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## Boyk Law Announces Addition of Preeminent Personal Injury Attorney Sam Bolotin Of-Counsel



*Sam Bolotin*

At Boyk Law Offices, our number one goal is providing clients with the best legal services in Northwest Ohio. That's why we could not be happier to announce that as of November 11, Sam Bolotin has joined our office of-counsel. This incredibly exciting development will allow us to provide expanded, top-rate legal services to injured people all throughout Northwest Ohio.

A licensed attorney for more than 40 years, Sam

Bolotin is a board-certified civil trial specialist and has been selected for membership in the following organizations: Super Lawyers, Superb Rating by AVVO, National Board of Civil Trial Advocates, Top 100 American Trial Lawyers Association, Million Dollar Advocate Forum, Michigan Master Lawyer, and Top One Percent of the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. He has also been inducted as a Life Member of Trial Masters. With his excellent history of successfully representing thousands of plaintiffs in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan, Sam brings a wealth of experience and insight to the Boyk Law Offices.

Our founder Chuck Boyk has built one of Ohio's leading personal injury firms by bringing together a team of highly talented, highly rated attorneys who share his commitment to helping others. Today, our firm is a dynamic one with unmatched expertise, an innovative, technology-based infrastructure, strong community connections, and a set of core values that places client service at the very top. With the addition of Sam Bolotin to our team, we now have unparalleled opportunities to use our combined resources, legal talent,

and experience to better serve all existing and future clients, providing excellent representation to anyone who has suffered a personal injury.

Speaking enthusiastically about Sam joining the firm, Chuck said, "We are committed to being one of the leading plaintiff's law firms in this region and to providing our clients with the best legal service and value available. As we consistently evaluate growth opportunities to serve those in need, this is an ideal opportunity. Sam Bolotin is one of the premier personal injury lawyers in Ohio. Adding his knowledge and skills to our highly talented team is fantastic for our clients."

Please join us in welcoming Sam to the Boyk Law team as we close out this year stronger than ever and poised for a fantastic 2020!



*Sam Bolotin in one of his TV commercials*

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# Update: FDA Test Results Find Cancer-Causing Asbestos in J&J Baby Powder

In October of this year, Johnson & Johnson disclosed that a government test had turned up cancer-causing asbestos in its baby powder. The results led to a recall of tens of thousands of bottles of the product.

It turns out the FDA had contracted with a private Maryland lab to test an unmarked substance for asbestos. After the results determined the product did in fact contain asbestos, it was disclosed that the product was J&J Baby Powder. It also turns out that the lab that performed the tests is run by an expert that J&J has repeatedly hired and used in its defense against claims that there is no cancer-causing asbestos in their talc products.

Despite the test being conducted by its own expert, J&J immediately sought to discredit the test results. J&J commissioned another lab to perform testing on its baby powder. However, that lab disclosed that it also found asbestos in the talc samples J&J supplied. Controversy continued

to develop as the lab has since publicly declared that the talc must have been contaminated by an air-conditioning unit inside its testing room.

The U.S. Justice Department initiated a criminal investigation into whether Johnson & Johnson lied to the public about the possible cancer risks of its talcum powder. The company has a history of perpetuating fraud for profit – requiring it to shell out billions of dollars over the past several years to resolve federal criminal fraud actions against it.

Thousands of lawsuits have been filed against J&J claiming their talc products cause cancer and to date, juries have awarded billions to claimants.



Our firm has a dedicated team that handles product liability cases. If you have used J&J talcum powder products and developed ovarian cancer or mesothelioma, we want to help you. Please call us for a free and confidential consultation.

## Recipe Santa's Favorite Festive Cookie Trees

### INGREDIENTS

#### Cookies

- 3/4 c. unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 2 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt

#### Frosting

- 1 c. butter
- 4 c. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 tbsp. water or milk
- Green gel icing color
- 3 tbsp. red and white pearl sprinkles
- 18 yellow star sprinkles

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350° and line two cookie sheets with parchment.
2. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes. Mix in egg and vanilla and almond extracts. In a separate bowl, whisk together dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix until smooth. Dough will be thick.

