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*Our new headquarters!*



*Bikes for Kids*



*Welcome, Sammy!*

## A Message From Boyk Law: Reflecting On 2020

This past year has truly been one for the history books.

We have seen our friends, family members, and neighbors rise to meet challenges few could have foreseen.

Nurses, physicians, medical providers, and Emergency Medical Service professionals became front-line fighters in the battle against COVID-19, while all of us learned to cope with a pandemic that left us living with a “new normal” for most of the year.

We lost national figures like Kobe Bryant, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Alex Trebek, Chadwick Boseman, C.T. Vivian, Olivia de Havilland, and U.S. Rep. John Lewis.

Closer to home, we lost people too. Friends, family members, and neighbors fell victim to

COVID-19, and those close to us lost loved ones to accidents, cancer, and other causes. We keep them and their families close to our hearts.

In November, U.S. citizens made their voices heard by turning out to vote in greater numbers than we’ve seen in a century.

Despite the year’s many challenges, we have much to be grateful for at Boyk Law. In June, we purchased and moved into a new building (much to the delight of our staff, clients, and furry office friends).

We added new faces to our team, awarded a scholarship to a deserving veteran, and treated nine children and their families to a special day at the Toledo Zoo.

Most importantly, we were able to continue serving our community by doing what we do best: helping those injured by others’ negligence achieve fair outcomes.

We know that nothing can undo a past wrong, but our hope is always to improve our clients’ futures by securing for them the time and resources necessary to heal. As we move forward to 2021, our number one goal is to continue serving all of you.

*Thank you for being part of the Boyk Law Family! We truly appreciate each and every one of you, and from our families to yours, we wish you a Happy Holiday and a prosperous new year!*

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# Keep The Holidays Fun With Proper Toy Safety

*If your child is injured by a toy and you believe the manufacturer is at fault, contact us immediately. Our experienced Consumer Product Attorney can evaluate your situation and help you understand if you might have a claim.  
419-241-1395 or 1-800-637-8170.*

Whether you are making your list for Santa, or planning gifts for your family, toy safety is critical to keeping the season jolly.

The end-of-the-year holidays are a source of joy, wonder, and TOYS for many in the United States and around the world. Just say the word “toys” and eyes shine a little brighter.

Sadly, not all toys are safe for everyone, particularly for children under five years old. Safe Kids Worldwide® has a great guide\* for making sure kids stay safe around their toys.

*According to Safe Kids Worldwide®, more than 470 children under the age of 15 are seen in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries every day.*

## Find The Perfect Toy For The Right Stage

Most manufacturers display a suggested age range on toy packaging, and these are generally trustworthy guidelines. It is also crucial to consider a child’s developmental age and any differences in ability they experience. Carefully read all instructions and warning labels before purchasing. In particular, look for small parts or other potential choking hazards.

## Don’t Forget A Helmet For Riding Toys

If the toy is intended to be ridden, include a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission-certified helmet. This will keep children safe while they’re having fun on a new bike, skateboard, scooter, or any other riding equipment.

## Store Toys After Play

It is easy to overlook the long-term use of a toy. Safe storage is key to avoiding injuries. Securely store all toys in a bin or container after use, particularly if you have children of varying ages in your home. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers!

## Sign Up To Receive Product Recalls

Over time, a toy may reveal a flaw or may not work in the way it was intended. Staying up-to-date on toy recalls can prevent injuries. Safekids.org and Recalls.gov publish regular information about product recalls related to kids.



*\*Source: [safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_risks/toy-safety](https://safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/toy-safety)*

## Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship Awarded To Jackson Leonard



*Jackson Leonard*

employees unanimously selected Jackson to receive the \$2,000 scholarship, which is part of Boyk Law’s continued commitment to members of the United States Armed Forces and their education.

On Veterans’ Day, November 11, 2020, we were pleased to award the 2020 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship to Jackson F. Leonard, of Indianapolis, Indiana!

A review panel comprised of five Boyk Law

Jackson is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Infantry. During his service from 2014 to 2018, he served as an anti-tank missileman and was deployed to Libya and Syria.

Jackson currently works as an Emergency Medical Technician while studying full-time at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. He is majoring in Spanish and Medical Humanities and hopes to become a Physician’s Assistant.

In his essay, Jackson describes how his military service opened his eyes to the struggles of so many, from refugees displaced by war in Syria, to those struggling through the immigration process in the United States.

Jackson exemplifies the mission of Boyk Law to help those in need and seek justice for those injured by the negligence of others. We wish Jackson the best of luck in his continued studies and look forward to seeing his positive impact on the world.



