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Mourning and Celebrating One of Toledo's Great Attorneys: Timothy C. James, 1954-2019

— by Katie R. Harris



As lawyers, we have a job that is adversarial by nature. It can be quite contentious, and lawyers do not always “play nicely” with each other. Luckily, sometimes we come across the rare person who is a joy to know

and work with even though that person’s job is fighting against us on cases. Tim James, a 30-year partner of the Toledo insurance defense firm Ritter, Robinson, McCready & James, Ltd., was one of those rare people. With his recent passing, we are mourning the loss of a brilliant legal mind, an honest and compassionate adversary, and a friend.

Tim was one of Chuck’s frequent and favorite adversaries, and Chuck will miss him greatly. “This is very, very sad,” Chuck said on learning that Tim had passed away, “Tim was a fantastic attorney and better person. It was always fun to talk to him and be around him. He was like a big kid. I loved getting cases with him because it meant I got to spend time with him, and I always knew he was going to be fair.” Attorney Mike Bruno remembers Tim as “one of the good ones for sure” and always enjoyed his company, while Attorney Leah Michael adds, “We lost a great man. He was a magnificent person. It’s truly

heartbreaking.”

I knew Tim James in a different way than the other members of our team did because I worked for him before I joined Boyk Law about a year ago. Although I changed jobs to represent plaintiffs, I am immensely grateful to have worked with and learned from Tim, and I could not have picked a better mentor for my early years of private practice. He taught me how to be a good lawyer while also being a good person, and that it was possible to be a fierce and successful litigator while staying humble and maintaining a sense of both humor and compassion.

I’ll never forget the mischievous look on Tim’s face in June 2017 when he asked me, “How busy are you?” before delivering several huge boxes of papers to my office floor and asking me to help him learn a new-to-us case that was going to trial in August. I will also never forget him popping in my office doorway those summer evenings to happily announce that he was going home “to ride bikes with Marianne”, his wife of almost forty years. He would remind me not to stay too late on those beautiful days, and I knew he meant it because being with family was a priority for him and he valued it for his associates as well. He knew we could learn the case backwards and forwards and win at

trial without sacrificing our most important relationships. Those months were some of the busiest of my life, but I wouldn’t trade them for anything because working almost exclusively on that case meant I spent almost all day every day working closely with Tim, and nothing could have been better.

I have never met anyone who didn’t like and respect Tim James, even among those who were his most aggressive opponents. That is exceedingly rare among regular people and even rarer among lawyers, but that was just Tim. He lived his life and practiced law with humor and friendship, and he has been universally loved for it.

The Northwest Ohio legal community and the world are sadder places without Tim here, but so much richer overall because of the time he gave us. I miss him tremendously, but more than anything I feel proud and lucky to have known him. Working with him, knowing him, and laughing with him changed me for the better, and I will strive to spend my entire career practicing law in a way that would make Tim proud.

If we all practiced law and lived life like Tim James, the world would be a better place.

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Hockey Player & His Family Seek Justice After Coach's Actions Caused A Serious Fracture & Kidney Injury



Josh Bisson

When parents watch their children play sports, they leave a lot to trust. They trust that the coaches for every team will be well-trained, that player safety will be a top priority even for opposing team coaches, and that the coaches will not allow preoccupation with the score to interfere with their responsibilities to the children under their care. Unfortunately for the Bisson family, their trust was betrayed when the Sylvania North Stars played the Plymouth Stingrays at the Huntington Center last February.

Hockey is part of who the Bisson family is, including 14-year-old Josh. Born in Canada,

Josh has been playing hockey since he was 3. By the time he was 13, he was a skilled player for the AAA Sylvania North Stars. Based on Josh's talents, he and his parents had every reason to anticipate that he would earn a place on a Detroit or Maryland AAA travel team after the 2017-2018 hockey season, setting the stage for even more success in the future. That dream ended during an exhibition game between the North Stars and the Plymouth Stingrays.

The game started out very well. Sylvania went up to a 4-0 lead in first period and led the Stingrays 6-2 in the third period. As the North Stars built and maintained their impressive lead, the game became increasingly chippy, and a coach on Plymouth's bench door could be heard yelling at players from all the way across the arena. With less than two minutes to play in the game, Josh saw an opportunity. He broke away with the puck, skating fast along the boards toward Plymouth's goal. A Plymouth player was in hot pursuit, skating in fast to put a solid hit on Josh to prevent yet another North Stars goal. As the Stingrays player pursued Josh, it was obvious he would check Josh in front of or immediately near the Stingrays' bench door. No other players were near them on the ice, and nothing indicated a line change was about to occur for either team.