3. Make three sizes of cookie dough balls: 1 teaspoon, 2 teaspoons, and 3 teaspoons. (You should have an even number of each.) Place medium and large cookies on a cookie sheet and press down slightly on each. Bake until center looks mostly cooked, 7 to 8 minutes. Place smallest balls of dough on another cookie sheet and press down slightly. Bake until center looks mostly cooked, 5 to 6 minutes. When cookies are done, remove from oven and let cool 2 to 3 minutes, then transfer to a cookie rack to finish cooling.

4. Make frosting: Beat butter until smooth. Add half the powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Add vanilla and 2 tablespoons water and mix until smooth. Add remaining powdered sugar and mix until smooth. Add green gel icing color to frosting and mix until your desired shade of green.

5. Assemble cookies: Get one size of each cookie. Fit a piping bag with a medium sized star piping tip (I used Wilton 32) and fill bag with green frosting.

6. Pipe a swirl of frosting onto the largest cookie, then add the second medium sized cookie on top. Pipe a swirl of frosting onto the second cookie, then top with the smallest cookie. Pipe a swirl on top of the final cookie and decorate with a star and round ornament sprinkles. Continue building cookie trees, then refrigerate until ready to serve.

*\*Don't forget to send us pictures of your attempts! We'd love one baker to have coffee on*

*us (Starbucks gift card) to go with those delicious cookies. Send entries to [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com) by 11:59pm on Sunday, December 22, 2019. Winner will be announced on Monday, December 23, 2019. Only entries submitted to [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com) will be accepted and entered into the drawing. Entries submitted on social media will be void. One entry per person.*





## 2019 Veteran's Scholarship Winner - Avianna Johnson



Congratulations to our 2019 Boyk Law Veteran's Scholarship winner, Avianna Johnson! Avianna is the daughter and granddaughter of two Army Veterans. She is inspired and motivated by her hardworking, dedicated mother,

who served 11 years as an Officer in the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions and continued to support Avianna and her two siblings.

Avianna is a 2019 graduate of Buckhorn High School in New Market, Alabama. She graduated at the top of her class with a 4.0 GPA while serving as the Executive/Student Body Secretary, volunteering for several different organizations, and holding a part-time job. Avianna was determined to graduate with honors to show her mother how grateful she was for all her sacrifices. She is now a freshman at the University of Memphis studying Human Resource Management. When asked about the passion she has for her degree in HRM Avianna said, "I was raised to treat all people with respect and dignity, and to expect no less than the same in return. As a future human resources manager, my lifetime goal is to become a HR Director. I want to give all employees victimized by EEO and Civil Rights violations a voice...I want to devote my education to help change the world and to build stronger communities and families, by fighting to end discrimination and fighting to end EEO and Civil Rights violations in the workplace."

# Share the Warmth of Bundling Up this Winter

This winter, Boyk Law is partnering up with the Taylor Automotive Family and the Salvation Army of Lima to make sure that the children and families of Allen County are prepared with warm coats for the grueling winter ahead. Janice Stillman, editor of the Old Farmer's Almanac says, "This could feel like the never-ending winter, particularly in the Midwest and east to the Ohio Valley and Appalachians, where wintery weather will last well into March and even through the first days of spring."

Most of us take for granted every time we throw on that big puffy winter coat, but what we've learned this year from Paul Downing, Operations Manager at the Salvation Army, is that there are about 1,200 children without coats this year. With the freezing temperatures quickly approaching, we have to come together as a community and get these kids bundled up!

The Salvation Army is one of the greatest



humanitarian organizations out there and we couldn't be prouder to partner with them on our first annual coat and boot drive. That's right! We're accepting new and gently used winter coats and boots from now until the end of 2019. Donations are being accepted at Taylor Kia of Lima located on Cable Road and the Salvation Army located on Market Street. If you're a Toledoan and looking to make a donation, we'll also accept them in our downtown Toledo office located in the PNC Bank Building.

For more information on where, when, and how to be a part of the 2019 Boyk Law Coat and Boot Drive visit <https://www.charlesboyk-law.com/2019-boyk-law-coat-and-boot-drive/>. Thank you in advance for all of your donations and for warming up the children in our community!

