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Lawsuit Filed: Five-Year-Old is Attacked & Severely Injured, While Unsupervised at B.G. Cub Scout Meeting

Bowling Green, Ohio — A civil lawsuit has been filed in the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas on behalf of a five-year-old child who suffered a severe femur fracture during a Cub Scout pack meeting. The lawsuit was filed against Erie Shores Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, along with individual defendants Christopher H. Coakley, David A. Clark, and a minor child identified in the Complaint as L.C.

According to the Complaint, the incident occurred on December 4, 2025, during a Pack 422 meeting in Bowling Green. The minor plaintiff, identified as D.R., alleges that when the supervising pack leader stepped outside during the meeting to vape, an older scout punched him in the head, kicked him in the stomach, and then stomped on his leg.

The Complaint alleges that supervision at the meeting was inadequate and that pack leadership failed to properly separate scouts by age group due to insufficient supervision.

As a result of the alleged assault, D.R. suffered what medical providers described as a right comminuted oblique fracture of the proximal femoral diaphysis — a serious fracture of the thighbone. The child was transported to the emergency room and required emergency surgery the following day. Surgeons inserted flexible titanium elastic nails into his femur to stabilize the fracture. He was subsequently placed in a hip spica cast, significantly limiting his mobility and independence.

The Complaint states that D.R. experienced significant pain requiring multiple doses of morphine and continues to require ongoing medical care, including physical therapy. The surgical rods are expected to remain in place for six months to one year. The family alleges that the child may suffer permanent limitations as a result of the injury.



days and raises claims including battery, negligent supervision, negligence, vicarious liability, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and loss of consortium.

“This case involves serious allegations about supervision and child safety at a youth organization event,” said Attorney Chuck Boyk, counsel for the family. “When parents entrust their children to organized youth programs, they expect reasonable safety measures and proper oversight. This lawsuit seeks accountability and answers.”

The plaintiffs seek damages in excess of \$25,000, along with attorney fees and other relief deemed appropriate by the Court. A jury trial has been demanded. The official complaint was filed on Feb 27, 2026, and assigned to Judge Gary Cook.



The lawsuit also alleges that the incident was not reported to authorities for several



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Lawyer, Teacher, Mentor: Reginald Jackson, Jr. by Mike Bruno



Reginald Jackson, Jr.

Long before he was chosen to lead the Toledo Bar and the Ohio State Bar Associations, Reginald Jackson, Jr. was an average kid growing up in South Toledo, in that awkward physical stage, just before a growth spurt period.

To make matters worse, Reg claims that he was the only one wearing glasses in the 5th-grade class photo.

Appearances can be deceiving. He obviously had something special on the inside that would lead to greatness.

Reg was an only child. Dad was a news reporter until World War II and acted as a press officer in the Pacific Theater. He later enjoyed a long career in public relations. His mom grew up on a farm in Hardin County. She went to OSU and met her future husband in Columbus.

Reg was a good student, enjoying history, math, and science.

After graduating from Maumee High School, he was nominated by Congressman Lud Ashley to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. He never made it to Plebe Summer because he didn't satisfy the vision requirement.

So, Reg had a decision to make. He was also accepted at Denison (\$25 entrance fee) vs. Ohio State (\$5 fee). He chose OSU to save his parents \$20. Again, he was good at math.

It was a particularly difficult math class (Calculus) at OSU, which steered Reg into a new direction. He

admired politicians and noticed that many came from legal backgrounds. So he set his sights on a path toward law school.

Along the way, he joined Sigma Chi fraternity, where he associated with an upperclassman by the name of Jon "Golden Throat" Richardson. Jim Jeffery, an alum by then, made an occasional return to the frat house. This was the 1960s version of Animal House.

And that idea of going into politics? That was quashed by the future Mrs. Jackson. Reg was down to one option: a career in law.

1968 was a tumultuous year. February brought the TET Offensive in Vietnam. Reg joined the ROTC and received a three-and-a-half-year deferment to complete law school.

In August of that same year, Reg had a particularly busy weekend, as follows: Friday: Joanne graduates from OSU; Saturday: Joanne marries Reggie; Monday: Joanne's first day teaching. I didn't ask about Sunday.

The newly married couple lived in Columbus; Joanne was teaching, and Reg was doing the law school grind at Ohio State.

Upon law school graduation and bar passage, Reg was hired by Fuller & Henry, in Toledo. He worked under Tom Norman, a trial lawyer, and Paul Smart, who primarily served client Toledo Edison.

After 4 and 1/2 years at Fuller & Henry, Reg was hired by the U.S. Attorney's office in Toledo, to work alongside Jim Jensen and Pat Foley. He handled civil matters and also prosecuted criminal cases like bank robberies and postal fraud.

