seven-centimeter hole in our client's scalp after a steam processor at a local salon allegedly malfunctioned. She faces the need for multiple plastic surgeries and skin grafting to repair the damage, which will also leave her with permanent hair loss at the injury site, in addition to severe stress and anxiety about the situation.

Husband & Father Passes Away After Doctors Miss Heart Attack Warning Signs

A farmer who was otherwise healthy and in good shape was experiencing warning signs indicative of serious cardiac problems. He consulted his doctor right away, but instead of having the man undergo immediate testing, the physician ordered the tests to be done the following week. The man passed away the next day from a heart attack that experts believe could have easily been prevented.



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October's Review of the the Month

“Top marks for Boyk Law! At every step in the process of achieving a fair settlement Chuck and his capable staff demonstrated an intense attention to detail. I’m very pleased with the outcome and would recommend them without hesitation. Injured in an automobile accident? Call Charles Boyk.” – James Kernz



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Dogs Doing Good

Penny watches as Pierson and Amyah Ibarra choose a prize out of the office Toy Chest



Boyk Law Intake Specialist Jodi Lorigan's daughter, Teagan, introduces her Great Dane Mastiff, Lily, to Madonna the Mud Hen during the “Bring Your Dog to the Game Day”

