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## Bikes for Kids 2019 – Boyk Law's Best Giveaway is Back for the Summer!

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With summer coming up fast and May being Bicycle Safety Month, there couldn't be a more perfect time to announce the start of Boyk Law's 2019 Bikes for Kids Program! Boyk Law originally launched this contest in 2009 to promote bicycle safety and recognize deserving children in the Northwest Ohio community. Since then we have given away more than 70 bikes. Along with each bike, we also give away a helmet and lock so that we can encourage kids to be active and get outside during the summer months while also playing safely. As we move into the time of year when everyone wants to be outside, it's an important time to remember that bicycle safety is critical for everyone, and studies show that bicycle helmets dramatically reduce the risk of traumatic brain injury and death.

During the 10-week Bikes for Kids program, we give away 10 bikes from Wersell's Bike Shop to 10 deserving kids. This year, those bikes will be given away each week beginning on June 9 and ending August 15. In addition to the bike, each winner also receives a free helmet and lock, which are generously donated by Wersell's. As a bonus, the winning kids will also be invited to the WTOL studios to share their experience on the air!

The team here at Boyk Law could not be happier to bring this program back to the community and we can't wait to get started. "We created Bikes for Kids as a way to pay tribute to the great kids in Northwest Ohio who do things both big and small for others," says Attorney Chuck Boyk, "Not every child has the opportunity to do something huge that creates major change, but all kids have the opportunity to take minor steps in their own lives that positively impact those around them. We wanted to celebrate the extraordinary that can come from the ordinary."

Starting now, we encourage parents, grandparents, teachers, family members, and family friends to enter a deserving child into the Bikes for Kids contest by telling us in 150 words or less why the child deserves a bike. Kids can be nominated by anyone for any reason, whether that be for having a positive impact in their community or for persevering in the face of adversity. From the nominations, we will present the 10 children with the most compelling stories with their free bikes!

Past winners have included a girl who founded an anti-bullying organization, a boy who stepped into harm's way and was seriously injured saving a toddler from a dog attack, and refugees from war-torn Syria. We have also given bikes to a little girl battling stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer, a boy who overcame life-threatening injuries and then lost everything in a house fire, and a boy who used his lemonade stand money to donate over 20 bags of dog food to Lucas County Canine Care & Control.

It is our goal to get a record number of nominations this year, so if you know a special child who has had a positive impact on others or in the community, or who has overcome adversity, please visit our website today to tell us about them! Together, we can celebrate the kids who make a difference to others by making a difference for them and making their summer a special one!



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## Boyk Law Welcomes New Marketing Director, Kristen Johnson!



All of us here at Boyk Law are proud to introduce our new Marketing Director, Kristen Johnson. Kristen completed her undergraduate degree at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan, where she triple-majored in Advertising, Marketing, and Business Management. She later went on to earn her MBA at Eastern Michigan.

Kristen worked extensively in the marketing and advertising field for the past seven years before joining our team. She spent five years working on the agency side for nationwide retailers, bankruptcy attorneys, and automotive clients including Harley Davidson. She then worked as CRM Marketing Manager at La-Z-Boy's headquarters in her hometown of Monroe, Michigan before joining our team at Boyk Law earlier this year.

Describing how she feels in her new position, Kristen says, "I love how creative, experienced, and intelligent our attorneys are and how they're always striving to continue their learning and education. I also love how customer-service focused we are as a firm. Everyone is always thinking client first, and our firm is always working towards the best resolution for our clients while staying honest and compassionate."

In her spare time, Kristen is an avid wakeboarder who lives on the water from May until October. She also loves gardening and landscaping and recently moved to Erie, Michigan with her fiancé Andrew, their two dogs Larry and Rossi, and their cat Occhi. Here at Boyk Law, we could not be happier to have Kristen with us. She fits seamlessly into our team and has fantastic ideas for how to help us improve while focusing on the things that matter most to our firm. We can't wait to see how her experience and energy help all of us and our clients!







### RECIPE: Strawberry Banana Cheesecake Salad

Did you know May is National Strawberry Month? In honor of that, you should try this amazing recipe!

#### **STIR TOGETHER:**

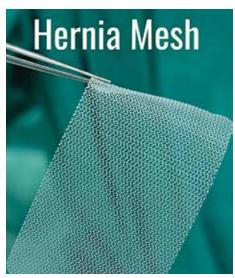
- 1 bag of miniature marshmallows
- 16 oz of vanilla yogurt
- 1 regular size tub of cool whip
- I package of no bake cheese cake filling (just add in and mix with rest of ingredients- don't actually make the mix)

#### **STIR IN:**

- 1-2 containers of sliced up strawberries
- 3-4 sliced up bananas

Other fruits can be substituted or added as desired. Best served chilled.





The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) estimates there are over one million hernia repairs each year. Many hernia repairs use surgical mesh, which can be made out of several different materials, to add support to the weakened tissue. Unfortunately, mesh implants can also cause a variety of severe side effects, including perforation, migration, and infection, among others.

Tens of thousands have filed product liability lawsuits against mesh manufactures. While manufacturers continue to claim their products are not defective, they have settled more than 50,000 hernia mesh cases for a total of more than \$1 billion. Our firm has successfully resolved numerous mesh cases and is committed to continuing to hold these manufacturers liable.

