

A Newsletter by Attorneys, For Attorneys



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DO YOU HAVE REFERRALS? We Invite You To Consider Our Firm



The Charles E. Boyk Law Office staff

Charles Boyk began practicing law more than 40 years ago with the intent of helping people in need. Since then, he has founded a well-respected firm with an outstanding team of lawyers, and professional support staff. Charles E. Boyk Law Offices have grown to become one of the leading personal injury law firms in the region, with 11 office locations in NW Ohio and SE Michigan.

Our Legal Newsletter is tailored to attorneys. It highlights examples of cases we are handling and provides updates on litigation. If you have a personal injury case you are looking to refer, we invite you to consider our firm. Our team of attorneys and professional staff have the experience, knowledge, and resources to provide your clients with the best representation and maximize their recovery.

Charles E. Boyk Law Offices handles a wide variety of personal injury cases, including auto, motorcycle, pedestrian/bicycle, slip and fall, premises liability, dog bite, wrongful death, minor settlement, and worker's compensation. We accept product liability and mass tort cases and are committed to representing victims and survivors of sexual assault and abuse and providing assistance to other attorneys and firms litigating these cases.

Co-Counsel Opportunities

Whether you have an injury case that is outside your core practice area, a case you do not have time or the resources to pursue on your own, or a case outside your geographic area, our firm would love to talk with you about a referral or being associated as co-counsel. We encourage you to reach out to our experienced team of professionals to see how our office can help you. We consider it an honor to be contacted by attorneys, both locally and across the U.S., who are seeking co-counsel to help litigate

complex personal injury cases. We will gather all relevant information and keep you apprised of any developments as the case moves along. With the industry's latest technology and resources available to us, we will pursue every avenue to provide your clients with the representation they need and the compensation they deserve.

At Charles Boyk Law, we know that building strong relationships within our community is a two-way street. We are contacted every day by people in need of legal assistance with domestic relations, juvenile, criminal, business, landlord/tenant, and many others. We refer these cases to experienced attorneys with different practice areas than ours who share our commitment to serving our clients.

For more information on referring cases to Charles E Boyk Law Offices, email us at referceb@charlesboyk-law.com or visit our website, www.charlesboyk-law.com/referral

Partnering with Charles Boyk Law Offices

We are a trusted and well-respected local firm, and the Charles Boyk Law name carries real weight in our tight-knit legal community. Trusting your case to Charles Boyk Law is an easy, worry-free experience because it will be handled efficiently and professionally by our attorneys and staff. We will provide regular status updates and answer any questions you have. You will receive copies of important case documents, including the demand letter and Settlement Statement.

Need more Reasons to Refer Cases to Charles E. Boyk Law Offices? Our clients love us! Take a look at our more than 700 5-Star Google Reviews. When you refer a case to Charles Boyk Law, we will treat your clients as if they were our own.

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Holland Man's Adversity Leads To Independence

Craig Firsdon uses a wheelchair due to complications from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. On July 28, 2021, Craig was severely injured while riding in a handicap-accessible van that was transporting him and his mother from their home to the Toledo Zoo. Craig was excited and looking forward to the trip as this was his first outing since the pandemic began. However, the horrific events that transpired thereafter left him traumatized and in excruciating pain.

Our client was not properly secured in the van, and when the driver made a sharp right turn, Craig was thrown out of his wheelchair and impaled in the left leg by a sharp metal object inside the van. During the litigation phase of Craig's case, it was discovered that the driver of the van was not the same person that the company disclosed them to be, and furthermore, the actual driver was not properly trained to drive the transport vehicle.

Immediately after the injury, Craig was taken to the University of Toledo Medical Center, where he was admitted and treated by the trauma team and

consulted on by vascular surgery. While in the hospital, he got an infection in his leg and underwent surgery. Craig spent two weeks in the hospital before being discharged to his home. The wound with subsequent infection took almost eight months to completely close. Due to his open wound, Craig underwent an extended and painful recovery process that involved home health visits to care for the wound, along with medication supplied via pump to lessen his agonizing pain.

Craig's injuries caused him immeasurable pain and suffering for a prolonged period of time, which has prevented him from engaging in the leisure activities that previously brought joy to his life. Charles Boyk said "Craig is a remarkable person. He has overcome a great deal of hardship in his life. He is highly intelligent and is a tremendous poet!" Craig also experienced significant anxiety related to the incident, particularly with respect to riding in a transport vehicle. Fortunately, Craig has a good family support system that was able to assist him in his recovery process.



