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Client Stories: How Boyk Law Changes Lives

Hailey Ward

In the evening of April 20, 2019, then 16-year-old Hailey Ward was a passenger in her boyfriend's Chevrolet Colorado as they drove along County Road 40 in De Kalb County, Indiana.

Everything was fine until, in a moment that changed her life forever, Hailey's boyfriend missed the stop sign at the intersection of CR 40 and State Route 1 and drove into the path of a driver traveling along State Route 1. The other driver slammed on the breaks of his Chevrolet Silverado, but the roads were wet and he couldn't stop.

He T-boned the Colorado on Hailey's side, trapping Hailey inside.

Hailey was transported to the Parkview Regional Medical Center in Ft. Wayne. She spent three days in the ICU where she was treated for a traumatic brain injury, two fractured vertebra, three fractured ribs, two punctured lungs, a Stage 4 liver laceration, and multiple facial lacerations.

We immediately stepped in to help with medical bills, negotiating more than \$60,000 in bills to less than half that amount. Our staff also uncovered additional insurance coverage, and eventually secured a settlement to completely cover the medical bills, help with Hailey's student loan payments, and help pay for her ongoing treatment.

Now 18, Hailey says that while she is grateful to have the settlement and have the medical bills resolved, she'd trade it all if she could go back to a life without constant pain. Hailey just became a State Tested Nursing Assistant and is taking her career and her life one stage at a time.

Josh Bisson

In February 2018, Josh Bisson was an aspiring hockey star with big dreams for the future. Those dreams were knocked off course during an exhibition-style game at the Huntington Center in downtown Toledo.

As Josh broke away with the puck and started down the boards to attempt a goal, a player from the other team was in hot pursuit, coming in for a hard check against the boards.

A coach from the opposing team opened the bench door right in front of the play when Josh was hit and he was slammed into the exposed edges and corners of the wall. Josh was thrown backwards and fell hard, unable to get to his feet.

Urgent care diagnosed Josh with a broken collar bone. Later that day, Josh's parents rushed him back to the emergency room, where doctors discovered he had a grade four kidney laceration. Josh's recovery process was long and difficult, and his injuries altered the hockey future he had planned.

Luckily, Josh's collar bone and kidney healed with time. He is back to playing the game he loves, but nothing can ever make up for the time he lost recovering.

The Bissons could not be nicer people.

Our team is so proud to have fought on their side, securing a settlement to help Josh build a happy future. We know Josh has great things on the horizon, and we can't wait to see what he achieves!

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On Thin Ice: What (Not) To Do During A Winter Water Emergency

As temperatures continue to get colder, ponds, lakes, and rivers start to freeze over. With that comes a serious safety hazard many don't know how handle.

Chuck Boyk certainly knows that first hand!



A few years ago, Chuck was in his house when he saw one of his dogs, the now-passed Jazzy, running across their pond. The pond was covered with ice, but it wasn't strong enough to hold her. She fell through and began desperately trying to claw out of the water.

Chuck bolted out to the pond and followed Jazzy out onto the ice. He was able to pull her out, but once he had her, he also fell through.

Thankfully, Chuck's daughter Sarah saw everything and ran out to save the day. She grabbed a stick, and crawled carefully onto the ice. With her quick thinking, she was able to help both Chuck and Jazzy out of the water.

Six Tips

To help if you fall through the ice.

- **Brace yourself.** The shock of the cold water is brutal. Try to clear your mind and focus. You have roughly 10 minutes before you get too cold to pull yourself out.
- **Keep your winter clothes on.** The materials in heavy coats and snowsuits can act as a bouy, trapping warm air and helping you float.
- **Turn back.** The ice you were just walking on will likely be thicker.
- **Kick and pull.** Reach out and place your arms flat on the ice. Kick with your legs and pull yourself up and out.
- **Don't stand up.** Once out of the water, roll away from the hole toward the shore.
- **Get warm quickly.** Seek medical attention immediately and, if possible, get into dry clothes.

Is a Mass Tort the Same as a Class Action Lawsuit?

The shortest possible answer is simply: No. But as they say, the devil is in the details. Let's dive into how Mass Torts and Class Action Lawsuits are similar and then how they are different.

Both a class action lawsuit and a mass tort involve large groups of people (the plaintiffs) who claim to have suffered damages or been injured by the same entity (the defendant). Rather than try each case against the defendant separately, all of the plaintiffs' claims are grouped into a large, single suit. The main differences lie in the nature of the plaintiffs and injuries.

