

### The Triumphant Return of Bikes For Kids! **Charles Boyk Law to Give Away 10 "Bikes for Kids"** This Summer!



Nominate a child today by visiting BikesForKidsToledo.com Contest runs from June - August

Charles Boyk Law Offices is excited to announce the return of its annual Bikes for Kids Giveaway, where we choose 10 deserving children to receive a free bike. Boyk Law's original Bikes for Kids contest was started to promote bicycle safety and recognize deserving children in our community. "It's amazing to think that this will be our 12th year of Bikes for Kids and that we have given away over 100 bikes!" says Chuck Boyk. "We are so excited to hold this contest in 2022 for the 12th year!"

Supply chain issues made things difficult for everyone, and we were not able to hold the contest last summer. However, the situation improved enough that Boyk Law was able to give away 10 bikes to deserving Toledo Public School students

last December. As rewarding as that was, we are ready to get bikes to kids this summer.

Parents, grandparents, teachers, family members, and friends are encouraged to enter their child into the Bikes for Kids contest by telling us in approximately 150 words why they deserve a bike. Children can be nominated by anyone for any reason, whether that be for having a positive impact in their community or overcoming adversity. The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC will choose 10 nominees to receive a free bike from Wersell's Bike Shop.

Nominations are open anytime May 1st - June 12th, 2022, at www.bikesforkidstoledo.com

We will announce one winner each week for the rest of the summer. The bikes will be fitted, and helmets will be provided, courtesy of Wersell's, Toledo's oldest bike shop! Bikes for Kids winners will also be featured on WTOL TV and shared on Boyk Law social media.

Charles Boyk Law is proud to partner with Wersell's Bike shop, an area small business and community member to provide and custom fit the bikes for these students. "We are very excited to work with Charles Boyk Law again to give away bikes to some great kids!" says Jill Wersell, owner of Wersell's Bike Shop.



Scan our Bikes For Kids QR code with your phone to nominate a child to win a free bike.

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# **Boyk Law Clerk Publishes Article in UT Law Review**

Jesse Scott, our most recent Law Clerk, had an article published recently in The University of Toledo Law Review, a journal dedicated to producing legal scholarship.

Jesse's piece, titled "Maximum Security, Minimal Appreciation: The Unique and Necessary Mission that Ohio's Maximum-Security Prisons Accomplish and How to Improve Departmental Success," was published in Volume 53, Issue I of The University of Toledo Law Review.

Before attending Law School, Jesse worked as a Correctional Officer within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections ("ODRC"), at Southern Ohio Correctional Facility. SOCF became arguably the most infamous state maximum-security facility in the nation, following a riot that began on Easter Sunday 1993, and lasted eleven days. The

riot resulted in the death of eight inmates and one Correctional Officer.

Jesse recognized that much of the scholarship being produced was by academics who have never worked within the confines of maximum-security facilities, and only had an outside-looking-in view. Conversely, Jesse possessed knowledge and experiences of the inner workings of maximum-security facilities, coupled with an understanding of the law.

Jesse also served on the Executive Board of the University of Toledo Law Review as Managing Editor. He is graduating from The University of Toledo College of Law with Honors in May 2022 and will sit for the Ohio Bar Exam in July.

Once admitted to the Bar, Jesse will begin practice and join a small firm in his hometown of Portsmouth, Ohio. Jesse hopes to represent his local community, while forming a specialization in criminal and correctional law.

The staff at Charles Boyk Law Offices congratulate Jesse on his graduation and wish him good luck on his upcoming Ohio Bar Exam and future career.



# Where Are They Now? Boyk Law Clerks of the Past

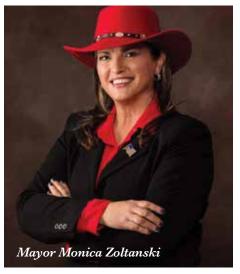
Law Clerks play an important role in the legal system. They are usually new attorneys or law students who provide essential services for a judge, established attorney, or a law firm. They often conduct legal research into prior cases and judgements, pouring over law books and journals. Boyk Law has benefitted from the hard work of several Law Clerks over the years, many of which have gone onto successful careers both in and outside the law.

Duff Milkie earned his degree the University of Toledo College of Law and clerked for Chuck Boyk in 1990-91. Chuck remembers him as, "smart, funny and great with people." He went on to a very successful career in Entertainment and Hospitality Law. He was the General Counsel and Executive Vice President of Business Development for Cedar Fair Entertainment, the parent company of Cedar Point, King's Island and other amusement resorts nationwide.

Lorain County Court of Common Pleas **Judge Mark A. Betleski**, clerked for Chuck in the mid 80's. "I remember him as emotionally intelligent, funny and very entertaining," says Chuck. "He moved back home to Lorain, Ohio where he has been a Common Pleas Judge since 1999."

Eric M. Schooley served as a law clerk and later as an attorney with Chuck from 1996-99. "He did excellent work and was a great communicator. He is now a Municipal Court Judge in Madison County, in London, Ohio, west of Columbus."