Right before the inevitable hard hit on Josh, the Plymouth assistant coach cracked the Stingrays' bench door and then opened the door wide for no reason, exposing the edges and corners of the wall.

Then the hit came, slamming Josh directly into the exposed danger. He was thrown backwards and fell hard, unable to finish the game. It was clear even at the Huntington Center that Josh's collar bone was broken, but an even scarier situation developed later that afternoon as Josh continued to vomit and complain of stomach pain. Within half an hour of returning home from urgent care, the Bissos rushed Josh back to the emergency room because he had started urinating dark blood. Tests at the ER revealed that Josh had a grade four kidney laceration – the worst level a kidney laceration can be before the kidney is considered shattered.

The Bissos came to Boyk Law last summer and we recently filed suit in federal court in Toledo. Based on the evidence, the Plymouth coach opened the bench door in front of an active play for no reason whatsoever when he should have known better. Opening that door in front of an imminent hit exposed Josh to extraordinary risks well beyond what you would expect in hockey, and it never should have happened. Far from making player safety a top priority, the Plymouth coach showed absolutely no care for the players on the ice, and Josh was badly hurt because of it.

Boyk Law hopes to secure justice for Josh and his family, and to send a message to all youth sports organizations that they should take stock of what really matters – the safety of players entrusted to their care – so that fewer players in the future will be injured by reckless, wanton acts that never should have happened.

RECIPE: Brazilian Requeijao Cremoso

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups milk
- 1 cup corn starch
- 2 cups grated good quality Parmesan cheese
- 2 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3 tablespoons butter, unsalted
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups of heavy cream
- Salt to taste

DIRECTIONS

Start by dissolving the corn starch in the milk. In a medium pot, combine the milk/corn starch mixture, the butter, the mozzarella and the parmesan. Bring to a boil, over medium high heat, stirring constantly, until the cheese melts and the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes.

Transfer to the blender and add one cup of heavy cream. Blend until smooth, adding more heavy cream as necessary for a consistency similar to sweetened condensed milk.

Taste for seasoning and add salt if necessary.

Use immediately or refrigerate for up to a week.



Recall of Blood Pressure Medications Expanded Over Carcinogen Concerns



Since July 2018, multiple pharmaceutical companies have recalled blood pressure medication containing **valsartan and losartan**. In January 2019, that recall was expanded yet again. The recalls stem from concerns that the products may be contaminated with **N-Nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA)** and **N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)**. The FDA has announced that NDEA and NDMA are classified as probable human carcinogens as per the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Patients taking medications containing **valsartan or losartan** should contact their pharmacist or physician who can advise them whether their medication is affected by the recall and if so, what alternative medications may be available.

Our firm continues to investigate cancer cases that could be related to impurities within these drugs. Call 888-888-2110 to report cancer, liver injury, or other side effects that you have experienced that think may be related to taking these recalled medications.

