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Boyk Law Selects Purple Heart Recipient As 2025 Veteran Scholarship Winner



Jimmion Clayton

Charles E. Boyk Law, LLC has named Jimmion Clayton, a U.S. Army National Guard veteran, as the 2025 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship recipient. Clayton will receive \$2,000 as part of the firm's annual initiative supporting U.S. veterans in their educational pursuits.

Clayton joined the Army National Guard at 16 and served as a military police officer. He is a combat-wounded Purple Heart recipient. As a First Sergeant in the North Carolina National Guard's

514th Military Police Company, he was deployed to Afghanistan. He was injured in a suicide bomber attack that killed several fellow soldiers and left him partially paralyzed. After returning home, he worked with veteran social services in North Carolina and is pursuing a master's degree in social work at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Clayton's application detailed his path as a father and veteran. In his essay, Clayton described how furthering his education will strengthen his work with veterans and families.

"Jimmion's application stood out for his drive and focus on helping others," said Charles Boyk,

founder of Charles E. Boyk Law Offices. "We started this scholarship to invest in students who step up in their schools and communities. We're proud to support his next steps."

The firm's scholarship honors student veterans and qualifying family members who attend accredited colleges or universities. Applicants are evaluated on academics, community engagement, leadership, and a personal essay outlining goals and impact. Funds may be used for tuition or other school-related expenses.

For details about future scholarship cycles, eligibility and deadlines, visit charlesboyk-law.com/2025-boyk-law-veteran-scholarship.



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Cynthia Walborn Retires After 18 Years With Boyk Law

Workers' Compensation Paralegal Cynthia Walborn is retiring after 18 years at Charles Boyk Law Offices.

Cynthia had five years of prior experience handling Workers' Compensation cases at another law firm before coming to work with Chuck Boyk and Mike Bruno. She started as a receptionist in December of 2007, when the firm was located in downtown Toledo's Spitzer Building. At the time, Attorney Chuck Boyk said Cynthia was "pleasant, helpful, and conscientious, and does an excellent job of providing friendly and helpful service to our clients." His observation was spot-on, and her attitude and dedication to clients never wavered over the next 18 years.

She remembers moving the office down the street to the 12th floor of the PNC Bank (formerly National City Bank) Building at 405 Madison. She recalls starting there, answering phones while the office walls were still under construction. Her work ethic and determination also brought her into the office during an ice storm, even though she had to climb the stairs all the way to the 12th floor because the storm had knocked the power out to the building.

That same commitment to getting the job done helped her guide countless clients through the challenges of the Ohio Workers' Compensation program. Cynthia says the process has become more challenging over the years due to bureaucratic

changes in the state system, but that never deterred her from working for our clients.

"Cynthia has been a fantastic advocate for our workers' compensation clients," says Chuck Boyk. "She will be missed. We wish her much happiness in retirement."

"Cynthia has been a great resource to me on all work injury claims," says Attorney Mike Bruno. "She came to us with a great amount of experience already. Her efforts have brought our workers' compensation team to a much higher level."

Cynthia has experienced a lot of changes over the past 18 years. Co-workers have come and gone, but the sense of camaraderie has remained constant. The staff at Boyk Law cares about one another. "We became friends and were there for each other, as we raised families and weddings... We always had each other's backs. It was a lot different environment from my previous law firm."

Cynthia's career at Boyk Law was celebrated at a recent event at our Holland office. She attended with



Cynthia Walborn (center), with attorneys Mike Bruno, Chuck Boyk, Andrea Young, and Zac Shafer (holding Gypsy Rose)

her granddaughter and her faithful office dog Gypsy Rose. She was showered with retirement gifts and well-wishes from her friends on the Boyk office staff.

"It was nice working for a compassionate and caring firm," Cynthia said to her co-workers. "Not all law firms are like this. The attorneys and staff at Boyk Law are very caring people, and they show it every day to the clients we represent."

Congratulations Cynthia! We wish you a long, happy, and healthy retirement. Hopefully, she'll enjoy more opportunities for crafting projects and spending time with her husband Evan, her family, and Gypsy Rose.

Jacklyn Gallagher and James Ferguson will continue handling Boyk Law's Workers' Compensation cases.

