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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Boyk - 2024 Super Lawyers

The accolades are rolling in for the attorneys of Charles Boyk Law Offices. Mike Bruno, Chuck Boyk and Sam Bolotin were named as 2024 Super Lawyers. Boyk Law Attorney Andrea Young has also been recognized as a "Rising Star" for the third straight year.

Super Lawyers recognizes outstanding attorneys from more than 70 practice areas who have attained the highest degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Nominees are selected by their peers and go through a rigorous evaluation process.

"We are proud to be able to represent our fantastic clients", says Chuck Boyk. "Being recognized by our peers in a profession we love is a great honor."

"It is always nice to receive recognition from other lawyers," said Mike Bruno,

who has been named a Super Lawyer ten times, including a run of nine consecutive years beginning in 2016. That accomplishment is also shared by Charles Boyk Law of Counsel, Sam Bolotin.

Super Lawyer candidates are identified by their peers in small, medium, and large law firms across the country. They cannot nominate themselves and are prohibited from campaigning. Only 5% of attorneys are honored with the title of "Super Lawyer". Only 2.5% are named "Rising Stars". They are selected from outstanding young lawyers in practice for 10 years or less.



Chuck Boyk, Andrea Young, and Mike Bruno

2024 Super Lawyers, and to three-time Rising Star award recipient, Andrea Young. Charles Boyk Law Offices are very proud to have such talented attorneys on our staff.

The award-winning attorneys of Charles Boyk Law Offices are ready to help you with your case.

You can learn more about the Super Lawyers selection process at www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process/

"Helping people is my passion. Here at Charles Boyk Law we genuinely care about our clients and that's what sets us apart from the rest," says Andrea Young.

Congratulations to Chuck Boyk, Mike Bruno, and Sam Bolotin, on being named



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Boyk Law Alumni Spotlight: Chris Drees



Chris Drees:
Nov. 13, 2023,
Bar Admissions
Ceremony

We would like to offer a big congratulations to our former intern/clerk, Chris Drees. Chris is a 2023 graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School. He was recently admitted to the Ohio bar and has started as an associate attorney at global powerhouse firm Jones Day, in its Cleveland office.

In 2018, Chris, a junior at Miami University, reached out to us and expressed that he had

We're committed to building lifelong relationships with our attorneys and professional staff. We recognize their contributions helped us become the firm we are today. We are proud of our alumni and proud to highlight their accomplishments.

an interest in potentially going to law school after he graduated and was looking for a summer internship. Impressed with him, his credentials, and ambition, we invited Chris to join us that summer, and then for the next two summers after that, until he left for law school in 2020.

"Working at Boyk Law allowed me to see what a law firm was really like. I worked with amazing people on interesting and rewarding matters," said Chris. "When I started law school, I had perspective as to how the topics we were discussing in class applied in the real practice of law. I am eternally grateful to have had the opportunity to work at Boyk Law, and I attribute much of the success I have had in the start of my career to my experience there."

Watching Chris develop from a college intern to law student and then to a lawyer has been a great source of pride for our firm. We continue to look forward to watching his career grow.

Boyk Law Sponsored Run For Rescues To Aid Lucas County Dogs

Charles Boyk Law Offices sponsored the 3rd annual Run for Rescues in support of Friends of Lucas County dogs. The 5K fun run/walk was held in Toledo at Ottawa Park on October 8th

as part of Paw Palooza and helped raise almost \$6000 to help Lucas County dogs. 100% of the proceeds raised benefit the Friends of Lucas County Dogs to help them continue supporting LC4 and the local, homeless dogs residing there.

Charles Boyk Law is happy to help support the Friends of Lucas County Dogs and their mission.



Holiday Pet Drive Wrap-Up



Operation Santa Paws went off without a hitch on Christmas Day morning. Charles Boyk Law collected donations for every single pup in the

Lucas County Canine Care and Control (LC4) shelter PLUS some extras for future use. Marketing/Paralegal Sarah Shape led the team's efforts in collecting, delivering, shopping, and organizing this amazing drive!

The Boyk Law team assisted in packing items

up and donations as well. When Sarah and social media wizard Michelle Cooper, arrived at LC4, they were greeted by amazing volunteers who helped walk every shelter pup and let them pick their favorite toys from dozens that were spread across the shelter floor. Each dog also received a gift bag containing treats, and a fleece blanket, donated by our clients, staff, and vendors!

It was an amazing way to spread holiday cheer! Thank you for every single donation, social media post, and share. That extra effort helped us make this Happy Howliday happen for our furry friends at LC4! A very special thank you, also goes out to Sarah Sharpe and Michelle Cooper for playing Santa to the shelter dogs at Lucas County Canine Care and Control.

TOLEDO BAR ASSOCIATION JAM FOR JUSTICE

The Toledo Bar Association hosted Jingle Balls: Jamming for Justice at the Distillery on Friday, December 15, 2023. The evening was billed as "the biggest live-music event in the Toledo legal community". Jamming for Justice featured local attorneys and judges showcasing their musical talents to raise money to benefit the TBA Foundation and Neil Light Scholarship Fund. Charles Boyk Law Offices was a sponsor of the TBA Fundraiser.



Farewell to A Friend, Co-Worker, Pawyer

It is with a heavy heart that Charles Boyk Law Offices says goodbye to one of our Pawyers. Earlier this fall, Bella, a beloved co-worker and family dog, succumbed to kidney failure. She was a wonderful companion and friendly co-worker. Bella was a gentle soul, who was a calming influence on everyone, both client and staff alike.

Bella's was a rags-to-riches story. As a young dog, she was abandoned, but she was rescued by paralegal Tammy Bronowski's family who initially agreed to foster her in their home. They fell in love almost instantly and adopted her. Bella was showered with love and care she hadn't known before. Tammy initially believed Bella to be a mixed-breed mutt, but a canine DNA test revealed that she was a purebred American Bulldog.

