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In the 30-plus years that he has been handling plaintiffs' litigation, trial lawyer Benedict Morelli has never been known to back down from a fight.

For this reason, when comedian Tracy Morgan suffered catastrophic injuries in an accident on the New Jersey Turnpike caused by a Wal-Mart tractor-trailer, he turned to Morelli to represent him in the ensuing lawsuit. And just 10 months later, Morelli was able to secure a confidential settlement in which Wal-Mart accepted full responsibility for the collision.

"This was a case against the largest company in the world, and it involved intense media scrutiny," notes Morelli, a past president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association who has long been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®. "But I've been trying cases for years now, and I've never been afraid of going up against powerful opponents."

Morelli Law Firm has a reputation for representing victims of negligence, discrimination, and harassment against some of the largest and most prominent law firms and corporations in the world, often in cases that attract local and international media attention. The firm's matters have ranged from cases of workplace sexual harassment to catastrophic personal injury to defective drugs and medical devices, and the firm is constantly expanding into new fields.

"We're not a run-of-the-mill law firm where we do the same medical malpractice cases and the same personal injury cases," Morelli says. "Many of the matters that come to us are high-value, prominent cases, and that's because we offer the expertise and experience of a larger law firm in a smaller environment where each case receives our full attention."

The firm is currently handling mass torts, class actions, and individual cases in jurisdictions across the country, and has been appointed by federal judges to leadership roles in a number of large-scale pharmaceutical cases, including those against the manufacturers of testosterone replacement therapy medication and the male pattern hair loss drug Propecia. The firm is also representing tennis star Eugenie Bouchard, who had to drop out of the 2015 U.S. Open due to a concussion she suffered after being caused to slip and fall in the physiotherapy room of the women's locker room.

"I founded this firm in 1998 to represent people in need of a voice, and instead of just staying the same and handling one type of case, we have made a point of moving into new areas where we can deliver on our original mission," Morelli notes. The outcome of this

approach is a proven track record of success—including a history of precedent-setting verdicts—across a wide array of high-stakes litigation.

In 1995, for example, Morelli achieved a \$40 million medical malpractice verdict that was featured in the National Law Journal as one of the top ten verdicts in the United States. In 2010, as counsel in a polio vaccine case in Staten Island, he secured a \$22.5 million verdict that remains the largest vaccine verdict in U.S. history. And, in 2011, Morelli obtained a \$95 million verdict in a sexual harassment trial in the Southern District of Illinois Federal Court, which stands as the largest single-plaintiff sexual harassment verdict in U.S. history.

Most recently, Morelli secured a \$62 million verdict for a 26-year-old Chinese construction worker who was injured on the job after falling 20 feet from a roof. The result, which followed a six-month trial, is believed to be

the largest personal injury verdict for a single plaintiff in the history of the Queens County Supreme Court.

"It is always gratifying when a jury comes back in your client's favor, because while we can't change what happened to them, we can get them the justice they deserve," Morelli says of these results.

Morelli's settlements, which are often confidential, have also been record breaking, both in terms of their sizeable amounts and speedy resolutions. Recently, he was integral in raising a congressionally imposed \$200 million damages cap to \$295 million, securing a landmark \$265 million settlement, and establishing a settlement program in multidistrict litigation over the May 2015 Amtrak crash, in which eight people died and more than 200 suffered injuries after a train derailed en route from Washington, D.C. to New York.

"This recovery is an important milestone for both our catastrophically injured clients and the American justice system," says Morelli of the Amtrak settlement, which is believed to be the largest of its kind in U.S. history. "We have a track record of taking on powerful adversaries in high-profile matters, and if at the end of the day we can help people who are struggling, then that's the ultimate reward."

This year, Morelli received an honorary degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University. This was the first honorary degree ever awarded in the law school's history.

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The Law Offices of Anthony A. Capetola

The Law Offices of Anthony A. Capetola is one of the premier firms in Long Island and New York City for family law, corporate law, civil litigation, and criminal defense. Led by experienced trial attorney Anthony A. Capetola, the firm provides clients with committed service and skilled crisis management.

"Clients know that they can rely upon us to achieve the best possible results," says Capetola. "A former client recently emailed me saying, 'I wanted to express my deep thanks to you and your office for providing me with such great service. I experienced great professionalism, smart decisions, respect and great service from each and every colleague of yours.' That's the result we strive for with each and every client."

With more than 44 years of trial experience, Mr. Capetola focused his practice on matrimonial law since 1985. Along with his associates, he has been recognized as being among the finest family law practitioners in Nassau, Suffolk, and New York Counties, and is often sought out to handle complex custody and visitation matters, having tried international custody cases pursuant to the Hague Convention.

"I have tried hundreds of cases, as an assistant prosecutor and in private practice. No challenge is too great, we cannot be intimidated and we often shine when the odds are against us," says Capetola.

In praising Anthony Capetola for his superior legal prowess, a New York Supreme Court justice recently stated: "The plaintiff's attorney, Anthony Capetola, Esq. represented his client with skill and professionalism. Mr. Capetola is a practiced and competent attorney. He is one of the principals in a highly respected law firm and appears on matrimonial cases on behalf of the firm's clients on a regular basis. He has successfully tried or negotiated numerous cases before this Court. He enjoys a superior reputation in the legal community in the area of matrimonial law."

More than just a litigator, Capetola is highly sought after to share his knowledge with others, having lectured extensively at various law schools and bar associations. He is a member of the Nassau County, New York State, and American Bar Associations. He has been included in Super Lawyers since 2010, and recognized as one of the area's top matrimonial attorneys by *Long Island Pulse Magazine*.

In addition to running a successful law practice, Mr. Capetola has also achieved recognition as a boxing promoter, real estate developer, restaurateur and community activist. When not engaged in the practice of law, he can often be found at The Carlton, a high-end Long Island restaurant and catering facility that he opened in 1995.

"Being a seasoned entrepreneur, it's second nature to me to weigh all potential benefits when deciding which course of action to take in a litigation. Recognizing that our actions are likely to have a lasting impact on a client's life well beyond whether they win or lose their case, our approach is more of a holistic one," he says. "We seek to situate clients on a path that will yield long-term benefits for them once we are no longer representing them."

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SPBMC Wins Major Verdict in 2016

In 2016 a jury awarded three injured firefighters and the families of two deceased firefighters \$183 million stemming from a fire that became known as the “Black Sunday Fire.” The five firefighters became trapped in a top floor apartment, forcing them to jump four stories to the ground below.

Suit was brought against the building owner for allowing the apartment to be illegally subdivided, blocking their access to the fire escape. They also sued the City of New York for failing to provide the firefighters with personal safety ropes which would have enabled them to safely self-evacuate from the burning building. Five years earlier, the FDNY had removed the personal safety ropes from the firefighters’ gear.

The case was tried by Vito Cannavo, a senior trial lawyer and partner at Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C. (SPBMC). The jury assigned 80% of the blame to the City and 20% to the landlord. The verdict was one of the largest ever against The City of New York.



“This demonstrated that a governmental entity is not immune from liability when it fails to provide its firefighters with proper safety equipment. This case also reaffirms that landlords are to be held accountable for turning a blind eye to unsafe conditions that exist in their buildings,” Vito Cannavo said.