Boyk Law Welcomes Katelyn Thatcher - Litigation Paralegal

Kate grew up in Findlay, Ohio. She attended Findlay High School and then on to the University of Toledo, graduating in May 2025 with a degree in Paralegal Studies.

"I liked the idea of going into law, but I wasn't sure about the idea of going to law school specifically," says Kate. "I'm happy doing what I'm doing now. I would love to go to law school if it wasn't so expensive."

She had an internship as a paralegal with a Family Law practice in Sylvania. Even though she was offered a full-time position after graduation, she says that family law (divorces, custody battles, and their consequences) was not the right fit for her, and she began looking for a position with another firm.

"Anytime you're looking up personal injury lawyers in Toledo, says Katelyn, "Charles Boyk Law is one of the first firms you see... When a position popped up at Boyk Law, I applied for it. And then I met with Attorney Mike Bruno, and it sounded like a good fit," says Kate. "I was nervous before I came here, but I remember texting my mom after my first week, saying, I love everyone here. They're all super nice! I loved the dogs in the office. I thought that was the coolest thing ever."

Everyone is nervous when they start a new job, but Kate says she noticed something special about Boyk Law right away. "I could just be myself, and I liked how many people were here. Everyone has a different personality, and everyone gets along here, which I love... That's pretty impressive in an office of almost 40 employees."

Outside of work, Kate likes to watch TV, with her friends and roommates, especially "Dancing With the Stars". "My friends and I get together and watch it," she says..

She also enjoys scrolling TikTok, looking for arts and craft projects. "I get lots of ideas for stuff on there," says Kate. "I like to do anything artsy."

Her parents still live in Findlay, as does her brother, who recently had a baby, so her duties as a new aunt take her back home regularly. "That's my main reason for going home, and to see my parents. I like being in Findlay, but I also like being around my friends here.

Kate also has two dogs back home in Findlay, Coda and Millie; both are mini poodles. "I wanted a dog, and my mom agreed, because Millie was a small, one-pound dog. But then she was often bored all



Katelyn Thatcher and her dog Millie

by herself, so we had to get Coda, and he was the complete opposite. She's chill, and he runs all over the house."

"They are supposed to be my dogs, but when I moved out, my mom decided she would keep them, even though she never liked dogs," explains Kate. "Every once in a while, I'll make a joke about taking them back."

Millie has already visited the Boyk Law Offices, and we can't wait to meet Coda.

Charles Boyk Law Offices Nominated Again for “Best Attorney in Toledo”!

For the 3rd straight year, Charles Boyk Law Offices was nominated by readers of the Toledo City Paper for the title of 2025’s Best Attorney. We were honored to win the award over the past two years, and are ready to defend our title again!

Charles Boyk Law Offices hasn’t let these accolades go to our heads. We’re still the same hard-working, caring, do-anything to help our clients, dog-loving, customer service-focused law firm. We’re just working even harder and faster to win your case and justify your trust in us. The attorneys and staff of Charles Boyk Law Offices want to thank the readers of the Toledo City Paper for voting us Best Attorney for 2023 and 2024 and for nominating us again in 2025. We are going for our third year in a row to be named Best Attorney in town, and we need your votes to help us win the title again this year.

Toledo City Paper’s annual readers’ poll asks the public to vote on the best professionals, personalities, artists, and small businesses across Northwest Ohio. Voting closes on December 15, so vote for Chuck today! Voting is open through December 15th. Visit www.toledocitypaper.com. You can vote once per day, per email. The 2025 Best of Toledo winners will be announced in the March 2026 issue of the Toledo City Paper.



GO. VOTE. NOW.



Voting Closes Dec. 15, 2025

Boyk Law Hosts Winter Clothing Drive For Larchmont School Families



Finances are tight for many Toledo families, and with colder temperatures on the way, Charles Boyk Law wants to help keep the students at Larchmont Elementary School safe and warm as they head to school. Kids are always losing gloves, hats, scarves, and other winter wear. However, some families are struggling to provide basic winter clothing, let alone replace them..

Charles Boyk Law Offices wants to help. We are collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves at our Holland Office to help the families of Larchmont Elementary.

