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Boyk Law Helps Man Rear-Ended By Semi Truck Get Back on the Road

Two years ago, Tony Reino came to Boyk Law looking for help.

On August 3, 2018, Tony was traveling southbound on Interstate 280 in stop-and-go traffic when his and seven other vehicles were rear-ended by a commercial tractor-trailer. Three people lost their lives in the tragic event. Tony was severely injured in the crash and experiences lasting trauma to this day.

This was a complex case, requiring many hours of research and dogged pursuit of those responsible. We advocated for Tony, helped him find the right medical treatment, and held those responsible accountable, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What Happened The Day Of The Crash

Tony said after he and the other vehicles stopped for traffic, he looked in one of his mirrors and saw the truck coming at him at high speed. The impact sent Tony's car flying off into the median. When EMS arrived on the scene of the accident, Tony had to be extracted from the vehicle from the passenger side rear door due to damage to the driver's side.

The Aftermath

In addition to serious injuries to his head, Tony also suffered severe injuries to his right leg, requiring surgery, physical therapy, pain management, and more. Tony faces lifelong chronic pain and swelling in his right leg which will alter his daily activities for the rest of his life.

Tony was also off work for approximately four weeks following this accident, resulting in a significant loss of wages. But for Tony, this crash was about more than the specific injuries he suffered that day—it's about the realities of living with that trauma for the rest of his life.

"I would have never believed that what I went through would cause me to relive the accident every day," said Tony Reino. "This proves very difficult as I am a person who has to drive for my employment. I can still see the truck as it struck me, I can hear the impact, I can hear the sirens. I still feel the pain from that day."

Moving Forward

It has been our privilege to represent Tony and help him recover the compensation he deserves for not only the injuries he suffered in that crash but also for the effects this incident will have on the rest of his life.

Tony was kind enough to post a Google review about his experience:

"I retained the Charles E Boyk Law firm to represent me regarding a vehicle accident I was involved in. When initially discussing my case with them they were extremely thorough with their questions and setting forth expectations for themselves and me. We spent a great deal of time discussing my case and the options that I had at my disposal. Michael Bruno was my attorney in addition to Katie Harris ... Their expertise with personal injury and accidents was very apparent from the beginning, and they did an outstanding job handling my case from inception to completion. My paralegal, Nancy, did a phenomenal job communicating with me and all parties involved in the case. I highly recommend the Charles E. Boyk law firm for all of your personal injury needs."

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Keep the Conversation Going: Sexual Assault Awareness

In the past year, the bulk of our attention and energy as a nation has been focused on addressing the COVID-19 crisis. But while COVID has taken the spotlight, many other crises have continued to impact lives. One of those crises is sexual assault.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual assault, harassment, and abuse, and to educate community members on how to prevent it.

Sexual Assault Affects Millions of People in the United States Each Year

Every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. Research from the CDC shows that nearly 1 in 5 women will have experienced a completed or attempted rape during her lifetime. 1 in 3 female rape victims experienced it for the first time between 11-17 years old, and 1 in 8 female rape victims reported that it occurred before age 10.

Sadly, many victims do not come forward or report sexual assaults, so the true figures on sexual assaults are likely much higher.

How to Help a Sexual Assault Victim

Often, it's hard for someone who has been sexually assaulted to know what to do or where to turn to.

If someone confides in you that they have been sexually assaulted, it is so important to listen to them and be supportive. Reassure the victim that it was not their fault, no matter the circumstances.

What to Do If You've Been Assaulted

If you have been sexually assaulted, there are steps you should take:

- 1) Ensure Your Safety - Get to a physically and emotionally safe place and out of harm's way. This may involve calling a helpline, finding a safe place to stay, contacting authorities, or visiting a crisis center. (National Sex Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673)
- 2) Consider Medical Treatment - Seek emergency medical care as quickly as possible. You will be treated as a patient first, then as the victim of a crime. It is your choice whether or not to pursue criminal action.

If you want a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection kit done, get to the hospital within 72 hours after the assault. It does not matter if you have showered.

3) Consider Therapy - Many clinicians will tell you that healing does not occur through avoidance. Everyone processes trauma differently, so listen to your body and your mind and get the help you need.

4) Consider Your Legal Options. Separate from criminal law, a civil attorney who handles sexual assault litigation can help you understand your rights and help you navigate the legal system—even if the sexual assault occurred years ago.

When To Speak With An Attorney

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, our compassionate and experienced team of attorneys and staff are here to help. We have experience fighting for survivors of sexual assault and abuse and we will listen to your concerns. We will guide you through the entire process, including criminal prosecution, and will help you choose the best course of action for you. All information you provide us is strictly confidential.

Call us today: 419-241-1395 or go online to charlesboyk-law.com/sexual-abuse/



FDA ISSUES PARAQUAT WARNING

Powerful Herbicide Linked to Parkinson's Disease

First introduced in 1962, paraquat dichloride, commonly referred to as "paraquat," is a toxic, highly poisonous, and fast-acting herbicide product widely used in agriculture to control grasses and weeds. It is so toxic, in fact, that as little as one teaspoon of the chemical can kill a person.

Because of its toxicity, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classifies paraquat as a "restricted use" product. In the United States, it is available only to commercially

licensed users. The product has been banned in Europe since 2007 due to its link to Parkinson's disease.

Paraquat's link to causing Parkinson's in humans is well known. An agricultural health study found a 200 percent increased risk in farmers that mixed or applied paraquat. Another study found that people exposed to paraquat in their teen or young adult years had an increased risk of 200 to 600 percent.