Shortly after this tragedy, the FDNY began equipping New York’s Bravest with personal safety ropes, a hook and a sliding device.

SPBMC serves as General Counsel to the Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York (UFA), and, for over 40 years, has been actively engaged in helping injured firefighters and the families of fallen firefighters.

September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

Since 2002 SPBMC has been at the forefront in representing victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, having recovered more than \$850 million for its 9/11 clients.

In 2002, the firm was instrumental in having Congress establish the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (“VCF”), to help the families of those who died in the attacks, and those who became ill as a result of their exposure to toxins at Ground Zero.

In the original VCF, which closed in 2003, SPBMC recovered more than \$265 million for 363 injured firefighters and the families of deceased firefighters, for no fee, earning the firm The National Law Journal’s prestigious Pro Bono Award.

In 2004 the firm filed the first federal lawsuits against the City of New York and its contractors for failing to provide first responders with proper respiratory equipment. The litigation settled in 2010 with the firm recovering more than \$100 million for its clients.

In 2011 the VCF reopened under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act to compensate first responders and others who developed 9/11-related illnesses as a result of their working or living in the Exposure Zone (from the tip of lower Manhattan to Canal Street) during cleanup operations. To date, the firm has recovered more than \$480 million for its new VCF clients.

Filing a claim requires the expertise of dedicated lawyers. “We have a deep understanding of the devastating impact that 9/11-related illnesses have had on first responders and those who lived and worked in the Exposure Zone,” said SPBMC’s managing partner, Nicholas Papain. “We’ll continue to fight for the interests of those who need and deserve help.”



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¹The City of New York and the landlord eventually agreed to settle and pay more than \$72 million to the five firefighters and their families.



Seated, from left: Christopher T. McGrath, Eleni Coffinas, Michael N. Block, Robert G. Sullivan, Nicholas Papain, Marie Ng, Vito A. Cannavo
Standing, from left: Elizabeth Montesano, Eric K. Schwarz, Frank V. Floriani, Thomas J. McManus, Mary Anne Walling, Brian J. Shoot, John F. Nash, Albert B. Aquila, Hugh M. Turk, David J. Dean, Liza A. Milgrim, Deanne M. Caputo

Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.

Plaintiffs’ Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice

Being in the forefront of New York’s legal community is a challenge. However, for the past 80-plus years, Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C. (SPBMC) has risen to that challenge. The firm has established a tradition of service and excellence by successfully representing individuals who have been seriously injured as a result of the wrongdoing of others.

Managing partner Nicholas Papain said the firm has earned its reputation as a powerful advocate for the injured because of the trust developed with clients and peers, as well as its stellar reputation in the legal community.

“We are committed to knowing each client individually, because we understand they have endured a traumatic or tragic event,” Papain said. “These valued clients, and the lawyers who have referred them, have trusted us to do everything possible to achieve the best results for them.”

The firm has more than 40 lawyers with offices in Manhattan, Garden City and Cutchogue, LI, and in Hackensack, New Jersey.

The breadth of the firm’s personal injury practice includes motor vehicle, medical malpractice, construction site, fire, explosion, mass disasters, municipal, premises, toxic and mass torts and product liability cases.

“Our depth of knowledge and experience enables us to provide highly skilled representation to each of our valued clients,” noted Papain. “Over the last decade, we have recovered more than \$2 billion on behalf of accident victims and their families.”

The firm’s success has also been recognized outside the courtroom. SPBMC was named by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® in 2017 as a Tier 1 “Best Law Firm” in three practice areas – Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation and Medical Malpractice Litigation – in New York City and Long Island. Thirteen SPBMC members were selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® in these areas, two of whom were recognized as “Lawyers of the Year” in their respective practice areas. The firm also boasts 13 members who have been rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer rating standard.

“Our members are more than just knowledgeable lawyers – they are consummate and dedicated professionals,” said Papain. “We are always honored and inspired when the results achieved for our clients are recognized by others in the legal community.”

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Finding the right lawyer for any legal need is a difficult and important decision. We invite you to use this section as a resource to help eliminate the guesswork of selecting legal counsel. The lawyers and firms found in these pages may be available during your time of need – no matter how complex the situation may be.

We have partnered with LexisNexis to provide a list of the verdicts in New York State resulting in awards of more than \$1 million, reported between Oct. 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2016. Many of the firms featured in these pages have earned their way onto this list.

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Sincerely,



Kevin Vermeulen
CEO, Leaders In The Law

BECKMAN, LIEBERMAN & BARANDES LLP

Real Estate, Corporate, Securities, Secured Transactions, Entertainment

Beckman, Lieberman & Barandes LLP is a boutique firm that, thanks to the breadth of its expertise, can advise clients on a wide range of real estate, general corporate, securities, secured transactions, and entertainment-related matters. In fact, the firm's six attorneys bring nearly 200 years of combined legal experience to the practice.

"We believe that the combination of intimate, personal service with deep, diverse knowledge makes for the most effective representation," says Michael Beckman. "That blend is what allows us to find creative approaches and achieve innovative solutions for our clients, particularly in instances where we're handling complex real estate transactions, secured transactions on a global basis, live stage theatrical projects, or commercial litigation."

Leading the firm are Beckman, David Lieberman, and Robert Barandes, with Robert A. Buckley, Harris Jaffe, and Jeffrey Bergman serving as of counsel. With their years of experience and commitment to excellence, these lawyers have propelled the firm forward, making it capable of handling domestic and foreign matters of nearly any size. It's no wonder that the firm has established long-term relationships with so many of its highly valued clients, or that it has been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards.



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Strazzullo Law Firm PC

A General Practice Firm Making Its Mark on the Legal Profession

On its 15th anniversary, Strazzullo Law Firm has become a resource for individuals and businesses with a variety of legal needs. From offices in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Italy, the firm's experienced lawyers and staff members offer expertise in all areas of the law, particularly real estate (buy/sell property), personal injury (slips/falls, car accidents), criminal and civil litigation, estate planning, and divorce.

"Our goal is to provide clients with a superior degree of skill and accessibility," says firm president Sal Strazzullo. "We appreciate the trust our clients place in us by choosing our law firm, and to earn that trust we make ourselves available 24/7 to our clients. In today's world, a missed phone call or email can mean a deal doesn't get done or a client doesn't get a question answered, so it's important to ensure that clients have the resources they need at hand."

Leaders in Real Estate, Estate Planning, Divorce, and Personal Injury

Strazzullo Law Firm is well known for handling all types of real estate transactions, representing buyers and sellers of condos, homes, and commercial properties. The firm also helps facilitate 1031 exchanges throughout the United States to offset capital gains taxes on investment properties.

In the area of estate planning, Strazzullo Law Firm has helped clients such as doctors and other professionals protect their assets from lawsuits and divorce and avoid unnecessary probate fees through the creation of wills and living trusts (both irrevocable and revocable). The firm's lawyers are also well versed in ensuring that elderly family members have asset protection in regards to nursing home care.

"We have a long history of fighting for our clients' rights and closing deals," notes Strazzullo, who, in addition to guiding clients through the divorce process, has won millions of dollars for his clients in personal injury cases. "At this point, our track record speaks for itself."

