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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 bikers 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.

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 down a Detroit street 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 loves except extreme pain.

Much of Renee’s case 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

- Be visible: Keep your headlights on. Place reflective strips of cloth on your clothing and motorcycle. Have a friend follow you at a safe distance.
- Wear proper safety gear: Wear bright, long-sleeved clothing in a color that contrasts with the road. Use high-visibility safety vests.
- Drive defensively: Watch for other motorists and be aware of the traffic patterns around you.
- Keep your bike: Keep your motorcycle in good condition and use it for its intended purpose.
- Know your bike: Develop riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Learn how to handle it under all conditions, high winds, and severe weather.

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Sarah and her husband of 6 years live in Moncloa Township with their three “human daughters” and two dogs, Axel and Prince.

Motorcycle Safety Tips

- Always wear a helmet and proper safety gear.
- Wear bright, reflective clothing.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep your motorcycle well maintained.
- Drive defensively and obey all traffic laws.
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: charlesboyklaw.com/books/bicycle-accident-book/

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An image of a helmet and bike.

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.

OBED 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.

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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, study large bowl. Soften the cream cheese for a few minutes on the counter.
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CASES OF INTEREST: MAY 2021

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Our clients – a brother and sister – were traveling in Dublin, Ohio following behind the vehicle their parents were operating. As the driver lawfully operated her vehicle, she slowed and came to a stop for traffic as she 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 slammed 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 suffered from a concussion, back injury, and a laceration to his head resulting in a scar. He is also experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder caused by the accident. She is bedridden and unable to pursue her passion for dance and volleyball.

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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FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE LEADS TO POTENTIAL MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM

A six-month-old baby girl became ill, developing a fever of 103 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 put on life-support. After two weeks on life support, the baby girl passed away while undergoing treatment.

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