In 1978, Reg left the U.S. Attorney's Office to join a few other former federal attorneys, Gerald Openlander, Bill Connelley, and Dave Soutar, to form a litigation-only, boutique law firm. They originally set up in the National Bank Building and moved to 405 Madison in 1983. He remained with the firm for many years until 2015, when he followed Adam Nightingale to Eastman & Smith. He continues the practice today as "of counsel" to Eastman & Smith.

I asked Reg to describe the nature of his practice over the years. He told me that his typical case was complex, lengthy, and involved multiple parties.

He also found time to teach trial practice at UT's College of Law for many years. In 1982, I was

"I could not imagine having a better mentor than Reg, both as a lawyer and as a person," says Adam Nightingale of Eastman & Smith. "Setting aside his obvious talent as a lawyer, he is very generous with his time and, most importantly, he truly enjoys teaching. I often think about how different my career would have been had I not had the opportunity to learn at his elbow."

fortunate enough to be one of his trial practice students. Reg considered teaching as part of his growth as a lawyer, as he learned much from his students.

Memorable cases? He hesitated a bit before answering.

In the early 80s. Reg was hired by a commercial walleye fishing group to challenge a state law regulating the harvesting of undersized walleye. This client was a fisherman charged with violating the statute and was cited to appear in the Toledo Municipal Court. During the prosecutor's pre-trial, Reg informed then prosecutor Jack Puffenberger that he needed his client to be found guilty. Puff was stunned. The two then informed Judge Denise Dartt of the situation.

In considering the international implications, Judge Dartt, asked: "And how do you know these are Canadian walleye?" To which prosecutor Puffenberger exclaimed in his best Pepe' Le Pew, "Canadian walleye have a French Canadian accent".

Then there was Reg's encounter with the "King of Torts", Melvin Belli, in the mid 1980s. Rumor was that the plaintiff was going to bring in Belli for the trial. Reg was representing one of the defendants. Well, week one was in the books without any sign of Belli. Sure enough, in the second week, Belli strolls into the courtroom and rises to conduct a cross-examination. He was admonished by Judge Joseph Grigsby that since he was appearing pro hac vice, and missed the first week of the trial, he would not be allowed to participate, but could sit and "monitor" the trial. The king of torts was dethroned!

Outside of the law, Reg and Joanne, enjoy spending time with their eight grandchildren. He enjoys reading, especially a good biography, and when time permits, golfing with friends.



Introducing The Judgment of Z by Zac Shaffer

In the spirit of spring, as the season for growth, renewal, and rebirth, we are refreshing this column to review AI in the legal field. Judgment of Z will seek answers to common questions about AI products and the pros and cons of using each one in your practice.

Every month, I will rank an AI tool or platform on a scale of 1-5, based on a series of different criteria, including but not limited to accuracy, speed, cost, and usefulness. I will put these tools on trial so you don't need to.

In this month's edition, we revisit the AI platform: ChatGPT. It infamously made fools out of attorneys in the early days of its release. From creating fake cases to having full conversations with users and seemingly pulling information out of thin air, ChatGPT and the legal profession have a tumultuous history to say the least. But, like everything in life, it deserves a second chance.



ChatGPT uses a neural network architecture that processes natural language inputs to generate relevant, human-like responses. In layman's terms, it is an electronic librarian

with near unfettered access to the internet. It learns, grows, and adapts to every user. You can have conversational-like discussions in almost real time.

There are different subscription levels and services for ChatGPT, with options designed for personal and business use. The costs for each are very affordable. I personally have the "Plus" subscription and pay \$20 each month. I incorporate it into numerous aspects of my life, but I mainly use it as a research assistant.

Cost-effectiveness is not even the best part of using ChatGPT. Its value comes from its abilities as an electronic assistant. As I said before, ChatGPT is like having a personal librarian who can quickly gather information. Many legal professionals, including myself, use a simple research approach: Search broadly through databases like Google or similar search engines and then use that research to transition into more specific research, usually with services like LexisNexis or Westlaw. What I have found to be more useful is replacing search engines with ChatGPT for broad research (or at least using both in tandem). The benefit of this method is that it uses ChatGPT's ability to learn and understand. Compared to search engines that find results based on word references, ChatGPT's neural network architecture reads the prompt's sentence structure and searches based on the question being asked.

Another very useful aspect of ChatGPT is the ability to help brainstorm and organize thoughts. As the service uses

conversational prompts, it can learn from you and develop additional proposed prompts and investigate further based on the results and flow of the conversation. This is a very useful tool, as you can either focus on specific thoughts or simply dump all thoughts at once into ChatGPT and get assistance organizing thoughts with feedback.

Now, like everything that seems too good to be true, ChatGPT is not perfect. You still need to verify that the results or answers you get are true and accurate. This means you cannot simply rely solely on the responses you get. But, there is not a single AI tool out there whose information you shouldn't double-check. Just like brainstorming with a person, ChatGPT could misunderstand the context, the phrasing, or even the sources it should be relying on. But ChatGPT shouldn't be your "one-stop shop." If you don't know the answer to a question, you would ask someone and then look further into what information you were provided. The same is true for ChatGPT.

