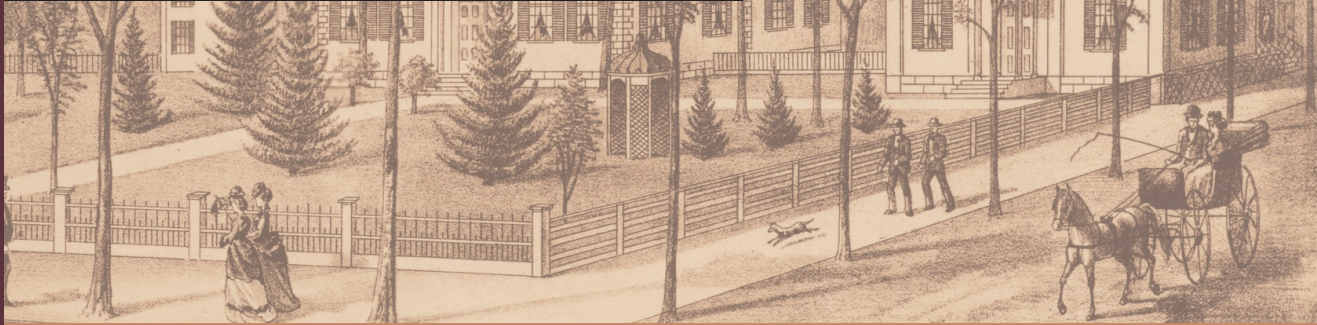
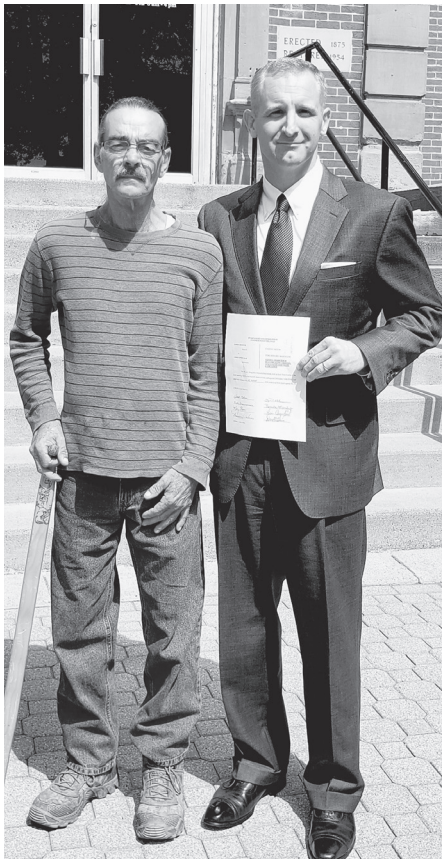


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Success in Coshocton



On September 6th, Ethan Vessels represented James Griffith in Coshocton County, Ohio.

Mr. Griffith was injured in a 2016 automobile collision. The accident significantly aggravated Mr. Griffith's already-existing low back problems, causing him to undergo a new surgery and to rely on a cane to assist with walking.

State Farm, the insurer of the at-fault driver, offered a pittance for his injuries.

The jury, however, thought differently and returned a verdict for nearly \$44,000.00. This amount covered his extensive hospital bills and compensated for his pain and suffering.

"I talked to three or four attorneys before talking to Ethan," said Mr. Griffith. "No attorney would help me. Ethan said that he couldn't make me rich, but he could help me get my medical bills paid and a little extra for pain and suffering. And that's exactly what he did."

Attorney Vessels extends his thanks to Mr. Griffith for entrusting him with the case as well as the jurors for returning the verdict.

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Letter from the Attorney

As we move to the end of another year, it is time to reflect on those things for which we are thankful.

As always, we are grateful for our clients. The trust and confidence placed in us reminds us that we serve an important role in the justice system. We strive to ensure that our clients receive the most professional and personal care while they work with us. In this newsletter, we share the good news of our client, James Griffith, who received a just verdict in Coshocton in September.

We are also grateful for our family and share our pride in their accomplishments. This fall, my wife, Suzy, was elected President of the Marietta City Council. She shares her insights in this issue.

Finally, we are grateful to those who are great friends of the firm. Long-time friend, Bill James, shares the recent growth of his firm in this newsletter.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season filled with gratitude.

Sincerely,



Ethan Vessels



Can I Still Be Compensated for Mesothelioma?

