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Boyk Law Welcomes New CEO

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Dan Lambert has joined Charles Boyk Law as our new Chief Executive Officer. Most recently, he was Chief Financial Officer of Kec, Walker & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services LLC in Perrysburg, Ohio. He holds the CFP® and APMA® designations.

Dan grew up in Bowling Green, Ohio, and is a graduate of BG High School. A three-time graduate of BGSU, he earned a BFA and MFA in Poetry as well as his MBA. Dan has nearly a decade of experience in leadership.

Dan loves music. He played violin in high school as part of an international orchestra that toured Europe. Today he is an avid record collector with over a thousand LPs in his collection. He remembers buying his first album from Finders Records as a 3-year-old. His tastes run the gamut from hip-hop to classic country to heavy metal, but he has a special affinity for jazz.

Lambert will be directing the business and operation aspects of Charles Boyk Law Offices, leaving our attorneys to concentrate on helping our clients. He plans to combine his skills in finance, marketing, and communication to grow

the business, serve the community, and uphold the highest standards of legal practice.

He believes that every business is alive in its way. He enjoys working with the personnel of that organization to make improvements and reach their promise.

Dan says he was attracted to Boyk Law's CEO position, in part because of the firm's philanthropy and community outreach efforts. Through his due diligence, he also learned that the staff feels they are part of a family more than a business, an environment that was created and nurtured by Chuck Boyk.

We welcome Dan to the Charles Boyk Law family and look forward to working with him.



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New Attorney Joins Boyk Law Team

Attorney Zackary Shaffer has joined the talented team of lawyers at Charles Boyk Law Offices. Zac was born in Toledo but moved and grew up in Pemberville, Ohio. He played football and was on the track team at Eastwood High School. His mother was a nurse, and his dad is a retired Toledo Police officer.

Zac's family enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together. Zac was drawn to study law because he likens practicing law to the challenge of putting a puzzle together. "Assembling the pieces of evidence in their correct place is the constant challenge to get the best result for our clients", he says.

Zac graduated from the University of Toledo with a dual major in Law & Social Thought and Political Science. He got his Law Degree from the University of Toledo College of Law. Zac initially thought about pursuing Health Care law, until he clerked in a personal injury firm. He passed the bar in 2019 and accepted a position with a firm in Medina, Ohio where Zac worked on a variety of cases including Employee Discrimination, Worker Compensation, Wrongful Termination, and Personal Injury.

He noticed the procedural and attitude differences in the legal communities of Metro Cleveland and Toledo. Cleveland area lawyers are more cut-throat, and everything is very structured and punctual. The "Toledo Way" is more cooperative even between opposing attorneys. Even though you're working toward contrary goals, lawyers can still maintain a healthy civil relationship with the opposition.

Zac returned to the Toledo area in 2020 when he accepted a position with Levy and Levy, a local firm, handling family and domestic law cases, as well as some criminal law. He worked there for almost two years before returning to work on personal injury cases at a firm he interned with during law school.



Attorney Zackary Shaffer

We are very happy that Zac recently joined the team at Charles Boyk Law. He is working on our pre-litigation cases, taking client calls, monitoring their treatment, and negotiating with insurance adjusters. Zac enjoys working at Boyk Law which has a very welcoming environment and staff who want to work together in the "Toledo Way" to help our clients.

Boyk Law Cares About Lucas County Dogs

It's no secret that our firm loves dogs, especially the pampered Pawyers in our Holland office. We also care about the less fortunate dogs at Lucas County Canine Care and Control (LC4), and we are committed to helping them. Our Charles Boyk Law Cares program has made multiple monetary and equipment donations to the shelter. We purchased, built, and delivered 20 raised pet beds, that evenly distribute the dog's weight so that there are no pressure points on hips, shoulders, or elbows. The beds are easy to clean, but most importantly, the dogs don't have to sleep on the cold floor of a kennel.

