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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Motorcycle season is here, and with it comes an increase in injuries related to motorcycle accidents. We represent many motorcyclists who have been hurt by negligent drivers. But we'd rather you stay safe and healthy! Check out our motorcycle safety tips, and read about how we've been able to find a unique solution for a client in Michigan.

SUN'S OUT. BIKES OUT!

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

BE VISIBLE:

Keep your headlight on. Place reflective strips or decals on your clothing and motorcycle. Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping. Use your horn to alert other drivers.

DRESS FOR SAFETY:

Wear a quality, light-colored helmet and eye protection. Wear bright, long-sleeved clothing in leather or other thick, protective materials. Choose leather gloves and over-the-ankle boots.

SEE: SEARCH, EVALUATE, EXECUTE

Give yourself and other motorists space and time to respond. Watch for turning vehicles, and be aware of other vehicles' blind spots. Signal your next move in advance and avoid weaving between lanes.

KNOW YOUR BIKE

Develop riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Learn how to handle wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces

Client Story: Renee Raymond

In May 2020, our client Renee suffered devastating injuries in a motorcycle accident. Renee was a passenger on a motorcycle traveling through Detroit when a car ahead of them made an illegal turn and cut across their path. Unable to stop, Renee and her friend crashed into the vehicle and were thrown from the motorcycle.

Renee suffered devastating injuries, including a severe leg fracture, a head injury, a lacerated scalp, a broken thumb, several broken teeth, and multiple lacerations over her body.

Since then, her recovery has been challenging and she continues to suffer from long-term injuries. After the first surgeries to repair Renee's damaged leg and hand, she needed 24-hour care for a full

month. Renee continues to need assistance for at least 12 hours of every day and lives with extreme pain.

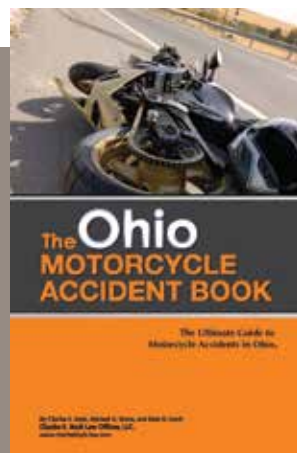
Much of Renee's care has been provided by her daughter, Amber, which placed additional pressure on the family. Because of our knowledge of Michigan law, we have been able to secure compensation for Amber as her mother's primary care provider.

This case is ongoing, but we look forward to a positive resolution soon so Renee can continue on her long road to recovery with the resources she needs.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Although it is sometimes impossible to avoid an accident, there are steps you can take to protect yourself. Namely, don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, know and follow the laws of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

Learn more about the rules of the road and essential safety tips, stop by our office, give us a call, or go online to request a free copy of "The Ohio Motorcycle Accident Book". www.charlesboyk-law.com/books/the-ohio-motorcycle-accident-book/



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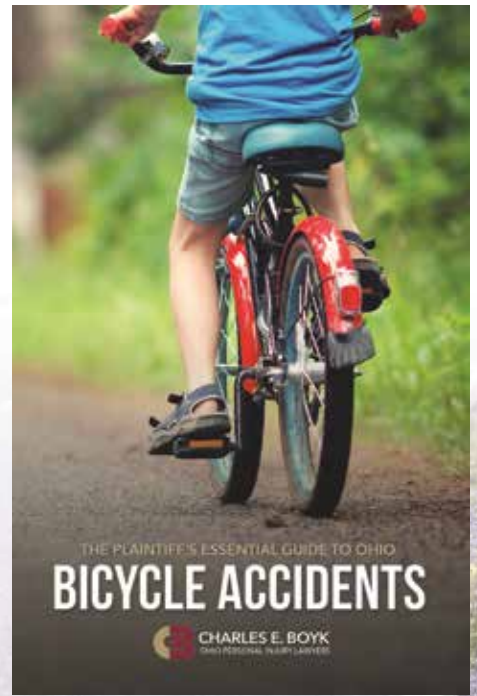
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May Is Bicycle Safety Month

For many people across Ohio and Michigan, May's warmer weather means pulling their bicycles out of storage and heading onto the road for a fun bike ride. As a firm that specializes in injuries related to bicycle accidents, we decided to write a book about it! The "Plaintiff's Essential Guidebook to Bicycle Accidents" promotes bike safety and also gives tips about what to do if you or a loved one is injured by someone else while riding. Request your copy today by calling us at 419-241-1395 or sending us a request from our website: charlesboyk-law.com/books/bicycle-accident-book/

To learn more about the rules of the road and essential safety tips, stop by our office to pick up a copy of The Plaintiff's Essential Guide to Ohio Bicycle Accidents.



PROTECT YOUR HEAD

Wearing a helmet reduces the risk for head injuries. It should fit snugly and level on your head when worn properly.



WATCH FOR HAZARDS

Watch for hazards like potholes and large puddles. Give ample time for motorists to react to you. Be cautious at crosswalks, intersections, and driveways.



OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS

Ride in the same direction as traffic, use the bike lane when possible. Use hand signals when riding.