Who may have a claim: If you or a loved one underwent laparoscopic hernia surgery with mesh between 2010 -2016, had complications that required revision or removal of the mesh, you may have a claim. Contact us for a free consultation.

## Boyk Law Takes On Growing Number of Sexual Assault Cases



Recently, we have noticed a growing trend of sexual assault survivors coming forward to seek justice. Here at Boyk Law, we could not more humbled by the trust these people place in us, and we are proud to stand beside them as they pursue civil claims against the people who violated them or the entities that failed to protect them.

We have noticed that these types of cases tend to fall into one of a few categories. In some cases, a person in a position of trust like a doctor or teacher abuses and uses that relationship to assault patients or students. In other cases, a family member or family friend takes advantage of having frequent contact with the victim. A third category of cases involves an entity's failure to protect the victim from another person – such as a school failing to protect against a teacher's assault or a medical facility failing to protect someone from another patient.

Whatever the situation, we are here to help survivors of sexual assault navigate the

legal process of seeking justice through civil claims and the courts for what they have suffered at the hands of their assailants. We can help them decide the kind of claims involved, ensure they are getting the psychological treatment they need, and aggressively pursue the people who have wronged them. While we cannot undo the past, we can fight for them to make sure their voices are heard and believed.

If you are a sexual assault survivor or know someone who is, please reach out to our office. Our compassionate team of legal professionals stands ready to help you and be your voice as you explore your legal options and fight for justice.

## CASES OF INTEREST: MAY 2019

#### Three Motorists Dead, Others Seriously Injured After Semi Plows into Stopped Traffic

Tragedy struck on I-280, when an inattentive semi-truck driver plowed into stopped traffic. The impact of the tractor-trailer set off a domino effect of collisions before the semi finally careened off the side of the road and overturned. Three members of a Gibsonburg, Ohio family were killed after their Jeep was struck and caught fire. Many others were seriously injured. The impact from the collision crushed our client's vehicle, pushing him more than 300 feet. After emergency crews were finally able to extract him, he was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital - having suffered traumatic brain injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who were injured, and particularly with the family of those who lost their lives in this tragedy.

#### Michigan Woman Crushed by Falling Drywall Stack

Our 31-year-old client and her husband were in the process of building a home. Their contractor invited the couple to come and inspect the construction. While on site, a stack of unsecured drywall unexpectedly shifted and fell on our client, crushing/breaking her leg. The stacked drywall had been setup vertically, on edge, against a framed wall. The stack of 18 drywall sheets weighed nearly 1000 pounds. However, when tipped over, the dynamic load of the stack was as much as 6000 pounds on impact. It is a known and potentially fatal danger to stack and place drywall on its edge unless it is properly secured against tipping or falling. Our client has undergone one surgical repair and has been left with permanent injuries as a result of the contractor's negligence.

#### One Killed, Another Seriously Injured in Deadly I-75 Crash

Our firm is representing the family of a young man who was killed in a three-vehicle crash that shut down part of I-75 for more than four hours. According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, a semi-truck truck driver suddenly switched lanes on I-75 and slammed into the rear of the vehicle our client was a passenger in. The impact sent the vehicle across lanes, where it was hit by another truck. The vehicle rolled into the median and caught fire. Rescue crews raced to the scene, extracted the driver and our client, and life-flighted them to the hospital. Our client remained in a coma for nearly 10 days before he passed away from the trauma. Distracted driving by the semi-truck driver is a suspected cause of the accident.

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## May's Raving Fan of the Month

"Got me almost exactly 100 times what the insurance company initially offered me. Accessible, friendly, top notch staff. Thanks Mike Bruno and staff for a job well done!" - Brian Schwartz

#### New address or phone number? Help us stay current by letting us know! Call Sarah Sharpe at (419) 241-1395 or e-mail her at marketing@charlesboyk-law.com

## **Boyk's Pawsome Shelter Pups!**

'Scuse me, did you say "senior??" This delightful pup is eight years young, and the word "senior" is found nowhere in his vocabulary - he prefers to be called "mature." His body may look aged, but his heart is all puppy. If Blu could be described in one word, it would be HAPPY! He loves to show off his tricks, such as sit, stay, down, and roll over in exchange for some tasty treats, which he accepts ever so gently. He enjoys playing and going for walks, and does great on a leash. If you are looking for a best friend, playmate, and cuddle bug who knows the ropes, Blu may just be your guy.

Hi, I'm Toby and oh how I've been looking for you! I heard you enjoy long, peaceful walks and hanging out at the park. Me too! Don't mind if I look deep into your eyes. I'm just a big lover and kinda known as being the thoughtful, sensitive type. Did u mention squeaky toys?! Cuz they are my favorite! But I'm always up for cuddle time on the couch with some relaxing music.

To help these adorable pooches quickly find their fur-ever families, our office will pay the adoption fees associated with adopting with one of these dogs.

To meet these pups please contact: Lucas County Canine Care & Control 410 S Erie St, Toledo, OH 43604 (419) 213-2800 lucascountydogs.com





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