



**What you need  
to know about  
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The manufacturers of YAZ, a popular birth control pill, promote it as a way to not only prevent unwanted pregnancies but avoid some of the physical effects of menstruation. Among other things, the makers of YAZ tout it as a way to treat premenstrual dysphoric disorder, treat acne, and maintain hormone levels. Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the company that owns the drug, spent big bucks on a television advertising campaign promoting its claimed benefits that got it into trouble with the FDA because it glossed over the potential harmful side effects of YAZ.

While you may have seen some YAZ ads, you may not be aware of the serious health consequences the drug could be causing to consumers. We represent young women who after taking YAZ have experienced life-altering health conditions such as pulmonary embolisms, heart problems, blood clots, and gallbladder disease. We have filed lawsuits in federal court against the manufacturers of YAZ and other defendants to help our clients obtain fair compensation for the devastating impact YAZ may have had on their health. In addition to ethinyl estradiol, YAZ contains a drospirenone, which the manufacturers say is “a different kind of hormone” that may increase potassium levels. The manufacturers warn that women who have kidney or liver disease should not use YAZ because it could cause heart and health problems. Other concerns about the use of YAZ include serious health consequences such as blood clots that block a vein or artery, pulmonary embolisms, heart attacks, strokes, gallbladder disease, and hypertension.

In 2008, the FDA has determined that Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in a glossy, slick television campaign overstated the therapeutic benefits of YAZ while minimizing the serious risk women using the drug face. The FDA forced Bayer to run corrective advertisements that come closer to setting the record straight. As the FDA pointed out in a warning letter to the company, YAZ has not been approved for treating common premenstrual syndrome and overstates the case for using the drug to treat all acne.

### HOW WE CAN HELP

If you have suffered some of the serious health consequences mentioned above and you have been taking YAZ, you should consult an attorney immediately. Failing to act quickly could destroy any chance you have to hold the manufacturers of YAZ responsible for your injuries. If too much time passes, you'll be barred from ever making a claim.

Our firm has six offices based in northwest Ohio, and we're helping women from around the country explore whether they may have a YAZ-related claim. Due to the number of lawsuits being filed around the country against YAZ defendants, we believe the federal court system will designate them as multi-district litigation cases and assign all of them to one judge. We have experience with this relatively rare process because we are involved with a multi-district litigation case involving the Yamaha Rhino ATV.

Our attorneys have more than 50 years of combined legal experience. **Chuck Boyk** has been in private practice for 26 years and heads the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. During his career, he has handled thousands of personal injury and wrongful death claims through settlement or trial for his clients. Chuck has conducted numerous seminars for other attorneys to help them better understand the world of personal injury law.



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**Mike Bruno** also has been practicing law for 25 years. Mike, a personal injury attorney who has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer, has handled more than 100 jury trials, is Board Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, the highest rating an attorney can receive.

**Dale Emch** focuses his practice on personal injury cases. Dale writes a column for the Toledo Blade called "Legal Briefs," in which he answers readers' questions about a variety of legal issues. He has been appointed to serve on the Lucas County Public Defender Commission and the Lucas County Dog Warden Advisory Committee. He also is co-chairman of the Media Relations Committee for the Toledo Bar Association.

**WE DON'T GET PAID UNLESS YOU DO:** Most people are understandably nervous about contacting a lawyer, partly because they're concerned about the cost. You won't have to worry about the cost if we take your case. We don't bill you by the hour because most people couldn't afford the out-of-pocket expense, particularly on complex cases against deep-pocketed drug companies. If we prevail for you either through a settlement or by winning your case at trial, we're paid one-third of the gross award. If we can't help you or lose the case, you won't have to pay us a penny. This arrangement allows regular people to seek justice without having to go broke paying legal fees.

**WHAT WE DO FOR YOU:** If we decide to accept your case, here are some of the ways our team will help you:

You'll have contact information for our attorneys and staff members so you know who to talk to if you have a question.

Our medical records specialists will monitor your treatment by contacting you periodically so we have a better understanding of how YAZ has affected your health.

We'll collect the medical records that are related to the health problems you're having as a result of using YAZ.

We'll keep you updated with information about how your claim is progressing.

All necessary costs to pursue your case will be advanced on your behalf. If no money is collected for you and you have followed our advice, you will not be asked to repay the costs advanced to you.

Our best negotiators will negotiate a settlement on your behalf or our attorneys will take your case to trial if they determine that is the best course.

If your health has been damaged by YAZ, contact an attorney at The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC today to learn about your legal rights. We can be reached at 419-241-1395 or 800-637-8170, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **We can also contact you at your earliest convenience. Visit [www.charlesboyk-law.com](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com) and fill out the contact form. An attorney will contact you within 24 hours.** We also urge you to visit our blog dedicated to issues involve YAZ and the YAZ litigation because it will be regularly updated. The blog site is:

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