Popular brand names of paraquat include Gramoxone, Firestorm, Cyclone, Helmquat, Parazone, and Para Shot.

Anyone who comes into contact with paraquat is at risk.

If you have developed Parkinson's Disease after being exposed to this toxic herbicide, you may have a valid legal claim. Set up a free consultation with Charles E. Boyk Law Offices today. Our attorneys will work tirelessly to support you throughout your case.

Call: 419-595-4577 or go online to charlesboyk-law.com/paraquat



RECIPE: Katie's Favorite Indulgent Brownies

Brownies are one of those desserts that will unfaillingly bring a smile to (almost) everyone's face. Serve them warm with ice cream, stick one in your kids' lunch boxes ... or settle in for the night with the entire pan because sometimes life is tough and you deserve a little indulgence now and then.

These brownies from Smitten Kitchen are made with only cocoa powder, which may seem controversial until you try them. After the first bite, you'll never want to eat another brownie ever again.

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder (natural or Dutch-process)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (or a heaping 1/4 teaspoon flaky salt)
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, cold
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup roughly chopped walnut or pecan pieces (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and preheat the oven to 325°F.
2. Line the bottom and sides of an 8x8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper or foil, leaving an overhang on two opposite sides.
3. Combine the butter, sugar, cocoa, and salt in



Recipe source: smittenkitchen.com/2010/01/best-cocoa-brownies/

a medium heatproof bowl and set the bowl in a wide skillet of barely simmering water. Stir from time to time until the butter is melted and the mixture is smooth and hot enough that you want to remove your finger fairly quickly after dipping it in to test.

4. Set the bowl aside briefly until the mixture is only warm, not hot.

5. Stir in the vanilla with a wooden spoon. Add the eggs one at a time, stirring vigorously after each one.

6. When the batter looks thick, shiny, and well blended, add the flour and stir until you cannot see it any longer, then beat vigorously for 40 strokes with the wooden spoon or a rubber



spatula.

7. Stir in the nuts, if using. Spread evenly in the lined pan.

8. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out slightly moist with batter, 20-30 minutes depending on your oven.

Cool completely in the pan on a rack.

Once completely cool, remove the brownie from the pan by lifting the ends of the parchment or foil liner and transfer to a cutting board. Cut into 16 or 25 squares. (Chill for an hour for sharp edges.) Dust with cocoa powder for a finishing touch.

CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2021

EMPLOYEE HAS FINGERS AMPUTATED ON THE JOB

Our client was on the job when a piece of wood got stuck in the machine he was working on. When the conveyor stopped, he reached in to pull out the wood and the conveyor started back up again. When the conveyor started up, it grabbed his hand and pulled him into the machine. He was able to pull his hand out, but not before his thumb and middle finger were amputated. He was rushed to Fremont Memorial Hospital and was then life-flighted to UPMC for emergency surgery. After losing his fingers, our client then suffered a complicated infection and faces a long road to recovery. Our office is pursuing a workers' compensation claim with a separate claim for violation of a specific safety requirement.

TEEN SUFFERS BROKEN TIBIA WHILE PLACED IN HOYER LIFT AT SCHOOL

Our client is a senior in high school who requires the assistance of aides during school hours. One day while our client was in school and under the care of aides, she was placed in a Hoyer lift for transfer assistance. As she was being lifted, her foot caught under a table, and a loud pop was heard. Our client was then sent home while visibly in pain. While at home our client began screaming and shaking in pain and her leg was noticeably distorted. She was rushed to the hospital and was found to have sustained a broken tibia. Our client's parents called the school and were given inconsistent accounts of how the incident occurred. Our office is investigating the school and the individuals involved.

IMPROPER TURN CAUSES HEAD-ON CRASH

Our client was traveling on a highway in Crawford County at approximately 55 mph. At the same time, another driver suddenly turned into our client's path of travel without warning, smashing into our client's vehicle head-on. Upon impact, our client lost consciousness. Emergency services arrived and had to cut our client out of his vehicle with the jaws of life. He was then taken to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a broken wrist, a broken nose, multiple broken ribs, bruised lungs, and a facial laceration requiring forty stitches. He underwent surgery on his wrist and faces more surgeries in the future.





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April's Raving Fan of the Month

"After a motor vehicle accident left me with a severe concussion, I struggled to balance a need for action against a medically-recommended rest period. Fortunately, I regained a sense of control of my situation by hiring Charles E. Boyk Law Offices as my legal team. They did an excellent job of investigating the details of my case, and all I had to do was rest while they handled everything. I am very glad that I chose to call them the day after my injury!"

- Rohitha Moudgal

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Employee Spotlight:

Meet Greg Tye



Greg Tye

Photo by Kellee Laser

Greg Tye is the newest member of the Charles E. Boyk Law team and a fantastic addition to our staff. Greg grew up in West Toledo and has lived in Perrysburg with his wife, Andi, for 25 years. They have one son at home, another in college in Wisconsin, and two dogs.

Greg is an accomplished videographer and visual storyteller. Before joining Boyk Law, Greg was the Director of Broadcast Services for the Toledo Mud Hens and Walleye. We are very lucky to have him on board!

Fun Facts

About Greg:

Favorite cuisine:

Whatever Andi is cooking!

Favorite band in

high school: The Police

Favorite band

now: Too many to choose from

Project Greg

is most proud

of: Three dozen documentaries he produced about

Toledo's History while working for WGTE Public Television.

Favorite sport to watch on TV: Football

Favorite sport to watch in person:

Baseball

One thing you may not know about

Greg: He has been the lead singer for his band, Hep Cat Revival for 23 years, playing Jump, Blues, Jazz, and R&B music.

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