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Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury

Silberstein, Awad & Miklos, PC

From left: Chan H. Park, Robert A. Miklos, Anna Livshits, Joseph Miklos, Joseph P. Awad, Alexandria Awad, Michael Lauterborn, Daniel P. Miklos, Marianne C. Burke, James E. Baker

Over the past 35 years, the trial lawyers and appellate advocates of Silberstein, Awad & Miklos have built one of New York's leading personal injury firms on the trust that the people—jurors—will always get it right.

"If we were to sum up our approach to the practice of law, it might be, 'Let the people decide,'" says partner Joseph Awad. "Our clients' lawsuits share the safety concerns of our juries, and much of the success we've found in our practice has stemmed from our ability to show jurors the community's interest in our clients' causes."

Indeed, Silberstein, Awad & Miklos has successfully prosecuted thousands of serious personal injury and medical malpractice cases, recovering more than \$1 billion for its clients, including many record-setting verdicts. The firm has also appeared before appellate courts more than 100 times to argue matters of law.

"One of the questions that is sometimes asked about these cases is what good will the money do," says partner Joseph Miklos. "And it's very rewarding to be able to point to the countless examples of people who suffered malpractice or

other negligent wrongdoing, but now, as a result of the compensation we secured for their injuries, live fuller lives than they once thought possible."

Experience Counts

Silberstein, Awad & Miklos handles the full range of medical malpractice, construction accident, and personal injury matters; and it is this breadth of experience that truly sets the firm apart from others in New York. "Experience counts," observes Awad, who was recently voted as Long Island Pulse magazine's top personal injury attorney. "I can't think of a medical malpractice or personal injury claim that we haven't encountered over the years, and that provides our present and future clients with a solid foundation for success on each new matter."

Given their credibility in the legal and medical communities, Awad and Miklos are consistently AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®—the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards—as well as listed in The Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers.

The law firm is also ranked Tier 1 by U.S. News – Best Lawyers

"Best Law Firms" in New York City for plaintiffs' medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation—a ranking that reflects the comprehensive expertise of the firm's team, which in addition to accomplished trial attorneys includes an attorney-nurse, an attorney-pharmacist, an in-house board-certified physician, and a registered nurse.

"We know who to talk to, where to find the answers, and what steps are necessary for success," Miklos says of this group. "Not only do we have access to some of the finest medical minds to evaluate personal injury and medical malpractice cases, but we also work with experts in economics, engineering, and vocational rehabilitation."

Challenging the Status Quo

With its four-decades long experience in medical malpractice, Silberstein, Awad & Miklos has served as a staunch advocate for improvements in medical care, helping to improve quality control in hospitals.

"When hospitals minimize the importance of patient safety, the consequences can be fatal," Awad says. "Statistics bear that

out. Statistics confirm that many hospitals lack not only the safeguards for preventing medical errors, but also the mechanisms for reporting and addressing mistakes when they happen. We hope our jury verdicts, which reveal medical errors, prevent future patients from being harmed."

This past May, a study published by researchers at Johns Hopkins Medicine highlighted how shortcomings in tracking medical errors can hinder research on the issue. Even more troubling, the study estimated that more than 250,000 Americans die each year from medical errors—a number that would make medical errors the third leading cause of death in the United States, behind only heart disease and cancer on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's official list.

"Careless practices impact everyone's safety," Miklos notes. "By requiring entities to defend their negligent conduct and make critical improvements, our clients' cases have become part of a tradition in which private lawsuits brought by individual citizens have improved the safety and quality of life of the community."

Driving Change

Though they are now leaders in their field, Awad and Miklos both come from unassuming beginnings (Awad grew up in a blue-collar family and Miklos hails from the South Bronx). And these backgrounds have inspired them to give

back to their profession and community.

Awad, for example, previously served as a governor of the American Association for Justice, a president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, and a member of the New York State Governor's Medical Liability Task Force. Miklos, meanwhile, is a past president of NYSTLA's Long Island Affiliate and serves on its Board of Directors. Their firm's community efforts include promoting jury service and voter registration, sponsoring after-school programs for children, and providing pro bono legal seminars in neighborhoods throughout the area.

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#	Case	Date	Type of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Amount
1	Liberty Media Corporation, et. al. v. Vivendi Universal S.A., Jean-Marie Messier, Guillaume Hannezo, and Universal Studios, Inc.	2/26/16	Securities - Contract - Fraud	Michael Calhoon, R. Stan Mortenson, Evan J. Werbel, Julie B. Rubenstein, Macey Reasoner Stokes (Houston office), Baker Botts L.L.P., Richard P. Sobiecki (Washington, D.C. office)	\$775,000,000
2	Eugene Stolarski, et. al. v. 234 East 178th Street LLC & City N.Y.	2/22/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Vito A. Cannavo, Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C., New York, NY	\$183,261,737
3	Llaurin Cruz v. Michael Ithemaguba, M.D.; St. Barnabas Hospital	4/1/16	Medical Malpractice	Edward J. Sanocki, Maria K. Morano, Sanocki Newman & Turret, LLP, New York, NY	\$50,000,000
4	Alexander Tirpack v. 125 North10 LLC	4/28/16	Premises Liability	Alan M. Shapey, Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, PC, New York, NY	\$43,742,400
5	Sean Dowdell v. 4545 Eastcoast, LLC., TF Cornerstone & TF Cornerstone QW2GC. LLC	10/30/15	Construction and Accidents - Labor Law	Kenneth Sacks, David H. Mayer, Sacks and Sacks L.L.P., New York, NY; James J. McCrorie, Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C., Jericho, NY, trial counsel, Sacks and Sacks L.L.P., New York, NY	\$25,370,000
6	Stephanie Fuentes, et. al. v. Unirush, LLC, et. al.	5/4/16	Consumer Law	Roger Mandel, Lackey & Hershman LLP, Dallas, TX; Domenico Minerva, John A. Yanchunis, Morgan & Morgan, Tampa, FL; Jean Sutton Martin, Law Office of Jean Sutton Martin, PLLC, Wilmington, NC	\$19,000,000
7	Hector Cabassa v. NYC Transit Authority	6/13/16	Railroad - Subway Accident - Government - Municipalities	Robert S. Kelner, Joshua D. Kelner, Kelner & Kelner, New York, NY	\$18,753,391
8	Larry Jackson v. The City of New York, et. al.	2/3/16	Civil Rights	Eric Sanders, The Sanders Firm, P.C., New York, NY	\$15,175,000
9	Evelyn Houser, et. al. Penny Pritzker, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce	4/20/16	Discrimination	Adam T. Klein, Outten & Golden, LLP, New York, NY	\$15,000,000
10	Regina DiCiervo as Administratrix of the Estate of Anthony DiCiervo, Jr and Regina DiCervo, Individually v. Brooklyn Bottling Corp d/b/a North Shore Bottling Company, Inc., Luis A. Alvarez	2/9/16	Motor Vehicle	Paul J. Edelstein, Edelstein, Faegenburg & Brown, LLP; Daniel A. Thomas, Law Offices of Daniel A. Thomas, P.C., New York, NY, of counsel, Michelstein & Associates, PLLC, New York, NY; Peter S. Thomas, Forest Hills, NY, trial counsel to Jeffrey Miller & Associates, P.C., New York, NY	\$13,500,000
11	Joseph Barra v. MTA, et. al.	4/29/16	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace - Workplace Safety	Duane R. Morgan, Dervishi, Levine & Morgan, P.C., New York, NY	\$13,262,707
12	William Burns & Karen Burns v. 1 Bryant Park LLC, Durst Development L.L.C., Tishman Construction Corp., & Regional Scaffolding & Hoisting Co., Inc.	6/27/16	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace - Workplace Safety	Kenneth Sacks, Devon Reiff, James J. McCrorie, Sacks and Sacks L.L.P., New York, NY	\$12,777,047
13	Kenneth Couillard and Francine Couillard v. The Shaw Group, Inc., C.M. Camparetti, April A. Clark and Womens Health Professional, LLP	4/21/16	Labor Law - Motor Vehicle - Worker/Workplace Negligence	Edmond C. Chakmakian, Joseph P. Militello, Law Offices of Edmond C. Chakmakian, P.C., Hauppauge, NY	\$12,759,661
14	Calvin L. Tarpley and Cynthia Tarpley v. NYC Transit Authority, Dhanpaul D. Singh	4/15/16	Motor Vehicle	Emil L. Samuels, Kelner & Kelner, Mineola, NY	\$12,535,261
15	Erin Elizabeth Heald v. West-Herr Chrysler, Jeep LLC, Salvatore Nasca, Michael J. Brown and Luanne M. Brown	10/30/15	Motor Vehicle	Stephen J. Murphy, David L. Scher, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$9,950,000
16	Ronald Gorman v. New York City Department of Transportation and Conti of New York, LLC	3/14/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Kenneth Sacks, James J. McCrorie, Joseph P. Carfora, David H. Mayer, Sacks and Sacks L.L.P., New York, NY	\$9,817,115
17	Judy Canterino and Michael Canterino v. Kalapatapu Kumar, M.D., Rocco Lafaro, M.D., Arlen Fleisher, M.D., Babak Hassid, M.D., John Doe, M.D. and Westchester County Healthcare	3/15/16	Medical Malpractice	Adam E. Deutsch, Morelli Law Firm, New York, NY	\$9,100,000
18	Spadaro v. Parking Systems Plus Inc., et. al.	April 2016	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Ben B. Rubinowitz and Richard M. Steigman of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf, New York, NY	\$8,550,000

