

The **BOYK** BULLETIN

# Don't Let Social Media Destroy Your Injury Case



These days, almost everyone uses some kind of social media, posting and sharing things throughout the day. By posting pictures, stories, and memes, we create a digital story for ourselves, and we share it with anyone who can find us online. If you have a personal injury claim, your profile can become the insurance company or defense attorney's first impression of you. If that isn't a good impression, your profiles can become evidence against you. Here are a few ways social media can hurt a case:

**Posts – Writing about the accident, medical treatment, or physical condition in a way that is inconsistent with the claims.**

- **Example 1:** Someone claims they cannot work out the way they used to, but posts about going to the gym and

training for a race.

- **Example 2:** Someone claims they had pain immediately after the accident, but they posted right after the accident to say they were fine.

**Pictures – Photos showing someone doing an activity they have claimed they cannot do or living a lifestyle inconsistent with what they have claimed.**

- **Example 1:** Someone claims they have constant back pain, but posts photos of themselves on roller coasters at Cedar Point.
- **Example 2:** Someone claims they cannot live a normal life, but posts pictures of themselves out to dinner with friends or on vacation.

**Memes – Sharing memes that make it seem like the injured person is only interested in money.**



Meme Example 1

**Being rude – First impressions matter, and it can be hurtful if a profile is full of obscenity, slurs, or inconsiderate behavior.**

- **Example 1:** Getting in verbal altercations and seeming disagreeable.
- **Example 2:** Insulting people or using disrespectful or abusive language.

Our social media profiles tell a story about who we are and what our lives are like. You don't want your profiles to tell a different story than the one you are telling in your case. The best way to avoid issues is not to post at all during a claim, or at the very least to avoid posting anything about the accident or injuries. Think of it this way: You are the star of your personal injury claim, and your posts and tweets are under scrutiny the same way any other star's are. Be careful, and don't let your social media profiles become Exhibit A in the defense's case.



Meme Example 2

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# Boyk Law Teams Up With Lake High School's Boys Soccer Team

In August of 2018, the firm was approached to sponsor the Lake High School (Millbury, Ohio) boys soccer program. The team, in their first year of being led by head coach Brian Reed, knew very early on that their season would involve more than just training and playing soccer. Coach Reed is a firm believer in the development of not just great soccer players, but also well-rounded individuals who are involved in their community and giving back. The firm jumped right in. There were so many benefits, including the positive contribution to the community, the impact on the soccer program, the investment in the players and development of the youth in our area. It just so happens that one of the players, Caleb Thomas (#17), is also an employee of the firm and responsible for retiring closed files, making court runs and miscellaneous errands for the office.

*(left) Boyk employee and Lake soccer player, Caleb Thomas*



*(right) Lake High Schools boys soccer team.*

On Thursday, October 18, 2018, Boyk Law Offices together with the Lake Boys Soccer team, came together to give something back to the community and make a difference to those around them. Being able to work together as a team, both on and off the field, is a great asset of a well-rounded player and individual. The benefits of team volunteering are practically endless. Not only did the boys have the opportunity to give back to the community, they grew together as a group, and on a personal level, empowered their own self-worth. Below are some pictures of the boys out serving the community handing out food, clothing and toiletry items to those in need. Boyk Law Offices and Lake Boys Soccer are looking forward to their next volunteering event in November. If you or someone you know are looking for volunteers to help with a charity or event, please contact Nancy Thomas at our office to see if we can be available to help.



## RECIPE: Katie's Cheese Jalapeno Cornbread

*Best enjoyed with a bowl of hot chili.  
Perfect for fall!*

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons of butter or bacon grease
- 1 cup of cornmeal
- 1 cup whole wheat flour (or white flour)
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1 ¼ cups buttermilk
- 1 jalapeno minced ( remove seeds first for less heat)
- ½ cup grated cheddar or pepper jack cheese
- ½ cup corn kernels (thawed and drained first if frozen)

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Melt the butter or fat in a cast iron skillet ( or 8x8 square pan)
- Whisk together dry ingredients in a bowl.
- Whisk egg and buttermilk in another bowl or large measuring cup.
- Briefly mix the wet ingredients in to the dry ingredients then add jalapeno, corn, and cheese and mix completely. Pour the batter into the skillet
- Bake for 20-25 minutes.
- Cut into 8 wedges (or 9 squares)
- Serve warm with butter.