Overall, ChatGPT's value exceeds the risk it presents. The risks presented by ChatGPT are no different than citing a case in a motion without verifying its accuracy and relevance. ChatGPT has presented its evidence, shown the value it can offer, and it is now decisive. **ChatGPT deserves 4/5 points and I would absolutely recommend this service to others. And that is, the Judgment of Z.**

How I Discovered OnlyFans by Chuck Boyk



This is the story of how I discovered "OnlyFans." In 2018, I represented a young lady in her early 20s who was seriously injured in a car vs. a semi-truck accident. The property damage to the vehicles was very small. Her injuries included a mild traumatic brain injury and major soft tissue injuries. She claimed the inability to work or even move her neck. A lawsuit was filed in federal court against the trucking company. I prepared my client for her deposition by reviewing all her medical records, lost wages, normal social media, and her limitations as a result of the crash.

My first point of concern was when the out-of-state law firm brought 3 attorneys and videotaped the deposition. During the deposition, I became aware that something known as "OnlyFans" existed on social media. My client had an

"OnlyFans." The defense counsel played several video clips where my client was wiggling numerous parts of her body, including her neck. My client did not seem to have any physical limitations. In fact, she seemed to be an aspiring gymnast in her videos. Needless to say, that was not my favorite deposition.

After the deposition, my client thought it was no big deal. I had asked about all her social media, but not specifically about "OnlyFans." She did not think it mattered, but I was wrong in not specifically asking about it. I had my legal assistant visit my client's "Only Fans" site. The legal assistant printed out numerous additional photos, but put "sticky notes" over all my client's lady parts. So, I did not even get a "full viewing" of the evidence. My female attorneys and legal assistants thought it was amusing that I did not know what "OnlyFans" was. They

told me my client was a "Thirst Trap" and then explained the meaning to me. I was told my client wanted to show off her "dump truck," and they translated the meaning. Someone should publish a dictionary for older people, so we understand these new-fangled concepts.

The defense attorney was smart enough to file an offer of Judgment under Federal Rule 68. That put the pressure on me because if we did not beat the offer at trial, we would be liable for attorney fees. I was able to negotiate a settlement for twice that amount, but far less than the original value I had anticipated if my client was fully truthful.

I learned a valuable lesson about social media. I also learned the meaning of some new words. Overall, it was quite the lesson.

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Charles Boyk Law was founded more than 20 years ago with the intent of helping people in need. Behind a team of outstanding lawyers, professional support staff, and state-of-the-art technology, our firm has grown to become one of the leading personal injury law firms in NW Ohio and SE Michigan.

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TIME, TENACITY, & TORTS: A Night Student's Reflections After the Bar Exam by Angela Hartford



Angela Hartford

For many bar takers, bar prep doesn't begin until after graduation, and the sudden jump into an intense 8–10-week study schedule can feel overwhelming. Working full-time while attending law school at night didn't make bar prep easy, but it did mean that some of the challenges others face for the first time were already familiar to me.

I started working full-time during my sophomore year of college, adjusting my class schedule so I could accept a job I loved—one that also gave me my first real introduction to the legal field. After undergrad, the University of Toledo College of Law's evening program allowed me to keep that job while pursuing my law degree and eventually led me to Charles Boyk Law Offices in my 2L year.

Balancing a full-time job with evening classes quietly built the discipline, structure, and endurance that would later carry me through bar prep. In law school, I'd leave work each day and head straight to class, so staying organized and prioritizing my time wasn't optional. Those habits shaped how I approached bar prep long before I opened a single outline. When I officially started studying for the bar, I leaned on the same systems that got me through law school, especially my practice of hand-writing notecards to learn black-letter law. I made them for every bar-tested subject and ended up with thousands. The only way I could keep up was by writing them while listening to lectures. This was a routine that became second nature and proved just as useful during bar prep.

Now that I'm on the other side of the bar exam, I've had time to reflect on its role as the profession's gatekeeper. I believe there's real value in asking future lawyers to demonstrate a general understanding of the law before entering the practice. And beyond the material itself, the bar exam requires you to prioritize, adapt, and perform under pressure, which are critical skills for the profession.

At the same time, the bar still leans heavily on memorization, even with recent efforts to incorporate more analytical/practical skills. Those changes are helpful, but the exam still doesn't fully reflect what attorneys actually do. The upcoming shift towards a more practice-oriented format in the NextGen Bar Exam seems like a promising step in the right direction.

Looking back, working full-time during law school wasn't a disadvantage—it was preparation. That's why it wasn't the long days or months of studying that challenged me. Ironically, the torts products liability section gave me the hardest time. But ultimately, the bar really tests the same skills that many students have been practicing for years: staying focused, perseverance, and endurance. I'm grateful for the discipline and perspective the process gave me, but—like anyone who's taken the bar—I'm perfectly fine leaving that experience as a one-time event.

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