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Arye, Lustig & Sassower, P.C.

Personal Injury, Construction Accidents, Medical Malpractice



From Left: Mitchell J. Sassower and D. Carl Lustig III

For over 50 years, Arye, Lustig & Sassower has served as a powerful advocate for injury victims and their families, with a record of success that few firms can match—more than \$1 billion in recoveries for its clients. “We’re known for getting results, and we do that by putting our clients first and ensuring their needs are at the heart of everything we do,” says managing partner Mitchell J. Sassower, who, along with senior trial attorney D. Carl Lustig III, has been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, with both attorneys being named among the nation’s top one percent of attorneys by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.

The firm is particularly well known for its results in the highly specialized area of construction accident claims, where it has helped hundreds of injured construction workers at both the trial and appellate levels. “Our focus is on handling significant cases rather than being a volume-driven law firm, so our clients benefit from receiving

individualized attention on a team basis,” notes Lustig, a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the American Board of Trial Advocates, who has been honored by The National Trial Lawyers as one of the top 100 trial lawyers in the state.

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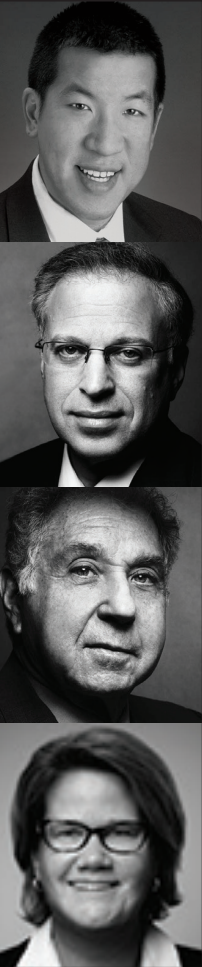
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#	Case	Date	Type of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Amount
19	Anthony San Giorgio and Mary Ellen McInerney v. Americon Construction Inc., Second Avenue Village Partners LLC and 8/49 141-143 Second Avenue LLC	1/28/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Steven J. Schwartzapfel, Christopher F. Holbrook, Schwartzapfel Lawyers P.C., Garden City, NY	\$7,000,000
20	Joan Robusto v. Charles B. Chrystal Co., et. al.	11/24/15	Products Liability	James M. Kramer, Brendan J. Tully, Levy Konigsberg LLP, New York, NY	\$7,000,000
21	Christina Toussaint v. Ocean Avenue Apartment Associates LLC, et. al.	4/18/16	Premises Liability	Oliver Williams, Rafter and Associates PLLC, New York, NY; Nicholas E. Tzaneteas, of counsel to Stephen H. Frankel, Brooklyn, NY	\$6,894,132
22	Miller v. Rent-A-Center	1/1/16	Brain and Neurological, Back, Head Injuries	Thomas E. DeLorenzo, Cory Ross Dalmata, DeLorenzo Law Firm, Schenectady, NY	\$6,800,000
23	Jan Kupiec v. The Morgan Contracting Corp., DelSavio Construction Corp.	5/10/16	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace Safety	Frederick C. Aranki, Daniel P. O'Toole, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY, trial counsel, Bragoli & Associates, P.C., Melville, NY	\$6,000,000
24	Joseph Muir v. Air & Liquid Systems Corporation as Successor by Merger to Buffalo Pumps, Inc, et. al.	10/9/15	Products Liability	Michael A. Ponterio, Keith R. Vona, Lipsitz & Ponterio LLC, Buffalo, NY	\$5,604,691
25	Yan Ji Mai and Zhen Z. Zhao v. Marilyn Attia and Siraj E. Attia	5/27/16	Motor Vehicle	Adam E. Deutsch, Morelli Law Firm, New York, NY	\$5,500,000
26	Michelle S. Latter v. BeyJ. Augustus Ideal Supply Company, Inc.	1/11/16	Motor Vehicle	Joel H. Robinson, Andrew M. Laskin, Robinson & Yablon P.C., New York, NY	\$5,100,000
27	Lucy Gonzalez and Pedro Gonzalez v. Yashpal Arya, M.D.; et. al.	1/29/16	Medical Malpractice	Paul J. Edelstein, Edelstein, Faegenburg & Brown, LLP; Christopher J. Albee, Joseph Votto, Votto & Cassata, LLP, Staten Island, NY, trial counsel to Baker McEvoy Morrissey & Moskowitz, P.C., New York, NY	\$5,100,000
28	Christopher Bent v. Sears Roebuck and Co. and Electrolux Home Products, Inc.	4/22/16	Products Liability	Gary Certain, Michale Zilberg, Certain & Zilberg, PLLC, New York, NY	\$5,000,000
29	Luis Eduardo Lopez v. 550 Adler Realty RL LLC, et. al.	1/11/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	James J. McCrorie, the Law Office of James J. McCrorie, New York, NY; Jacob Oresky, Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC, Bronx, NY	\$5,000,000
30	Elvis Bislam v. Long Island Jewish Hospital, The Long Island Jewish Medical Center, North Shore-LIJ Health System, The Zucker Hillside Hospital, Gotham Construction Company, LLC, Gotham Construction D.C., LLC and Gotham Construction Consulting, LLC	10/9/15	Construction - Labor Law	Seth A. Harris, Blake Goldfarb, Burns & Harris Esqs., New York, NY	\$4,974,520

