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This crash caused Deb to suffer a permanent injury to her right ankle that substantially limits her ability to earn a living and support herself. She has undergone multiple surgeries, and now faces a lifelong disability of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (“CRPS”) from this injury, which may worsen in the future.

Boyk Law Advantage: Nursing Paralegal

However, it’s even more specific and especially vital for cases that involve medical treatment such as auto accidents, medical malpractice, and worker’s compensation, which are only a few of the types of cases we handle!

As the title suggests, a nursing paralegal is a paralegal with a medical background. They are familiar with medical documentation, standards, and procedures, and apply that experience in a legal context. The nursing paralegal reviews the medical documentation, including the timeline of treatment, from the date of an incident to recovery. They are extremely valuable in helping to ensure that all medical records are complete and that your case is as well as it can be.

All of our legal assistants and paralegals here at Boyk Law have an important role to play when it comes to handling your case, and no one more so than our Nurse Paralegal, Emma Sullivan. With her prior experience in hospital settings and insurance processing, Emma brings a unique, invaluable perspective to the team.

A paralegal is deeply involved in the proceedings of each case, from beginning to end, handling much of the necessary paperwork and communication. A nurse paralegal’s job is to understand why physicians and medical practitioners make the decisions they do, and if those decisions follow what is known as a standard of care. With this knowledge, they are able to direct the flow of information on the part of our firm and bring our attention to the most important details of our client’s treatment and health.

“Emma is trained as both a nurse and a paralegal, so she knows what to look for in order to help us prepare and to prove your case,” says Attorney Chuck Boyk. “She is professionally trained in analyzing medical records. Instead of having someone with a paralegal background analyze medical records, we have someone with medical training who can analyze the facts better using the summary provided by the paralegal.”

Clamp Left Inside Patient After Bariatric Surgery

Years after undergoing bariatric surgery, our client began experiencing significant bleeding and constant pain. She suffered nerve pain down both legs and pain in her abdomen. After undergoing a subsequent surgery, it was discovered that a clamp was left from the bariatric surgery and was found to be lodged in her uterus and embedded in her navel. She was advised that another surgery was needed to remove the clamp and a complete hysterectomy would have to be performed. Our office is pursuing a medical malpractice action against the bariatric surgeon.

Employee Suffers Ankle Fracture After Slip & Fall Incident at Work

While on the job, our client slipped and fell on ice. She immediately experienced intense pain in her right ankle and foot and was taken to the hospital. There she underwent imaging and was found to have fractured and dislocated her ankle. Our client followed up with an orthopedic doctor who found her ankle broken in three places. Our client was scheduled to have an internal fixation procedure. The surgery was completed, and our client was discharged with instructions to rest and use crutches.

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Ohio prisons have notoriously been plagued with excessive force and sexual abuse by guards. In fact, a study on inmate deaths found that this project is being implemented after an inmate at an Ohio prison died when prison guards pulled him from his cell, got into a fight with him, and then refused to provide lifesaving medical care. Part of the result was to have an on-camera verifying the conduct—which led to the guards and medical staff being terminated. It also follows an incident where Correction officer prison guard beat and paraded a young inmate and then laughed and bragged in text messages about how good it felt to have broken his neck and played a role in paralyzing him. The State of Ohio agreed to pay the former inmate $175 million for what the guards did.

Client Birthday Celebration

Happy 101st Birthday to Tom Browning, client, and neighbor of Boyk Law Attorney Mike Bruno. Tom is a WWII Veteran who was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for O-I and Owens Corning in their Information Technology Department, helping to shepherd them through the dawn of the computer age. Happy Birthday Tom!
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Cases of Interest: March 2022

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“HouseN2Home was founded with the idea that anyone exiting homelessness deserves to have a safe, warm, and inviting home. So, we gathered together as volunteers to provide furnishings to families and individuals transitioning out of local shelters,” says Ruth Ann Logue, co-founder of the organization.

“The idea for HouseN2Home was born in 2017, when a local single mother that we knew, found herself homeless and in a shelter with her three kids. They were able to help find her housing, but quickly realized she needed so much more than a roof over her head to live a comfortable life,” said Logue. A group of her friends including Ginger Raymond, Liz Gubay, and Peggy Farrell joined together to help. They gathered gently used furniture and household items from their own homes and purchased other items to help establish the young woman’s home.

Inspired by that experience the friends developed a shared mission to help others in a new organization called HouseN2Home. “Our goal was to provide beautiful homes for people coming out of a shelter. So that it was filled with everything they could possibly need. We were going to be that group who helped give them a fresh start,” says Peggy Farrell, one of the co-founders and treasurer of HouseN2Home.

The group expanded to include a dozen friends of friends and grew quickly from there. They moved 32 clients in 2019, and the following year during the depths of the covid lockdown, they furnished 131 homes. By the end of 2021, that number almost doubled again.

They initially stored items in basements and garages, but the need of the community and the number of donations quickly overwhelmed that model. They were granted storage space in the former memory care unit of Ann Arbor’s St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. What initially started as a couple of rooms, soon expanded to the entire unit.

Donations of furniture and household items like shoes, clothing, and kitchen items, fill all of the many rooms. Other contains bedding, pillows, toys, art or electronics, and space for repairing and refurbishing furniture that may need a little love.

Chuck Boyk’s family got involved with the organization through his daughter Emily, a 3rd-year law student. “She was working as a Student Attorney at the University of Michigan’s Child Advocacy Law Clinic, helping a formerly homeless client regain custody of her children from foster care,” says Chuck. HouseN2Home furnished her new home and our entire family helped with the move. "Afterwards, Emily Boyk wrote on the HouseN2Home’s website of the furnished apartment at a hearing, which helped convince the court to grant her custody of her children again.

HouseN2Home accepts donations of clean, high-quality furniture, and household items. They also seek financial support to sponsor moves. But what they desperately need are more volunteers. “We are at a critical point where the demand for our services has just exploded,” says Logue. “We’re getting requests to help someone several times a week. But our volunteer numbers haven’t necessarily kept up with that demand. If I could wave a magic wand, we would double the number of volunteers that are here.”

HN2H uses word of mouth, social media, and its website to request financial and furniture donations and recruit individuals and groups to volunteer their time and resources. They also offer team building experiences for organizations and corporations.

To volunteer, donate or sponsor a move, or for more information, contact HouseN2Home at www.housen2home.org

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