## Cases of Interest: December 2019

### Lawsuit Filed Against Southwest Airlines Co. After Its Employee Dumps Woman Out Of Her Wheelchair

After spending Thanksgiving with her family, our client was traveling back to her home in Chicago, Illinois via Southwest Airlines. Due to chronic illnesses, our client suffers balance issues that require use of a wheelchair for long walks, including at places like airports. Upon arriving at John Glenn Columbus International Airport, our client obtained a wheelchair and was transported by airport personnel to the Southwest Airlines gate. During the boarding process, a Southwest Airlines employee approached our client and grabbed her wheelchair from behind to push her from the terminal into the aircraft. The employee began pushing our client at an unreasonably fast pace, despite her pleas for him to slow down. The wheelchair's wobbling wheels became locked up and our client was thrown from the wheelchair, landing hard on her hands and knees, with the wheelchair and the airline employee falling on top of her. After sustaining serious personal injuries, our client filed suit against Southwest Airlines Co., John Glenn Columbus International Airport, and Columbus Regional Airport Authority.

### Self-Employed Trucker Severely Injured While Helping Crane Operator Unload Bundles of Steel Sheets

On October 22, 2019, our client, a self-employed trucker, hauled a load of steel sheet bundles to a company in Marion, Ohio. The company's employee crane operator directed our client to get on the trailer and assist with unloading the steel sheets. At some time during the unloading, our client informed the crane operator that the lift wasn't all the way under the steel sheets. He told the operator to wait while he inspected further, but the crane operator went ahead and lifted the load, knocking our client off the trailer and causing him to fall approximately five feet to the ground. Our client landed on his left side and had the wind knocked out of him. 911 was called, and our client was taken to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a collapsed lung and fractures to his ribs, clavicle, and back. Our client was hospitalized for two weeks before undergoing a surgery to repair his clavicle and a surgery to repair his fractured ribs which included installation of hardware. After a long hospitalization, he still faces a long road to recovery.

### Young Female Left Unconscious In Burning Car After Driver Improperly Turns Into Her Path Of Travel

Our client was traveling eastbound on U.S. Route 6 when another driver made an improper left turn directly into her path of travel at the intersection with Interstate 75 southbound. Unable to stop her car, our client smashed head on into the front passenger side of the negligent driver's vehicle. Due to the impact, our client lost consciousness and her vehicle caught fire. Thankfully, a good Samaritan rushed over and pulled our client from her burning vehicle, saving her from an even worse fate. She was then transported via ambulance to the Wood County Hospital. Our client suffered major injuries to her head, neck, chest, back, hip and knees. She will be left with a permanent scar on her forehead along with burn injuries to her head and ears.





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## December's Raving Fan of the Month

"This law office is not your typical law office. From day one this team showed true interest in my well being. This legal team is not just out to make a buck for themselves. They REALLY care for their clients. Over the two years of working with them, I can say they feel like old friends. This team provides great communication, is supportive and will answer any questions you have. I am glad my situation is over and am very pleased with what the team was able to do for me. I can't express how much I appreciate each and every one of them! I will miss working with them! I would recommend Charles Boyk Law Offices to everyone!!" - *Angela Gasiorowski*

*\*For a chance to be featured as our Raving Fan and to win a gift card, leave us an online review at Google, our Facebook or AVVO.*

**New address or phone number?**

**Help us stay current by letting us know!**

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or e-mail her at

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## Enriching The Lives of Dogs!

The Enrichment Nights put on by Friends of Lucas County Dogs (FoLCD) was established to "enrich" the lives of the dogs in Lucas County Canine Care & Control's care while they wait for their forever homes. Every other Thursday from 5-7pm, a small group of dedicated volunteers get together to make enrichment treats for the staff to use while training the dogs, and for the dogs to enjoy as an enrichment treat in their kennel. These treats include: stuffed Kongs (the dogs' favorite!), mutt mail, filled paper towel rolls that are used while training the dogs in the play yards, cored apples w/ peanut butter and a pupperoni snack, popcorn & hotdog bags, and various other treats! At the end of the evening, the volunteers walk the adoptions kennels and give each dog a bedtime treat! Usually, there are enough treats for the staff to hand out to dogs in the back as well!

The best part about Enrichment Nights is that we always have a 4-legged helper in the room with us to make us smile!

*Looking for a way to get involved? Join us - Enrichment Nights are open to the public! The next Enrichment Nights are: 12/05, 12/19, and 01/02 from 5-7pm at Lucas County Canine Care & Control 410 S. Erie St. Toledo, OH 43604.*