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31	Hilario Garcia v. Monique Daniel, Gayle A. Schoenfeld and Steven R. Schoenfeld	11/13/15	Motor Vehicle	Joshua E. Goldblatt, Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC, Bronx, NY	\$4,660,400
32	Paul Darcy v. SL Green Realty Corp., et. al.	2/19/16	Labor Law - Workplace Safety - Construction/ Scaffolds and Ladders - Construction Accidents	David H. Perecman, Adam Hurwitz, The Perecman, Firm P.L.L.C., New York, NY	\$4,599,487
33	Valerie F. Friedlander, et. al. v. The Kingston Hospital, et. al.	6/20/16	Medical Malpractice	Judith A. Livingston, Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, New York, NY	\$4,565,000
34	Ballinger v. City of New York, et. al.	8/30/16	Police Liability	Scott E. Rynecki, Rubenstein & Rynecki in Brooklyn, NY	\$4,525,000
35	Christian Jorquera v. Fannwood Estates, LLC and Woods Management Company	2/23/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Gregory S. Gastman, Gorayeb & Associates, P.C., New York, NY	\$4,393,040
36	Joseph Richichi v. CVS Pharmacy and W.L.P. Realty Co.	1/22/16	Premises Liability	Jason Herbert, Krentsel & Guzman, New York, NY	\$4,003,025
37	Nicolas Guaman & Paula Mayancela v. 1963 Ryer Realty Corp. & A Saad Contracting, Inc.	3/16/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Elliot H. Taub, Taub & Marder, New York, NY	\$4,000,000
38	Mitchell v. City of New York, et. al.	March 2016	Labor Law	Philip A. Russotti of Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP in New York, NY	\$4,000,000
39	Audrey Smart v. MTA Bus Company Alford Edwards	6/22/16	Motor Vehicle	Adam Handler, Pollack, Pollack, Isaac, and DeCicco, LLP, New York, NY	\$3,889,000
40	Yolanda S. Ocasio and Eduardo Cruz v. Thomas Facelle, Bon Secours Medical Group, P.C., et. al.	4/1/16	Medical Malpractice	Judith A. Livingston, Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, New York, NY	\$3,850,000
41	Ramon Echevarria, as Administrator of the Estate of Jason Echevarria v. City of New York, et. al.	11/13/15	Government - Civil Rights - Prisoners' Rights - Constitutional Law	Robert S. Kelner, Joshua D. Kelner, Kelner & Kelner, New York, NY	\$3,802,000
42	Jose M. Orellana v. Unified Window Systems, Inc. L.I. Exterior Specialists Inc., Nicholas A. Coscia, and Patricia C. Coscia	9/14/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law - Workplace - Workplace Safety	Stephen J. Murphy, Michael J. Hurwitz, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$3,750,000
43	Nicholas Zubrick and Elvira Zubrick v. Guardian Services Industries, Inc., et. al.	4/26/16	Worker/Workplace NegligenceNew York Supreme	John Zaremba, Zaremba Brown, PLLC, New York, NY	\$3,650,000

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"Our clients have varying backgrounds, professions, and income levels, but what they all share is a need for trusted representation on these sensitive issues," says partner Barbara Burger, who has been handling family law for more than 40 years. "The matters we deal with, such as divorce and child custody, go to the very essence of our clients' lives, so we feel a tremendous responsibility to realize their goals."

Attorneys at the firm have successfully represented their clients' interests in a wide range of family law matters, including divorce, child custody, international child custody agreements, child support, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and international child abduction (Hague) cases. The firm also provides services for real estate transactions, representing buyers and sellers in residential and commercial real estate closings and works closely with outside counsel (attorneys Germana F. Giordano and Rosa Marzano) with

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regard to criminal, corporate, and real estate matters.

"We take a custom-tailor approach when representing our clients because no two cases are the same," notes partner Nancy Green, who began practicing with Burger in 1995. "Divorce can be very difficult for people, and to make this time more manageable for them, we try to connect with our clients on a personal level and really walk them through the divorce process."

For this reason, the firm obtains much of its work through referrals from past clients as well as from other lawyers. Indeed, the firm is well respected in the legal community, with its members receiving recognition in Super Lawyers and serving in prominent bar organizations, such as the New York State Bar, New York Women's Bar, New York County Lawyers Association, and New York City Bar Associations. Both Burger and Green are listed in Super Lawyers.

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As a firm founded to be a voice for the voiceless, Morelli Law Firm, PLLC offers a unique and diverse practice in areas ranging from personal injury, mass tort, and employment discrimination to class action and medical malpractice. "Many firms handle only one or two types of civil cases," notes founding partner Benedict Morelli. "We, on the other hand, are a civil litigation firm that has litigated, tried, and won many types of cases, often against the world's largest and most powerful companies and law firms."

Most recently, Morelli Law Firm was retained to represent numerous victims of the 2015 Philadelphia Amtrak crash, including a nationally renowned chef who was rendered quadriplegic as a result of the accident.

Payouts from Amtrak in the litigation were initially limited by a federal law that capped damages in railroad lawsuits at \$200 million—an amount that Morelli notes would have failed to adequately compensate the more than 200 people affected by the crash. Rather than accept injustice though, Morelli's firm worked diligently with members of Congress and lobbyists to get the cap raised. And by late 2015 their efforts paid off, with Congress passing a bill to raise the cap.

"Even against tremendous odds, we took it upon ourselves to fight for change on behalf of the victims and their families, and I'm proud we succeeded," Morelli says. Indeed, Morelli Law Firm played an instrumental role as a court-appointed member of the Plaintiff's Management Committee in settling the case for \$265 million—the largest railroad accident settlement in U.S. history.

Morelli has a well-established track record of obtaining justice for his clients in high-profile and catastrophic personal injury cases. Notably, his firm represented actor and comedian Tracy Morgan and five others in their lawsuit against Wal-Mart over a New Jersey highway crash that killed one man and left Morgan and two others seriously injured. The case resolved in a confidential settlement just ten months after the initial filing, and Morelli notes that the result has since brought a measure of closure to the tragedy.

Currently, Morelli is representing professional tennis player Eugenie Bouchard in her lawsuit against the United States Tennis Association stemming from a head injury she suffered after being caused to slip

and fall in the trainer's room during the 2015 U.S. Open. Bouchard, who was ranked fifth in the world in 2014, was forced to withdraw from that tournament following her injury, and has been unable to play in numerous subsequent tournaments. "Right now, the USTA is trying to escape their obligations to Eugenie, but we're prepared to go to trial to ensure she is fully compensated," Morelli says. "We never shy away from a case if we believe it is meritorious."