Craig Firsdon with his mother and his new van

Boyk Law recovered a sizable settlement for Craig. As a result, he has purchased his own van so he will no longer be dependent on unreliable and unsafe medical transport companies. Craig said, "I will no longer have to worry about anxiety every time I ride in a transportation vehicle. My life will be easier, all thanks to Charles Boyk Law Offices."

Commercial Trucking Settlement

As a paramedic and father of two, our 33 yr. old client was living a very fulfilling life – helping others and providing for his family. But when a commercial truck disregarded the emergency lights and sirens on his ambulance and caused a T-bone collision, the first responder went from a care provider to a care recipient.

Our client was in the back of the ambulance administering emergency medical assistance to a patient when the collision occurred. He was violently thrown around the inside of the squad, suffering numerous injuries including fractured ribs, a rotator cuff tear requiring surgical repair, and a cranial fracture/TBI.

His traumatic brain injury resulted in the development of debilitating migraines – which interfered with his ability to work. Experts determined his migraines were likely permanent and that he was unemployable.

Our team of medical experts, vocational experts, and an economist helped demonstrate how extensive our client's injuries and economic damages were.

After extensive efforts, our firm's PI and worker's comp teams were able to reach a life-changing, confidential settlement with both defendant's insurer and Workers' Comp.





East Palestine Train Derailment:

Boycott Attorney Wes Merillat Appointed to Class Action Leadership Committee

On February 3, a Norfolk Southern train carrying over 100,000 gallons of ultra-toxic and dangerous chemicals derailed in East Palestine, Ohio. The derailment resulted in a massive inferno, spewing poisonous fumes into the air. The images grabbed the nation's attention and put a spotlight on the safety practices of the railroad industry.

The fiery derailment prompted fears of a catastrophic explosion of vinyl chloride -- a highly flammable chemical linked to an increased risk of cancer (it's the "VC" in PVC). After a mandatory evacuation order, crews released vinyl chloride into a trench and burned it off -- averting an explosion but spawning new health concerns.

The hazardous chemicals and pollutants from the derailment pose serious future health risks to people in surrounding communities, including those in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The derailment has

also wreaked financial harm on businesses, farmers, and property owners. Some estimates are that more than a half million individuals have been adversely impacted.

The widespread harm caused by Norfolk Southern Corporation's negligence resulted in lawsuits by the State of Ohio and the Department of Justice. It also prompted a class action.

Judge Benita Pearson, who is overseeing the litigation, selected a team of complex litigation attorneys to lead and oversee the coordinated action. Among those selected was Boyk Law attorney Wes Merillat.

Our firm currently represents business owners, property owners, and individuals forced to leave their homes. We are committed to holding Norfolk Southern fully accountable for the harm it negligently caused.

Sex Abuse Litigation: Confidential Settlement Reached Against Oscar Winner

Our firm is committed to providing representation to victims and survivors of sexual assault and abuse. We have a dedicated team of attorneys and staff to expertly handle cases on behalf of those who are victimized. We have represented clients against medical professionals, schools, universities, businesses, employers, nursing homes, clergy, and recently, against a Hollywood Oscar winner whose films have grossed billions.

Our client, a citizen from South Africa, had been sexually victimized by this individual. We were able to reach a confidential, out-of-court settlement for her.

If you have clients that have experienced sexual abuse or would like more information about this litigation, contact Wes Merillat.
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I have been referring cases to the Boyk Law Offices for the past 2-3 years. The clients always have very high praise for the effort and results achieved by the firm. Chuck recently resolved a case I referred, with very questionable liability, (slip & fall) for \$350,000. Knowledgeable, hardworking and respected is how I would describe the lawyers at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices.



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Camp Lejeune Litigation



From 1953 to 1987, at least one million enlisted servicemen and women, their families, and civilian staff were poisoned by contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. Recognizing this, the Camp Lejeune Justice Act (CLJA) was signed into effect on Aug. 10, 2022.

Before the CLJA was enacted, litigation was previously denied to those who were affected, but now these individuals will finally be able to have their day in court.

Despite what many national advertisements claim, pursuing a claim is an involved process. The CLJA requires that an administrative claim be filed before filing a suit. After a claim is filed, six months must pass before a civil action can be brought.

During this six-month time period, the Department of the Navy has the opportunity to offer a resolution for these claims via settlement offers; however, if the department does not offer a settlement or an impacted individual chooses to reject an offer, then the individual's next step is to file a case in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Boyk Law has a dedicated team investigating, filing, and working to obtain justice for Camp Lejeune victims.

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