Monica Zoltanski was a clerk with Boyk Law from 1995-96. According to Chuck, "She had great emotional intelligence and common sense. She always wanted to help people." She moved to Sandy, Utah in 1996. She worked as City Prosecutor and served on city council. In November 2021 she was elected as Sandy, Utah's first female Mayor.



"Working at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices as a law student was a great opportunity to learn from experienced and dedicated attorneys." recalls Mayor Zoltanski. "The skills I learned shaped my law career and set a high standard for client service. In my new role as the Mayor of Sandy City, I still draw on the experiences of professionalism and teamwork demonstrated by Chuck Boyk. It was a great work environment and a wonderful experience. Twenty-five years later, I am still friends with the people I worked with during my clerkship in the law office."

## My Ever-Changing Mom by Mike Bruno

My mom was a kind and loving woman who passed away in 2009, a few days before Christmas. I came along when she was 22, eleven months after my parents married. It was the 1950s. She followed my dad to Germany, where he was an officer in the US Army. When I look at the old black & white photos, I'm struck by how young my parents were. Mom kept reinventing herself. During the 1960s she was a mother to 4 kids and was a homemaker. We could count on clean clothes, home-cooked meals, and someone to protect us from our dad if we forgot to do our chores.

Mom changed again in the 1970s. After my baby brother started kindergarten, mom returned to UT and got her teaching degree. We still got good meals and love, but it was on her schedule.

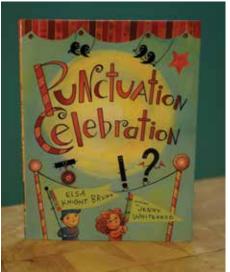


She then embarked on a 29-year career as a kindergarten teacher in Sylvania. As if 4 kids weren't enough, she had to fend off and educate one group in the morning and an entirely different group of 5-year-olds in the afternoon.

In 1999 my mom retired from the school system. Was she inclined to kick back and relax? No, she decided to write children's books.

Talk about a tough task. She started to write at age 64 and persevered numerous rejections before publishing

"Punctuation Celebration". She was working on a second book when she lost her battle with cancer.



"Punctuation Celebration" by Elsa Knight Bruno, featuring illustrations by Jenny Whitehead, is still in print today. A lasting tribute to my ever-changing mom.



### **CASES OF INTEREST: MAY 2022**

### Passenger Injured by Friend's Reckless Driving

Our client, a passenger in his friend's vehicle, was traveling on a county road in Napoleon Township. While travelling at speeds of 90 mph and higher, the driver ran a stop sign and lost control of the vehicle, sending the vehicle airborne and off the road. The vehicle rolled several times before coming to rest upside down in a ravine. Our client used the driver's side window to get out of the vehicle, then crawled across a field until he reached the nearest home for help. He was taken to the hospital and found to have several injuries including a fractured knee.

### Gun Violence at a bar in Columbus Leads To One Dead and Three Injured

A fight broke out in the early morning hours at a bar in Columbus, Ohio. As the altercation intensified, an individual started shooting. As our client attempted to help others, she was shot multiple times and later died at the hospital. Our office is investigating fault on behalf on the bar for failing to take steps to protect its patrons.

### Family of Five Succumbs to Fatal Injuries

A young couple and their three children were fatally injured when another driver failed to yield on a county road in Wauseon, Ohio, smashing into the passenger side of their vehicle. The violent impact sent both vehicles off the road. Our office is pursuing a wrongful death action on behalf of the surviving family for two of the decedents.



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# May's Raving Fan of the Month

"I cannot recommend this office and their team enough. They offered me peace of mind, while I focused on treatment and getting better. Mike, Nancy & Sarah were all extremely helpful while I was their client and things could not have gone more smoothly. A comforting and friendly environment (including fur-babies to help ease your stress), they take the time to listen to you and work for what's in your best interest, you're not just a number to them - you become part of the family, and that's what meant the most to me as we worked together over the years. Make them your first call – they will always be mine!" - Tishly

Have a positive review to share? Go to boykreviews.com to tell us about your experience!

### Boyk Law Helps Ukraine



When news broke that Russia had invaded Ukraine, we all asked: How can we help? This was especially true for Charles Boyk Law Attorney, Andrea Young, who felt the overwhelming call to take action.

On March 3, 2022, Ms. Young attended a 'Toledo Helps Ukraine' rally held by an international law student from Ukraine, Alona Matchenko. It was at that rally that Ms. Young and Mrs. Matchenko bonded over their mutual profession and compassion for others.

Fast forward one week – Attorney Young and the Charles Boyk Law Firm had partnered

up with Mrs. Matchenko and 'Toledo Helps Ukraine' to collect donations and organize a shipment of humanitarian aid overseas.

Throughout the month of March, Charles Boyk Law's Holland office quickly became the site of donation drop-offs, media coverage, and most importantly a place where a caring community of volunteers, Ukrainian refugees, high school students, and others could come together to help.



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