The firm is presently handling a number of other high-profile cases, including representing the victims of the September 2016 Hoboken, NJ, train crash and the October 2016 Long Island Railroad crash. It is also representing a 33-year-old graphic designer in a case against Live Nation over a traumatic brain injury he suffered after being caused to fall more than 30 feet while working on a set design at the Nikon at Jones Beach Theater; a man in a case against David Copperfield and the MGM Grand Hotel over the traumatic brain injury he suffered during his participation in a magic trick; the widow of Marvin Hamlisch, a world-renowned composer and performer, in a medical malpractice/wrongful death suit; and a 42-year-old woman in a gender discrimination case against one of the major broadcast television networks.

For many years, the firm has represented thousands of people injured by dangerous and defective pharmaceuticals and medical devices against major drug companies. Some of these cases include suits against the manufacturers of Vioxx, Avandia, Bextra, Propecia, testosterone replacement therapy, and defective hip devices. Morelli and his firm have been appointed by courts around the country to serve in leadership roles in many of these litigations. The firm is currently representing hundreds of women in cases against Johnson & Johnson alleging that their use of the company's talcum powder caused their ovarian cancer.

"By standing up for the little guy we've been able to secure billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for our clients, including many record-setting results," Morelli observes.

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44	George A. Cimenello v. Brian C. Sullivan, and Robert Harford	1/13/16	Intentional Torts - Assault	Michael DellaUniversita, Gruenberg & Kelly, P.C., Ronkonkoma, NY	\$3,600,000
45	Julia Nunez v. MTA, NYC Transit Authority, MTA Bus Co. Inc. & John Doe (Bus Operator)	2/3/16	Motor Vehicle	Judd F. Kleeger, Alexis Diaz, Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C., New York, NY	\$3,521,428
46	Edward Tom v. Robert Holzman, Cabrini Medical Center, Narayan Sundaresan and Lenox Hill Hospital	2/10/16	Medical Malpractice	Steven E. North, North & Deutsch, LLP, New York, NY	\$3,440,000
47	Lush Dacaj v. NYC Transit Authority & MTA	5/26/16	Premises Liability	Glenn P. Dolan, Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, P.C., New York, NY	\$3,295,582
48	Scott Shays v. A.O. Smith Water Products, et. al.	5/18/16	Products Liability	James C. Long, Joseph Belluck, Brittany Russell, Rachel Lanier, Belluck & Fox, L.L.P., New York, NY	\$3,200,000
49	Jason Ryder, et. al. v. Richard Kiefer, et. al.	12/21/15	Vehicular Liability	Mark D Greenberg, Greenberg & Greenberg, Hudson, NY	\$3,000,000
50	Maria Suarez v. Imperial Parking (U.S.) LLC, Alexander's Rego Shopping Center Inc., and Vornado Realty Trust	2/2/16	Premises Liability	Marc E. Freund, Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, P.C., New York, NY	\$2,875,000
51	Susan Sermoneta v. NYC Transit Authority	2/19/16	Premises Liability	Theodore H. Friedman, Benjamin Meyers, Law Office of Theodore H. Friedman, New York, NY	\$2,700,000
52	Wanda Chambers v. City of New York, Leo's Pharmacy, Inc., Leonid Beres and Patrick Dillion, KeySpan Energy Corporation	1/29/16	Premises Liability	Michael J. Hurwitz, Stephen J. Murphy, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$2,700,000
53	Miguel A. Suarez v. The City of New York and Dariell Minyety-Berroa	2/19/16	Motor Vehicle	David B. Corley, Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman P.C., Manhattan, NY	\$2,610,000
54	Jessica Abel, Individually and as Parent and Natural Guardian of Yazmine Diaz, an Infant v. Meadow Wood LLC	8/1/16	Premises Liability	Mark D. Greenberg, Greenberg & Greenberg, Hudson, NY; John P. Kingsley, John P. Kingsley, P.C., Catskill, NY	\$2,600,000
55	Zoraida Zambrana v. Loren Harris, M.D., et. al.	10/6/15	Medical Malpractice	Thomas P. Giuffra, Rheingold, Valet, Rheingold, McCartney & Giuffra LLP, New York, NY	\$2,500,000
56	James L. Register v. KNW Apartments, LLC, et. al.	9/27/16	Premises Liability	Seth A. Harris, Craig M. Goldwasser, Burns & Harris, New York, NY	\$2,500,000

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Since its founding in 2002, Hach & Rose has distinguished itself as one of New York's top personal injury law firms by achieving some of the largest results in the state for its clients. In 2012, the firm secured a jury verdict of more than \$13 million—the highest construction site accident verdict in New York for that year. The firm also obtained recent jury verdicts of \$8 million for a victim of a motorcycle accident, \$6 million for a woman injured on a dangerous premises, and more than \$2 million for a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle.

“Whether it’s a seven-figure settlement or jury verdict, or a six-figure resolution, we obtain similar results on a regular basis. We have the financial resources to fight the largest

companies out there,” says founding partner Michael Rose. “Defendants know that if the settlement offer is not appropriate or fair we will recommend to our clients to proceed to trial.”

Indeed, Hach & Rose has found success in the courtroom through its keen attention to detail and its practice of retaining the most qualified experts. Just this past year, the firm settled a case during trial for \$3.25 million following its expert's testimony. The defense had offered less than a million dollars to settle the case before trial. “We prepare all of our cases for the courtroom, and that puts us in a position where we can achieve great settlements for our clients prior to a jury verdict,” notes managing partner Gregory Hach. “For instance, in a case where an injured construction worker told us that his attorney recommended a \$60,000 settlement, we were able to maximize his recovery and obtain a \$2 million settlement.”

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Protecting the Rights of Insurance Consumers



Standing, from left: Jaclyn Hart, Roman Rabinovich, David B. Karel
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For more than three decades, Jonathan Wilkofsky and his firm have asserted the rights of consumers confronting insurance company misconduct. The firm's attorneys are dedicated to representing those whose lives have been affected by life-altering fires, floods, collapses, thefts, hurricanes, and other catastrophic property damage. Over the years, they have earned unprecedented property damage verdicts and landmark decisions against insurers and care-less landlords and negligent insurance brokers and agents.

The firm is especially proud of its commitment to clients' interests and winning passage of nine pieces of legislation protecting consumers. The firm is one of the few law practices to advocate for victims of disasters when the insurance company has breached the policy or acted in bad faith. We also represent consumers who are facing compliance with endless insurance company demands for documents, information and sworn testimony after a loss has occurred. Recognized by peers as a leader in his field, Wilkofsky has never lost a jury verdict.

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Few lawyers have received the level of national acclaim that trial attorney Joseph Tacopina has garnered from media outlets during his career.

The New York Post identified Tacopina as a "top-shelf, high-powered litigator"; *GQ Magazine* called him "the best-dressed, smoothest-talking, hardest-working criminal defense attorney going"; Fox's Sean Hannity described him as "one of the greatest defense attorneys of all time"; and *The New York Times* even noted, "Mr. Tacopina is to the defense bar what Donald Trump is to real estate."

High praise, but with good reason: Over his than two decades in practice, Tacopina has thrived in the courtroom, trying nearly 100 cases to verdict and representing many high-profile defendants.

"From the beginning I gravitated toward trial work because of what comes with the territory— high stakes and a lot of pressure," says Tacopina, who focuses on criminal defense and civil litigation. "The work is challenging, but there's nothing more satisfying to me than having a jury come back in my client's favor."