READ MORE ABOUT JACKSON ONLINE: [CHARLESBOYK-LAW.COM/GIVES-BACK-SCHOLARSHIP](https://CHARLESBOYK-LAW.COM/GIVES-BACK-SCHOLARSHIP)



## RECIPE: Jo's Honey Butter & Pecan Sweet Potatoes



### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 large sweet potatoes
- 1/2 + 1/4 C honey
- 1/2 C + 2 T real salted butter
- 1 C chopped pecans
- 1/2 C heavy cream
- 1 tsp Himalayan or Mayan pink salt
- 1 tsp coarse ground pepper

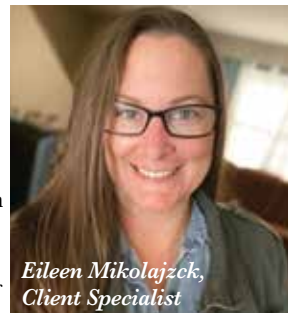
### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Peel potatoes, dice into smaller pieces and boil in large pot until fork-tender.
2. Drain potatoes and blend with

- 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup honey, heavy cream, salt and pepper in large mixer.
3. Once smooth, place in 8x8 or 9x9 baking dish.
4. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes, uncovered.
5. While baking, melt 2 T butter and add to 1/4 C honey and mix well.
6. Finely chop pecans.
7. Drizzle honey/butter mixture over baked sweet potatoes and sprinkle pecans on top.
8. Bake for 10 more minutes at 350°.

## Employee Spotlight: Come On, Eileen!

In November, we were thrilled to add Eileen Mikolajczyk to the team as our Client Specialist. Eileen grew up in Ashland, Ohio, and followed her heart to Toledo where she married her beau, Mark. Eileen has been doing a wonderful job learning how to advocate for our new clients and navigate them to the best solution possible.



*Eileen Mikolajczyk,  
Client Specialist*

### Get to know Eileen!

Q: Describe yourself in three words.

A: Basic, creative, metalhead

Q: What is a fun fact about you?

A: Photography is my passion. I love looking at life through a camera lens.

Q: What is one food you could eat for the rest of your life?

A: Mac & cheese is LIFE!

Q: Do you have a favorite band?

A: I love all music from Pantera to 90s grunge, country, and hip hop. My favorites are my husbands' bands. He's the best bass player in Toledo!

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Sleepless in Seattle

## CASES OF INTEREST: DECEMBER 2020

### Farm Machinery Extending Into Oncoming Lane Of Travel Causes Two Separate Accidents

In December 2019, sometime after dusk, our client was traveling northbound on Ohio 235 in Bowling Green, Ohio. At the same time, another driver traveling southbound on Ohio 235 was towing large farm machinery that extended over the center line and into the northbound lane of travel. Our client smashed into the farm machinery, sending his vehicle off-road, where it rolled multiple times before coming to rest in a field. He was left unconscious, and the vehicle was so damaged that the rescue team had to use the Jaws of Life free him. Our client was life-flighted to a hospital in Toledo, where he received treatment for numerous injuries including multiple back fractures. He spent ten days in the hospital and is now living in a rehabilitation home.

Upon investigating, we learned that just before our client's accident, another driver traveling northbound sideswiped the same farm machinery, causing her vehicle to overturn.

The collision with that vehicle's driver knocked off or damaged the farm equipment's illumination. Despite knowing this, the operator continued down Ohio 235 with dangerous, unlit equipment extending into the oncoming lane. This had disastrous effects on our client.

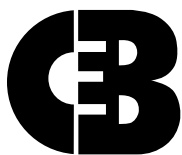
We are seeking significant damages from the owner of the farm equipment to help our client afford his medical treatment and to compensate him for the quality of life he no longer enjoys.

### Hit & Run Incident Forces Our Client to Smash Into Center Median

In the early hours of a Sunday morning, our client was a young man traveling as a passenger in his girlfriend's vehicle. As they traveled westbound on I-475 in Toledo, Ohio, another driver

bumped the vehicle's back right side. This collision caused the vehicle our client was riding in to careen to the left and smash into the concrete barricade. The other driver fled the scene. Our client was transported via EMS to the nearest hospital, where he was admitted for seven days. He suffered a fractured leg and wrist, requiring surgery and the installation of hardware. Our client is currently receiving rehabilitative treatment. Our client's girlfriend was also injured, suffering a broken arm, two fractured ankles, and a lacerated foot. We are seeking compensation to help our client pay for his ongoing medical expenses.





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## BOYK TRIVIA GIVEAWAY

Take a guess and you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card for UberEats or Amazon. We'll draw the winner on the third Friday of next month. To make your guess, go online: [charlesboyk-law.com/boyk-trivia](http://charlesboyk-law.com/boyk-trivia) or call 419-241-1395.

**Question: Which Boyk Law Employee Was Born in South Africa?**

- *Katie Harris*
- *Desmond Strooh*
- *Bobbijo Kovacs*
- *Tammy Bronowski*

## Paragard IUDs Pose Risk To Women's Health



*A Paragard Intrauterine Device*

Any woman experiencing adverse side effects after using the Paragard Intrauterine Device (IUD) for contraception should consult with their medical provider quickly.

Paragard is manufactured by Teva Pharmaceuticals and is promoted as a safe, non-hormonal birth control option. Teva has recently come under fire in the courts for failing to warn

women and the medical community about the serious injuries associated with unexpected breakage, perforation, and migration of the device.

Since Paragard has been on the market, women and medical providers have made more than 40,000 reports to the FDA alleging adverse

reactions with the device – including injuries resulting in hysterectomies and even death.

Our firm is investigating Paragard IUD injury and complication claims. If you have been prescribed a Paragard IUD and have suffered a related injury or complication, call us at 419-241-1953 or 1-800-637-8170 for a no-cost consultation.

**New address or phone number? Help us stay current by letting us know!** Call Desmond Strooh at (419) 241-1395 or e-mail him at [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com)

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