Because she was a rescue dog, they don't know her true age but



Bella

speculate she was seven or eight years old. Whatever her actual age, it was far too short a time to spend with such a sweet-spirited pup. She leaves behind a family and an office full of two and four-legged friends who loved her.

RECIPE: Aunt Phyllis' Cocoa & Biscuits Make Everything Better

"When I was a kid, my mom or my visiting aunt would make us a special treat during the cold winter months. It was very popular where they grew up in Southern Kentucky. It was only served to us when there was a chill in the air, and it kept us warm with a smile on our faces. Of course, her version always included homemade biscuits, but unfortunately, I never mastered that art form. Canned biscuits work for me as a substitute. We would tear off pieces of the biscuits and bury them in a hot bowl of the cocoa pudding-like mixture. Some people prefer to pour the mixture over the biscuits instead. This was not something we ate often, but the taste is still a delicious memory. The flavor combination of the warm cocoa and the buttery biscuits is reminiscent of a chocolate croissant fresh from the oven. We called it Cocoa and Biscuits, but I've also seen it called Chocolate Gravy. Enjoy!" – Greg Tye, Marketing Content Producer, Charles E. Boyk Law Offices.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 stick butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons flour and
- 2 teaspoons cocoa.
- 1 cup of milk

INSTRUCTIONS:

Melt 1/3 stick butter in a skillet over low heat. Mix in 2/3 cup sugar, 2 teaspoons flour, and 2 teaspoons of cocoa. Slowly add 1 cup of whole milk and whisk well to remove lumps. Stir constantly, to avoid scorching the milk, until the mixture thickens. Pour the chocolate mixture over biscuits or into a bowl and add pieces of biscuits. It is delicious either way. You're Welcome.



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CASES OF INTEREST: DECEMBER 2023

Multiple Semi Truck Accident Results in One Driver on Fire

Our clients, two semi-trailer truck drivers, were traveling in separate trucks along the same route when they each pulled over to repair their semis. While parked at the side of the road, a third semi-truck traveling at approximately 60mph struck our first client's semi, causing it to collide with our other second client's rig. Unfortunately, our client driving the second semi was outside of the truck during the accident. She and her semi-truck caught fire. While still in flames, she ran to check on the first semi-driver, who is also her fiancé. Fortunately, both survived the accident but are now dealing with serious, permanent injuries. One client suffered numerous burns, broken ribs, and a fractured clavicle. Our other client suffered a traumatic brain injury as well as injuries to his neck and back. Our office is pursuing workers' compensation claims for both drivers and a separate negligence claim against the owner of the third semi-trailer truck.

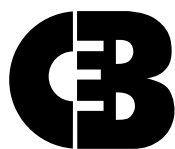
Pilot Killed in Plane Crash After Faulty Engine Declared Airworthy

Our client, a pilot, was operating an airplane when suddenly its engine malfunctioned, causing his plane to crash. This aircraft was previously maintained, repaired, and inspected by a local aircraft repair company. The aircraft and its engine were incorrectly deemed as airworthy by this company before it was operated by our client. Due to the company's negligence in repairing and inspecting the aircraft, our client tragically lost his life at the young age of twenty-three. Our office is local counsel and is assisting in pursuing a wrongful death action on behalf of the surviving family.

Blown Stop Sign Ends in Woman Being Life Flighted

On their way home from church, our clients, a husband and wife, were struck by another driver who blew through a stop sign. Upon impact, the wife lost consciousness and was life-flighted to a nearby hospital. She suffered substantial injuries to her head, requiring numerous staples, a fractured rib, and an injury to her wrist that required surgery with the placement of hardware. The husband was also transported via ambulance to a nearby hospital for the several injuries he sustained. Our office is currently pursuing a negligence claim against the at-fault driver.





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January's Raving Fan of the Month

"Charles E. Boyk Law office is THE place to go! We dealt with Katie at this office, and she was great! She was in constant contact and was very detailed with all and any information. Mr. Boyk worked very hard on our case. We won and were awarded our settlement in a timely fashion. I highly recommend this law office." - Jennifer M.

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

New Employee Profile: TORI HINTON

There is a happy smiling face waiting to greet you at the Charles Boyk Law – Holland office. Tori Hinton, our new receptionist, is the kind of person who always says "Bless you," when someone sneezes. She is a genuinely kind and friendly person, but she takes her role seriously. She is the first point of contact with Charles Boyk Law Offices, and feels she can make an impact by showing empathy. She makes it a point to smile when she answers each phone call.

Tori came to Charles Boyk Law after years in Customer Service positions with Century Label in Bowling Green and FriendsOffice in Findlay. At one of her previous positions, she received phone training, which emphasized excellent customer service. "Never let the next caller feel as if they are a burden or are interrupting something," she explains.

Tori was drawn to a position in our office specifically because it was a law firm. She divorced after twenty years of marriage, but she recalls that the receptionist at her lawyer's office was the best part of the process. "She helped make things better", says Tori. "And that's what I try to do for the people who call Boyk Law."



"Calling or visiting a law firm can be stressful because it's not something they do every day," says Tori. "I am the person who begins the process of helping them." Tori, always walks clients to our conference rooms, offering refreshments with a kind smile.

She has two children and two grandchildren. Tori is a big amateur wrestling fan. Her son wrestled at Elmwood High School and the University of Indianapolis. She and her boyfriend are Toledo Walleye hockey fans and also like to attend concerts, especially country music. "We love sharing experiences over material things."

Charles Boyk Law Offices welcomes Tori Hinton to our team. If you need help, she is standing by to take your call with a smile on her face.

New address or phone number? Help us stay current by letting us know!

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