Class Action Lawsuit

In a class action lawsuit, all plaintiffs were similarly injured or suffered similar damages because of the same wrongful action. An example of this would be if a group of people brought a law suit against a company because a toxic chemical spill from that company poisoned the water in their neighborhood.

Mass Tort

With a mass tort, the defendant is the same, but the plaintiffs and their injuries or damages are varied. When a pharmaceutical company sells a defective drug, plaintiffs may experience different reactions with varying severity, live in different places, and lead very different lives, but their injuries have a common cause.

Do You Have a Claim? If you have suffered serious injuries because of these products, please give us a call! Our job is to help you hold manufacturers and organizations accountable for their negligence, and to seek a recovery for the damages you have suffered.

Current Mass Torts:

- 3M Ear Plugs
- DuPuy Hip replacement devices
- Hernia mesh
- Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) filters
- Nexium
- Talcum Powder
- Roundup
- Valsartan
- Zantac

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RECIPE:

Celia's Ooey-Gooney Crockpot Mac-N-Cheese

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. box of elbow noodles
- (2) 10 oz. cans of cheddar cheese soup
- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 stick of salted real butter
- 8 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 12 oz. shredded mild cheddar cheese
- 1 C milk
- 2 tsp Himalayan or Mayan pink salt
- 2 tsp coarse ground pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Boil entire box of noodles until tender.
2. Dice the stick of butter into small cubes.
3. In extra large bowl, mix cheddar cheese soup, sour cream, cubed butter, shredded cheese, milk, and salt & pepper.
4. Drain noodles and stir into mixture - this is easiest with a large wooden spoon if you have one!
5. Use a spatula and empty extra large bowl into your crockpot.
6. Turn the crockpot on low for 2-3 hrs and enjoy!*

•all crockpots are different - please check periodically because it might take less or more time depending on crockpot



CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2021

Sudden Braking Causes Rear-End Collision

When our client was on her way home from work, traveling on Highway 24 in Henry County, Ohio at approximately 70 mph, the car in front of her slammed on its brakes, forcing our client to do the same. When she hit the brakes, the semi-truck that had been traveling behind her failed to slow or stop in time, rear-ending her and destroying the back end of her vehicle. Upon impact, our client was knocked unconscious for approximately five minutes. She was taken by emergency services to Henry County Hospital for injuries to her neck, back, left arm, chest, and head. In addition, our client suffered a concussion resulting in symptoms like dizziness, nausea, headaches, memory loss, slurred speech, and double vision. Our client has ongoing symptoms and remains in treatment while we investigate her case.

Rear End Accident Leaves Woman With Fractured Nose

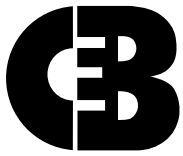
Our client was a second car stopped at a red traffic light when a vehicle came from behind, failed to stop, and slammed into the rear end of her vehicle. Our client's vehicle was forced into the rear end of the vehicle ahead of hers. On impact, our client's face smashed into the steering wheel. Toledo Fire and Rescue came to the scene and transported her to Flower Hospital, where doctors discovered she had suffered bilateral nasal bone fractures. Nine days after the accident, our client had surgery to repair her displaced and fractured nasal bones. She continues to experience pain and swelling to her nose.

Failure To Yield Causes T-bone Accident

Our client, a young woman, was traveling southeast on State Route 199 in Perrysburg Township, Ohio with her fiancé. As her vehicle entered the intersection of State Route 199 and Dowling Road, another driver failed to yield, striking the side of our client's vehicle. Forced off the side of the road, our client's vehicle overturned into a ditch. She was taken via EMS to the nearest hospital, where she learned she had fractured her ankle. Her fiancé suffered a fractured sternum and required stitches above his eyebrow. Three days after the accident, our client underwent surgery on her right ankle, requiring the placement of two plates and eleven screws.



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January's Raving Fan of the Month

"I was involved in a car accident and did not know where to turn. A friend referred me to Charles Boyk. Mr. Boyk and his staff listen to everything I had to say, ask all the right questions and went to bat for me and won my case. If you are looking for an attorney that will listen to everything you have to say and not put you down as just another number then Charles Boyk and his staff is where you need to turn. These guys are great and I would highly recommend them. If I ever have another problem I know exactly where I'm going. Thank you Mr. Boyk, you and your staff are the best!!!!"

— Rich Crosser

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Boyk Law Cares

As we wrap up the year, we like express our gratitude for the good things we have received by giving to others. In December 2020, we donated \$1,000 to both Connecting Kids to Meals and the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. Please take a moment to learn more about these incredible organizations and the good work they do to feed the hungry in Northwest Ohio.



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