# TPS Proud Student & Teacher of the Month for October Celebrated At Riverside Elementary

“I nominated Ms. Leonard because she’s nice and she’s encouraging. Whenever you’re feeling down, she says nice things about you. She cares how you feel and if you tell her somethings wrong, she fixes it immediately. She’s one of those teachers that doesn’t play around, she’s just really nice. She came to our volleyball game against Bowsler to support us and it was really nice to see her face there. She really cares about your feelings and she’s the best teacher ever. I’ve told her that a million times. When I get older I can look back and remember Ms. Leonard was a really great teacher and she taught me a lot of things. She was my language arts teacher and I know how to read and write and talk better because of her. She made a big impact on my 7th grade year. It will help when I get older to look back and think ‘wow I really had the best teacher ever in 7th grade.’”

– *Camarieyah White*



*Teacher of the Month, Ruth Leonard*

“I am nominating Shalaya Jordan for her flawless transition into a new classroom. Shalaya came to Riverside after the first part of the school year. She was placed in a general education classroom at first. Once her IEP came to the school, her placement was to be in a self-contained special education classroom. She has been pleasant, helpful, and eager to learn. When she returns to the classroom from mainstreaming for science and social studies, she is excited to share what she has learned. She gets along well with her peers, is respectful to adults, and is a dedicated student. For these reasons, I nominate her for this honor.” – *Sherrie Spencer*



*Teacher, Sherrie Spencer and Student of the Month winner, Shalaya Jordan*

## CASES OF INTEREST: NOVEMBER 2018

### Woman Has Full Hysterectomy After Severe Reaction To Birth Control Device, Essure

Boyk Law is helping women who have suffered injuries as a result of the birth control device, Essure. One of our clients experienced a variety of side effects including fainting, dental problems, severe abdominal pain and heavy bleeding. Eventually, a full hysterectomy was necessary to remove the device and alleviate the woman’s symptoms .

### Woman Suffers Traumatic Brain Injury After Being Rear-Ended By Pickup Truck

Our client was at a complete stop when a pick-up truck going 55mph slammed into her vehicle, resulting in a traumatic brain injury. She has experienced confusion, memory loss, and mood swings that have required extensive treatment with various specialists. She continues her fight towards a full recovery.

### Man Parked On Shoulder Of I-75 Is Struck By Another Vehicle

While pulled over on the side of the highway with a flat tire, our client was struck by another driver who lost control of their vehicle. He was taken by ambulance to a trauma center with several potentially life-threatening cervical and vertebrae injuries keeping him in ICU for a week following the accident. He has already undergone 2 surgeries and faces ongoing medical treatment and the possibility of more surgical procedures in the future.



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## November's Raving Fan of the Month

**"I never felt alone in my situation. Whenever I had a concern or problem with my case there was ALWAYS someone there to answer or handle my concern or problem."**

*- Esha H.*

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## Roundup Weed Killer Linked to Cancer

Roundup is one of the world's most widely used weed killers, and possibly the most dangerous. A California jury awarded \$289 million in damages to a plaintiff in California who developed Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after his extended use of the popular herbicide. Monsanto, the manufacturer of Roundup, has downplayed the risks of the product despite studies that link its main ingredient glyphosate, to cancer.

In 2015 the World Health Organization International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) conducted a study that found glyphosate to be "probably carcinogenic to humans". Despite this finding and several other studies linking Roundup to cancer, this product remains on the market, leaving the public at risk.

**If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or other types of cancer after using Roundup, please don't hesitate to call our office at**

**888.888.2110 to speak with an attorney or visit [boyklaw.com](http://boyklaw.com) for more information.**