With the help of clients and friends, we raised additional funds and collected donations of treats, and blankets to create holiday care packages for all of the shelter dogs which were hand-delivered by Boyk Law personnel on Christmas morning.

Our firm also beautified the adoption area of the Lucas County shelter. The Charles Boyk Law Cares Adoption Center at LC4 provides an attractive area where those who adopt dogs can take photos with their new pups to share with family and friends on social media, and hopefully, encourage others to adopt LC4 dogs as well.

One of our Boyk Brief podcast episodes featured Kelly Sears, Director of Lucas County Canine Care and Control, and Anna Brogan, their Community Engagement Manager, who talked about their mission and the challenges they face.

Boyk Law shared news about the shelter and featured adoptable dogs via our social media channels to help more of them find a forever home.

Overall, more than a thousand dogs were adopted from the shelter in 2023 and almost nine hundred more were returned to their owners. LC4 also provided \$104,000 in emergency medical care to dogs in need.

The Charles Boyk Law Cares program will continue our support of Lucas County dogs in 2024 and also explore ways to help shelter in our other office communities. If you want more information about the program, visit our website at www.charlesboyk-law.com/ charles-boyk-law-cares/



The Boyk Brief Podcast Posts 50th Episode

The Boyk Brief posted two new episodes recently including our 50th podcast. Episode 49 features a conversation with Chief Scientist Carl Nelson and Chief Education Officer Sloan Eberly Mann from Imagination Station, to find out more about the Toledo Science Center and the upcoming Total Eclipse of the sun occurring on April 8, 2024. All of North America will see a partial eclipse, but only a narrow path through the United States and Mexico will experience total darkness.





The Toledo area is at the northern edge of totality, where the moon will completely block the sun. Even residents of Sylvania and other nearby communities are outside the path of totality and won't be able to view the eclipse safely without protective glasses. Tourists from other areas are expected to visit Toledo to view this once-in-a-lifetime event which won't happen again in this area until 2099. Imagination Station is hosting a Solar Eclipse Viewing party on April 8, 2024. For more information about the event, visit their website at www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/solareclipse-2024/solar-eclipse-viewing-party/

Episode 50 of the Boyk Brief welcomed Larchmont Elementary School Principal Keri Sharp and School Psychologist Sarah Darrow to talk about Janie's Pantry, a program designed to provide snacks and other food to hungry students. It has since expanded in its first year to also assist the students' families by providing a source of free food, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products. Janie's Pantry is funded by Charles Boyk Law Offices and named in honor of Chuck's late mother-in-law.

The Boyk Brief is available to download on most podcast platforms including, Spotify, iHeart, Apple Music, Amazon, and TuneIn. You can view video versions of The Boyk Brief podcasts on YouTube and discover more episodes of The Boyk Brief podcast on our website at www.charlesboyk-law.com/the-boyk-brief-podcast/.

RECIPE: Gregorio's Grilled Chicken Fajita Skewers

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- I tsp. ground coriander
- Pinch of cayenne
- 4 tbsp. olive oil
- 3 limes
- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into
- 1 1/2-in chunks1 lb. mixed-color
- peppers, cut into 1-in. pieces
- 3 jalapeños, sliced about 1/2 in. thick
- 2 small red onions, cut into 1-in.-thick wedges
- salt and pepper
- 12 small flour tortillas
- Skewers (If using wood, soak them in water to avoid burning)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, mix the cayenne, coriander, and cumin, with 2 tablespoons oil and zest of 1 lime. Add the chicken chunks and toss until all pieces are coated.

2. Season the chicken chunks with salt and pepper and thread onto skewers.

3. Toss the onions, peppers, and jalapeño pieces in 2 tablespoons of oil and season well with salt and pepper. Thread each vegetable piece onto its own skewer.

4. On a medium-high temperature grill, cook the chicken skewers for 8-10 minutes and the vegetable skewers for 4-8 minutes.