SEE & BE SEEN

Use the SEE strategy: Search, Evaluate, and Execute. Wear bright colors or reflective gear. Use front lights & rear reflectors and ride defensively.

Andrea Young Now Licensed to Practice in Michigan

We are very excited to announce that Attorney Andrea Young is now licensed to practice law in Michigan! On Tuesday, March 23, Andrea was sworn in via Zoom by Judge Timothy P. Connors of the Washtenaw County Trial Court.

"It is often confusing for those injured on the Ohio/Michigan border to figure out which laws and insurance coverages apply," said Andrea Young. "I am excited to broaden my practice and help those individuals in both Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan."



Andrea Young joins Boyk Law Attorney Wes Merillat in representing Michigan and Ohio clients.

RECIPE: Cynthia's Creamy Crab Dip

If crab dip doesn't sound like spring, we don't know what does. When the weather is right, whip up this simple and delicious dip, courtesy of our Workers' Compensation Queen, Cynthia Walborn! Scoop up a big bite, crack open an ice-cold beverage, and enjoy the party.

INGREDIENTS:

- 24 oz of your favorite sour cream and onion dip
- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 16 oz. imitation crab

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Spoon dip into a large, sturdy large bowl.
2. Soften the cream cheese for a few minutes on the counter.
3. Cut cream cheese into 1/2-inch cubes and add to the bowl with the dip.
4. Shred the crab and add to the bowl.
5. With a hand mixer, blend the mixture until everything is well incorporated but still chunky.
6. Chill overnight and serve with sliced scallions, toasted bread, chips, cucumber, carrots, or whatever strikes your fancy.



CASES OF INTEREST: MAY 2021

PARENTS WITNESS CHILDREN INVOLVED IN A HORRIFIC CRASH

Our clients - a brother and sister - were traveling in Dublin, Ohio following behind the vehicle their parents were operating. As the brother lawfully operated his vehicle, he slowed and came to a stop for traffic as he waited to make a left turn. At the same time, the driver behind our clients dropped his cigarette between his legs. As the at-fault driver looked down for his cigarette, he failed to see our clients stopped in traffic and smashed into the rear-end of the vehicle. The force of the impact flipped our clients' vehicle onto its roof and sent it off the roadway. The parents witnessed the truck flying through the air before landing upside down with their two children inside. The brother suffers from a concussion, back injury, and a laceration to his head resulting in a scar. He is also experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder from the accident. The sister suffered a neck injury, requiring her to wear a neck brace for three months. She also sustained a traumatic brain injury and POTS disease which is a heart condition caused by the accident. She is bedridden and unable to pursue her passion for dance and volleyball.

FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE LEADS TO POTENTIAL MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM

A six-month-old baby girl became ill, developing a fever of 105 degrees. The mother and father rushed her to a hospital, where she was diagnosed with a viral infection, put on antibiotics, and discharged. Less than twenty-four hours later the parents took her back to the hospital, where she was found dehydrated and tested positive for rhinovirus. At some point, the baby girl was found unresponsive. She was life-flighted to the children's hospital in Columbus, was found to have suffered a massive stroke, and was put on life-support. After two weeks on life support, the baby girl passed away while in the arms of her mother and father. Testing revealed the baby girl had bacterial meningitis. The couple came to our office in hopes of getting answers. Our office is investigating a potential medical malpractice claim.

HIGH-SPEED REAR-END ACCIDENT RESULTS IN FRACTURED SPINE

Our client was traveling southbound on Waterville Monclova Road in Monclova Township. As he neared his house, he brought his vehicle to a stop and prepared to turn into his driveway. Traveling at approximately 45 mph, the at-fault driver failed to stop and rear-ended our client's vehicle, forcing it off the left side of the roadway and into a mailbox. Our client sustained a C6-C7 disc herniation and a compression fracture to his thoracic spine. He is currently off work and undergoing treatment.





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May's Raving Fan of the Month

"The whole staff at Charles Boyk law offices is absolutely wonderful! They handled my case with compassion and the best they could. I was happy with my services I received, and someone was always available when I needed them. Even if I just needed someone to talk to and was frustrated with something, someone was always there and gave me their full attention. Even though my case is now closed they still said they will be here if I need anything. The best part is Charles really does fight for you and does everything he can to make things right!"

- Brandy Pelland

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Employee Spotlight:

SARAH SHARPE

Sarah Sharpe wears a lot of hats and makes them all look good! Sarah, who joined Boyk Law in 2017, handles all of our day-to-day accounting, AND she is also one of our pre-litigation paralegals.

Sarah has been a paralegal since she was 23 years old. Sarah was in school studying criminal justice when she was asked to cover for someone at a law firm, and the rest is history!

As a self-named "crazy dog person," Sarah's love of animals is woven nearly through everything she does, including being a volunteer for the Lucas County Canine Control Center, where she provides enrichment, walks the dogs, and helps with

grooming. Sarah is also involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of American and mentors a young lady named Shaylynn.

Sarah and her husband of 6 years live in Monclova Township with her three "bonus daughters" and two dogs, Axel and Prince.



Sarah Sharpe with Prince and Axel

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