School leadership has converted a gym locker room into a “Comfort Closet” that contains donated new and used clothing for Larchmont students and families. Recently, the school made an urgent request for more winter clothing on their Facebook page.

We really need warm coats, hats, blankets, and gloves, for our students and families,” says Larchmont Principal Kari Sharp.

“During the wintertime, a lot of our students don’t have coats, hats, gloves, and those are some of the number one things that are requested says School Psychologist, Sarah Darrow. “We often see students coming to school in the winter without the bare essentials.”



Larchmont School Psychologist, Sarah Darrow

If you can donate new or gently used winter clothing, contact Larchmont Elementary School at 419-671-3650, or drop it off at Charles Boyk Law’s Holland Office, at 1500 Timberwolf Drive.

The Whitehouse Christmas Tree Farm: December Small Business of the Month

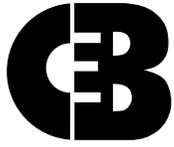
The Whitehouse Tree Farm offers area families a unique holiday experience: Walk among their 70 acres of different species of evergreens. Once you select the perfect tree for your home, they will cut it for you, shake and wrap the tree for transport, and load it on your vehicle for the ride home.

While visiting the Whitehouse Tree Farm, you can also enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride and hot chocolate while your family searches for the perfect tree. The Whitehouse Tree Farm is also committed to giving back to military families. Each year, they participate in several programs to support military families locally and across the country.

They actively participate in the Trees for Troops program with other tree farmers across the country. Since the program began in 2005, over 300,000 trees have been donated to military families in the U.S., and over 16,600 trees to military bases around the world. The Whitehouse Tree Farm personally donates over 100 trees each year. This holiday season, their trees will be shipped to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, MI. They are also donating 25 trees to local Vietnam War Veterans.

The Whitehouse Tree Farm is located directly across from The Butterfly House at 11500 Obee Road, Whitehouse, Ohio. They are open Tues - Fri from 2 pm to 5 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays through 12/14, from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information about their programs and events at www.wheelerfarms.com. Charles Boyk Law Offices is giving away holiday experiences at The Whitehouse Tree Farm when you like and follow our social media channels. Visit www.charlesboyk-law.com/boyk-social-event-entry/ and register for your chance to win.





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Mom's House — Holiday Drive

Mom's House is a faith-based organization that strives to break the cycles of poverty and welfare. Their mission is to guide at-risk single parents through the process of achieving educational goals and provide the tools and resources to become effective parents. Mom's House provides high-quality childcare, educational resources, and personalized support to help parents achieve their goals while ensuring children grow in a safe and nurturing environment.

During the holiday season, donations to Mom's House Toledo help provide meals, educational materials, and holiday gifts for families, giving them hope, encouragement, and tangible support. Your contribution helps families thrive, strengthens the community, and spreads the love and care that is at the heart of Mom's House's mission.

For more information on how you can help, contact www.momshousetoledo.org

December's Raving Fan of the Month

“I was met with professionalism, kindness, and sound advice. Malina helped me understand the situation and was able to guide me in the right direction with a clear path for the next steps I needed to take. I would highly recommend this practice.” - Sarah K.

Have a positive review to share?

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RECIPE: **Caroline's Candied Sparkle Berries**

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups of fresh cranberries, rinsed and patted dry
- 2 cups (16 fl oz/473 ml) orange juice or Sprite
- 1 cup powdered sugar

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat your oven to 200°F.
2. Pour a bag of cranberries into a large bowl, and cover with your favorite juice (orange or apple), clear soda pop, or sparkling wine. Choose a flavor that pairs well with cranberry. Let them soak for one hour.
3. Drain the cranberries using a strainer, but keep them wet. Then, pour them into a large resealable bag.
4. Add enough powdered sugar to cover the berries and seal the bag. Shake the bag vigorously until the cranberries are completely covered in a thick coating of powdered sugar.
5. Transfer the coated cranberries to a large baking sheet lined with parchment paper and bake for 5 minutes. Do not overbake!
6. The powdered sugar coating will form a candied shell around the cranberries.
7. Allow the cranberries to fully cool to room temperature and chill for an hour before eating. Keep any leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator.



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