5. Cut the limes in half and cook face down on the grill for about 1 min until lightly charred.

Serve with tortillas, sour cream, cilantro, and shredded cheese.

CASES OF INTEREST: MARCH 2023

Passenger Suffers Multiple Fractures When Other Car Knocks Them Off The Road

Our client was a passenger in the backseat of his friend's car when another driver suddenly smashed into the vehicle he and his friends were traveling in. The other driver had blown through a stop sign, while traveling at a high rate of speed, causing the two vehicles to collide in the intersection.

Upon impact, our client's vehicle was pushed off the roadway and struck numerous posted signs as the vehicle was shoved off the road. Our client suffered three fractures in his arm as well as other injuries and is being treated by an orthopedic surgeon. He has also been unable to work since the date of the accident. Our office is pursuing a negligence claim against the driver who T-boned the vehicle our client was traveling in.

Minor Nearly Loses Fingers During Shop Class

Our client was working on a project in his high school construction class when he went to use the table saw that had a broken blade guard. Our client's teacher was aware of the broken blade guard, but still nonetheless permitted our client to use the machine. Our client was pushing pieces of wood through the machine when he was startled by another classmate and inadvertently moved his fingers toward the exposed blade. The blade nearly severed his index finger and cut off the top portion of his middle finger on his dominant hand. Our client required several surgeries and hospitalization due to his injuries. Before this incident, our client aspired to work in construction after graduation, but he will now face great difficulty even using his dominant hand for simple daily tasks. Our office is pursuing a negligence claim against the client's school.

Woman Injures Bicep on the Job Due to Forklift Incident

While on the job, our client was positioned inside of one of her company's truck beds, organizing product, when a subcontracted forklift driver unloaded additional material while she was still inside. As a result, our client's arm was eventually struck by the forklift's prongs. The power of the forklift tore our client's bicep muscle. Our client has had one surgery so far and remains off work with a frozen shoulder. It was later learned that the day this incident occurred was also the forklift driver's first day on the job. Our office is pursuing both a workers' compensation claim on behalf of our client and a separate negligence claim against the employer of the forklift driver for their failure to properly train and supervise their employee.

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Boyk Law attorney Andrea Young recently appeared on a Toledo Bar Association's (TBA) podcast as part of the First Gen Lawyer's Project. Karl Strauss, Esq. and law student Noah Woods interviewed Andrea about her journey to become the first lawyer in her family. They discussed her career path and what brought her to the practice of law.

The TBA hopes to create a network of resources and connections to help first-generation attorneys and law students establish their careers and find a home within the Toledo legal community, through meaningful mentorships, programming, and podcasts. You can listen to the podcast and learn more about the First Gen Lawyer's Project at www.toledobar.org/firstgen



March's Raving Fan of the Month

"I definitely recommend this law firm. They were super helpful and informative. They kept me updated at all times with any developments on my case, and they were very clear leaving no room for confusion. Not only is this entire establishment professional, but they are also very kind and I truly got a sense they cared about me and my case... If I ever need a lawyer again I know who I'll be calling." - Madison W.

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

Thor Takes Residence As Boyk Law's Newest Pawyer

We have a new Pawyer in the Holland office of Charles Boyk Law. "Thor" is the 2 1/2-yearold pit-bull mix of Attorney Zac Shaffer. He rescued Thor who was part of a litter of Pitbull puppies dropped off at LC4, the Lucas County dog shelter. Although the pup was very sick with Kennel Cough, Zac couldn't resist those adorable brown eyes and brought him home.

Zac, who is a self-described "Nerd" who enjoys mythology and comic books, named his puppy Thor after the Norse God of Thunder and Marvel Comics superhero. Zac also has a cat named Sif, in honor of the Asgardian goddess. Zac enjoys bringing Thor to work in the office with him. Our office staff are smitten and showering him with love and treats. Look for Thor's Pawyer profile on our website soon.



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