LOCAL SCREEN PRINTER GIVES BACK TO THE 4-1-9

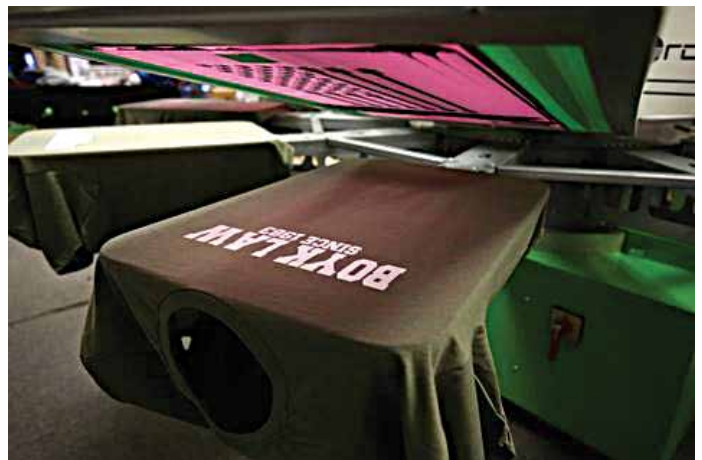


Lateral Gig, Toledo's newest locally owned and operated business, is your one stop shop for bulk order screen printing and unique apparel to show your love for the 4-1-9. The owner, Katie, currently a global B2B media buyer at Communicas world headquarters, started Lateral Gig as a way to help others raise money for their causes. After launching in Fall of 2017, Lateral Gig has raised over \$20,000 for local community members, organizations and groups in need. This past Christmas season, Lateral Gig made Toledo Christmas Weed t-shirts and donated \$5.00 from every shirt sold to the 12 Kids of Christmas program which provides Christmas presents to kids in

need. Katie has a strong passion for Toledo and is always looking for ways to give back to the community she loves so much.

Lateral Gig prints all apparel in house and provides customized high-quality apparel and city swag for businesses, groups, and individuals. If you've been in our office lately, you have probably seen our new Boyk Law shirts. These shirts were made by Lateral Gig and we couldn't be happier with the product and quality work. Stop in the office to get your very own Boyk Law shirt.

Be sure to check out all that Lateral Gig has to offer. The website is lateralgig.com or you can visit their newly opened storefront location at 329 North Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604.



CASES OF INTEREST: MARCH 2019

Hundreds of Veterans Contact Our Firm Over Defective Earplugs

Over about a two-week period, more than 400 military veterans reached out to us regarding service-related hearing injuries they suffered following use of 3M's Dual-Ended Combat Arms Earplugs. The earplugs, which were issued to soldiers to protect them from loud combat-related noises, were defective. 3M agreed to pay the U.S. government millions to settle claims that it fraudulently sold the military defective earplugs. Our firm is committed to fighting against 3M on behalf of these men and women who served our country.

Perrysburg Man Hit by Distracted Driver Undergoes Spinal Surgery

A driver was admittedly "gawking" at a car accident when he caused a second, very serious accident by slamming into the rear of a stopped vehicle. The collision left a very healthy 44-yr. old man with serious neck injuries. Our client was required to undergo a cervical fusion to repair the damage. While his physicians are hopeful, the extent of how our client's injuries will permanently affect him is still unknown at this time.

88-Year-Old Crashes Into Rudy's Hot Dog, Injures Drive-Thru Worker

According to police, an 88-year-old woman was behind the wheel of her car at Rudy's when she accidentally hit the gas, jumped the curb, and smashed into the drive-thru area. The accident, which was caught on video, left one Rudy's employee seriously injured. The 42-yr. old employee has had to undergo a fusion on her lumber spine and has been unable to work since the accident.



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March's Raving Fan of the Month

"Turn it over to Boyk Law Offices – they'll take care of it. You give the details and they'll do the rest!"

– Deborah C.

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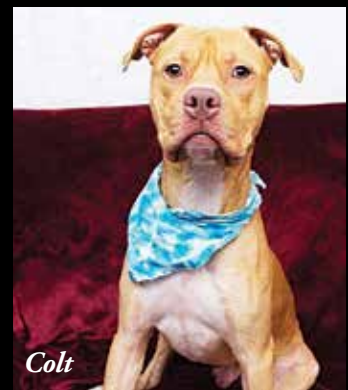
Boyk's Featured Pups!

Our office loves visiting the Lucas County Canine Care and Control Shelter. During our most recent visit we got to meet a couple special canines, and now we get to introduce them to you! Meet Colt and Hooch. To help these pups find homes, Boyk Law will pay the adoption fees associated with adopting Colt or Hooch. Check out what LC4 has to say about them and please go meet them! Don't forget to check our Newsletter every month for our next featured dogs!

Colt is an energetic and playful boy at only 1 year old! His favorite pastimes include anything to do with treats, playing fetch, and belly rubs. At the end of a long day he likes to relax on the couch and watch some Paw Patrol. Now, all he's missing is that special someone to watch with him!

Handsome Hooch is in search of his Turner. Don't let the gray on the muzzle fool you, this boy is only about 4 years old. He is such a gentleman no matter what he does. He loves to take walks and does great on the leash, and he is Mr. Popular in the morning playgroups at the shelter. He recently went on a sleepover with a volunteer and he was said to be a "perfect gentleman" in the home. Let's find Hooch a happy home.

To meet these pups please contact:
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Colt



Hooch