Mesothelioma continues to be a horrible disease afflicting thousands of people in the United States. The only known cause of mesothelioma is asbestos exposure. Patients and surviving family members can file asbestos claims to recover the costs of medical expenses as well as for pain and suffering.

There are two types of mesothelioma and asbestos cases that can be filed: personal injury and wrongful death. Personal injury claims can be filed by those who have been recently diagnosed with mesothelioma. These claims cover compensation for medical treatment (both current and future), lost wages (both current and future), and the pain and suffering caused by the disease. Wrongful death claims can be filed on behalf of a family

member who has died due to mesothelioma. This type of claim covers compensation for medical costs accrued during treatment, lost income, funeral expenses, grief, and mental anguish.

When calling our office to set up a complimentary consultation, you will want to be able to answer the following questions: How long were you exposed to asbestos? How has the exposure affected your health and quality of life? Can you work? Is this a case of first-hand or second-hand exposure? Is the patient still living? The steps for establishing a mesothelioma case are complicated, and our dedicated staff will be with you throughout the process.

Ethan Vessels Named to Annual Super Lawyers List

For the fifth straight year, Ethan Vessels was selected by the editors at Thomson Reuters for its 2020 Super Lawyers publication. No more than five percent of the lawyers in Ohio are selected annually by Super Lawyers.

Super Lawyers, a part of Thomson Reuters, is a rating service of lawyers for more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a patented multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent research evaluation of candidates, and peer reviews.



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James, Hull & Ford Wealth Management

Building long-term relationships is important to Financial Advisor Bill James of UBS Financial Services Inc. Mr. James serves as Senior Vice President of Wealth Management for James, Hull & Ford Wealth Management, an investment team with over 100 years of combined experience in the finance industry.

Representing UBS in the Mid-Ohio Valley, Southeast Ohio, West Virginia, and the Columbus Metropolitan area, the James, Hull & Ford Wealth Management team provides three brick-and-mortar locations in Marietta, New Albany, and Upper Arlington, Ohio. Clients come from a wide range of backgrounds with varying financial needs. The firm offers complimentary consultations, home visits, and dedicated support staff.

“We answer questions,” Bill stated. “Am I on track for retirement? How do I help my children and grandchildren afford college? How do I manage my 401K? How do I transition investments to the next generation?” Bill and his UBS team are available to consult with clients who have questions about inheritances and settlements.



Susan Vessels Elected Marietta City Council President

Congratulation to Susan Vessels! Suzy has been elected as the President of the Marietta City Council for a two-year term and will be sworn into office on January 1, 2020.

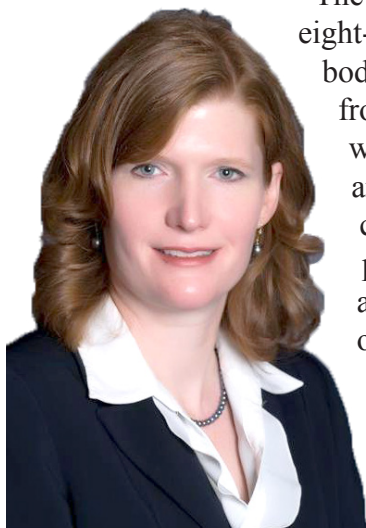
The Marietta City Council is an eight-member elected legislative body made up of one member from each of the city's four wards, three at-large members, and one council president. The council has the authority to pass municipal budgets, make appropriations, and enact city ordinances.

Suzy will be responsible for running the city council's meetings and assigning council members to

each of the seven committees: finance, employee relations, land buildings & parks, planning & zoning, police & fire, streets & transportation, and water & sewer. She will also serve as vice-mayor, and she will act as mayor in the mayor's absence.

“As council president, I will strive to create an environment where council members work together as a team with the goal of making the best decisions possible so that Marietta will become more prosperous and more attractive to the next generation of families and business owners,” she noted.

The first meeting is scheduled to take place shortly after swearing-in on January 1, 2020. At that meeting, the council is scheduled to vote on the city's 2020 budget, which is expected to be nearly \$12 million. The regular council meetings are scheduled on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Armory.



Members of the incoming city council.

1st ward: Mike Scales
2nd ward: Mike McCauley

3rd ward: Bill Gosset
4th ward: Geoff Schenkel

At-large: Susan Boyer
At-large: Cassidi Shoaf

At-large: Bill Farnsworth
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