Some of Tacopina's most well-known cases include representing former New York State Senator Hiram Monserrate, who was acquitted of assaulting his girlfriend. He also achieved an acquittal for a former NYPD officer accused of rape and burglary in a case that garnered international media attention.

"There's a certain added pressure when you're handling high-profile matters, but ultimately all the work I do is difficult," Tacopina says. "With these cases, you have someone's life in your hands, so you have to be strategic, creative, and thoughtful in how you approach them."

Among his more recent cases, Tacopina represented Yankees star Alex Rodriguez in his appeal of a 211-game suspension imposed by Major League Baseball for allegedly using performance-enhancing drugs. He is currently representing award-winning

reporter Sarah Wallace in her gender discrimination lawsuit against New York's WABC, and he is also being retained by the Italian government to investigate the wrongful murder conviction of Italian citizen Enrico Forti in Miami.

"The clients I represent are often under siege when they come to me, and because I take personally anything that has been done unfairly to them, I fight for them with everything I have," Tacopina says. "Simply put, whether I'm representing someone in a civil or a criminal case, my goal is to always work harder than anyone else."

That philosophy has been Tacopina's personal credo since his early days as a prosecutor in the Kings County District Attorney's Office, where he prevailed in 39 of 40 trials. By making it a mainstay of his private practice, he has been able to elevate his firm to a new level in the criminal defense field, earning a number of prestigious awards.

His accolades include an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell® (the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards) and the National Italian American Bar Association's Man of the Year Award, which was presented to Justice Anthony Scalia the year prior. Additionally, Tacopina has been accepted to The National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Trial Lawyers, an invitation-only organization comprising the top trial lawyers from each state.

As Don Imus, who Tacopina has counseled on legal matters, observed on his radio show, "Imus in the Morning": "When you hire Joe Tacopina— it's over."

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Sari Friedman has been at the forefront of social change in family law for more than three decades, serving as a fierce proponent of equal gender rights in issues of child custody and parental recognition. Most recently, she has been handling many cutting-edge same-sex divorce matters, including cases affected by the New York Court of Appeals' groundbreaking decision allowing caretakers who are not relatives or adoptive guardians to be recognized as parents. "As a mother of two, I understand the importance of family and of protecting the rights and future of your children," notes Friedman, who is joined at the firm by her daughter Andrea, an accomplished lawyer in her own right.

Friedman is regularly honored by her peers for her zealous representation and high-quality work. Among her accolades, she has been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell® and included in New York Metro Super Lawyers. In December, her firm was awarded SmartCEO's Family Business Award, which recognizes successful family-run businesses. "Our family-oriented drive is reflected in both our firm's operations and the clients we help," explains Andrea, who heads the firm's recently opened Westchester County office. "Ultimately, it is that collaborative, personal approach that has allowed us to thrive and grow.

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When it comes to personal injury, few lawyers can match the trial experience that Kenneth A. Pryor brings to his law firm: Beginning in 1993, Pryor spent several years trying homicide and other major felony cases as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx—a unique experience that has proved advantageous in his private practice.

"I've been trying cases since the week I left law school, and that's a rare luxury very few trial lawyers have," says Pryor, who now teaches trial advocacy at his alma mater, the Hofstra University School of Law. "As a prosecutor, you're quickly handling a large volume of cases under very challenging circumstances, so you build a strong foundation of trial skills from very early on."

In his years as a personal injury lawyer, Pryor has relied on this expertise to recover millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for his injured clients, including a recent \$3.21 million verdict for a 62-year-old woman who was hit by a car in Brooklyn. Pryor also represented the family of three young girls who were killed in the 2009 Taconic State Parkway crash, which received national media attention and was the subject of an HBO documentary.

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Arthur Schwartz In The News

New York Post My Boss Harassed Me for Being Native American

Tomahawk's lawyer, Schwartz, lamented his client's position. "Doormen and porters are subjected to horrible abuse in too many buildings. Minorities, especially Native Americans like Mr. Tomahawk, are victimized even worse," Schwartz said.

The New York Times Newsstand to Reopen, After de Blasio Helps

"It wouldn't have settled without Bill de Blasio," Delakis' lawyer, Arthur Schwartz said. "I think we can say that this is the first of the callous Bloomberg actions toward the little guy in New York, toward the other New York, that have been reversed by Mayor de Blasio."

The New York Times Fight Over Manhattan Apartment and Surveillance Cameras Lands Tenant's Guardian in Court

"All I did was abate the harassment and turn evidence into the attorney general," Mr. Schwartz said after his arraignment. "It's preposterous that I have to go through this."

The New York Times A Brownstone and the Bitter Fight to Inherit It

Arthur Z. Schwartz, a lawyer who is representing Mr. Doyle, said there was legal precedent for such an argument. More important, he said, was the simple issue of fairness. "I thought there was an injustice," Mr. Schwartz said.

Huffington Post Success Academy Hit With More Criticism Over Infamous 'Got To Go' List

"After years of claiming that Success provides a path forward for Black and Hispanic children, the experiences of our clients lay bare the contempt that Success Academy has for their wellbeing," attorney Arthur Schwartz said in a statement. "The approach on display at Success Fort Greene, which is about test scores and not educating children, was, I am sure, not created by principal Brown, but came right from the top. It has no place in public education."

Westchester Journal News Embattled Rye Teacher to Return to Classroom

"The treatment of Carin Mehler — holding her up to public ridicule, assigning her to a windowless room for a year and 'reassigning' her to work at home for a second year — was contrary to everything we teach our children about our country," her attorney, Arthur Schwartz said in a statement.

New York Post Women Who Exposed Sexual Harassment at Con Ed Seek \$20M

Two women who first exposed Con Edison as a hotbed of sexual harassment and discrimination claim state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman barely included them in a deal that netted workers as little as \$5,000 each."The women were very annoyed that the AG did little consultation with them about settlement," said Guy and Curtis' attorney, Arthur Schwartz.

New York Daily News Con Ed Changes Mind, Will Hire Long Island Woman Rejected Because of 'Sexually Explicit' Image on Instagram

"We appreciate Con Edison's rapid resolution of this dispute and the sensitivity of the posting and its frank discussion of homosexuality. Ms. Chirichella is a smart, capable woman, whose father is a 'lifer' at Con Edison and they will not regret this decision," Schwartz said.

Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, Verdicts & Settlements

Gary A. Zucker & Associates, P.C

Over the past four decades, Gary Zucker has distinguished himself as one of the most committed and professional personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys in New York City.

Mr. Zucker has been given an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale Hubbell, the organization's highest rating for professional excellence, based on voting by his peers. In addition, Mr. Zucker has been selected to the 2015 and 2016 editions of New York Super Lawyers and the New York Law Journal Motor Vehicle Verdicts and Settlements Hall of Fame.

Mr. Zucker handles cases in all five boroughs of New York City, as well as in the surrounding counties. The firm has a track record of consistent success in wrongful death, medical malpractice, and personal injury cases, including those involving automobile accidents, premises liability, defective products and construction accidents.

Among its significant recoveries, the firm obtained a verdict of \$10.5 million for a child who suffered severe brain injury due to obstetrical malpractice. It also secured a \$6 million settlement for the death of a 32 year old married plumber, which was the largest reported settlement in New York in 2014 for injury or death suffered by a passenger in a motor vehicle accident.

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Education Law, Labor and Employment

Frazer & Feldman, LLP

As an education law firm that is AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, Frazer & Feldman, LLP offers strong general, special education, and labor counsel services, as well as a pro-active approach in advising clients.

"We make a point of counseling clients before they act, because we know from experience that it's easier to keep clients out of trouble than it is to get them out of trouble," notes Jack Feldman, who, with Florence Frazer, is individually AV Preeminent®

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Feldman has long concentrated his practice in the area of special education matters, successfully representing school districts in impartial hearings and appeals through to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He also frequently lectures on special education matters.

Frazer brings more than 25 years' experience in public sector labor law to her practice, during which time she has negotiated hundreds of collective bargaining agreements on behalf of management with teachers, administrators, custodians, food service and transportation workers, and nurses.

"A hallmark of our firm is that as general and labor counsel we have maintained strong working relationships with our clients," says Frazer. "We are very proud to note that we've represented numerous school districts for more than two decades."

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Friedman, Levy, Goldfarb & Green, P.C.'s successful track record is a testament to the exceptional representation that it provides to its clients. Senior Partner Ira H. Goldfarb (rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®) and the firm's team of seasoned trial lawyers—including Managing Partner Charles E. Green, Sam Rosmarin, recognized as one of New York's most accomplished medical malpractice attorneys, and Andrew J. Windman—are proud to carry on Friedman, Levy, Goldfarb & Green, P.C.'s tradition of tirelessly fighting for those most seriously injured.

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Personal Injury, Construction Accidents, Civil Rights

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Standing from Left: Adam Hurwitz, Rudolph Radna, Mariusz Sniarowski, Edward Galdi, Peter Rigelhaupt, Carissa Peables. Sitting: Steven Dorfman, Zachary Perecman, David Perecman

Construction Accidents, Medical Malpractice, Premises Liability

Paul B. Weitz & Associates

Paul B. Weitz & Associates is a premier personal injury law firm that handles major complex litigation in New York City and its outer boroughs.

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The firm has a tradition of providing expert representation and personalized service, dating back to the early 1970s when the firm began as Schneider, Kleinick & Weitz. Since then, the firm has established a proven track record of more than 200 cases or settlements in excess of \$1 million.

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Since 2007, they have achieved a number of notable settlements, including: \$20 million for a 26-year-old worker who was rendered a quadriplegic after a steel pipe was dropped on him at a construction site and \$16 million for a 23-year-old man who fell from a rock wall after his safety belt broke.

Above all, the firm's attorneys strive to help clients through their recovery process, which often requires extensive medical treatment and rehabilitation.

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The firm's founder, David Perecman, has been practicing trial law for 38 years and in that time has achieved much for his clients. In recognition of that he has been selected for many years running by The Best Lawyers in America, Super Lawyers, U.S. News and World Report's Best Law Firms and Multimillion Dollar Advocates Forum. His verdicts and settlements have been heralded in the New York Law Journal as among the highest in the state of New York year after year. His \$9.9 million settlement, in 2015, for a laborer who fell from a scaffold was the highest in the state for a construction accident and the second-highest over all categories. This year, he won a \$11.9 million verdict for a Local 79

asbestos remover who fell and injured his back. He has appeared on CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, WPIX, and Fox 5 and in *The New York Times*, *The Daily News*, *The New York Post* and *Newsday*.

This year David and his son Zachary, who has now joined the firm, along with another associate, Peter Rigelhaupt (also recognized by Super Lawyers) achieved what David considers to be one of his proudest moments. He successfully argued a case before the state's highest court, The New York Court of Appeals, and won the right to go to trial against The City of New York and several police officers for the false arrest and malicious prosecution of a woman who he claimed spent four years in jail after being coerced by the police into confessing to a brutal murder which she did not commit. Lawyers who practice in this area of civil rights law have made comments after reading the 40-page decision that this case will "change the landscape" and called David an "American Hero."

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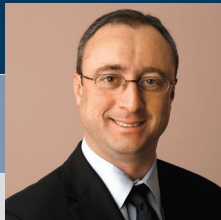
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Mr. Sands founded his practice 16 years ago after serving as an assistant district attorney in the appeals, trial and major narcotics bureaus at the Kings County District Attorney's Office, and as a senior trial attorney for major liability insurance carriers. In addition to his own practice, he is often called upon by other attorneys to assist with their matters.

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In 1998, Mr. Dervishi immigrated to the United States, with his family joining him a few months later. Upon his arrival in Washington, D.C., Mr. Dervishi met with members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as his trip was sponsored by the U.S. government.

Beginning in 2003, he attended Pace University School of Law and graduated with a Master of Law degree in May 2004. He has since been admitted to the New York State Bar, and practices in all of the state's courts. On June 13, 2011, Mr. Dervishi was further admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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58	Cesar Jimenez v. Consolidated Laundry LLC a/k/a Consolidated Laundry Machinery a/k/a CLM, et. al.	4/27/16	Products Liability - Manufacturing Defect - Worker/ Workplace Negligence	Nonna Shikh, Henry D. Nachtman, Law Firm of Nonna Shikh, Cortlandt Manor, NY	\$2,300,000
59	Reginaldo Vassell v. NYCTA and Ishmael Gordon	11/10/15	Motor Vehicle	Conrad Jordan, Jordan & LeVerrier, P.C., East Hampton, NY, trial counsel to Mark E. Weinberger, P.C., New York, NY	\$2,200,000
60	Raymond Rosas v. Balter Sales Co. Inc., et. al.	11/24/15	Employment - Race Discrimination - Intentional Torts	Derek T. Smith, Derek Smith Law Group, PLLC, New York, NY; Gregory Kirschenbaum, Arc Law Group, PC, New York, NY	\$2,200,000
61	Shavonne Marcus v. Allen Harim Foods LLC and Stacey Brittingham	2/9/16	Motor Vehicle	Christopher F. Holbrook, Schwartzapfel Lawyers P.C., Garden City, NY	\$2,196,838
62	Thomas Thoma and Denise Thoma v. The Port Authority of NY and NJ, Tishman Construction Corporation of New York and Tishman Construction Corporation	1/5/16	Construction - Labor Law	David H. Perecman, Peter D. Rigelhaupt, The Perecman Firm P.L.L.C., New York, NY	\$2,150,000
63	Carol Daniele, et. al. v. Gabrielle M. Oster, et. al.	5/27/16	Motor Vehicle	David B. Lever, Richard R. Mogg, David B. Lever & Associates, PLLC, Brooklyn, NY	\$2,148,000
64	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Mavis Discount Tire, Inc., Mavis Tire Supply Corp., Mavis Tire NY, Inc., and Cole Muffler, Inc.	3/23/16	Employment - Gender Discrimination - Civil Rights	Jeffrey C. Burstein, Jadhira V. Rivera, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Newark, NJ; Kirsten J. Peters, Sebastian D. Riccardi, EEOC, New York, NY; Patrick J. Boyd, The Boyd Law Group, PLLC, New York, NY; William J. Lasko, Law Offices of William J. Lasko, Stamford, CT	\$2,100,000
65	Hernandez v. Lamar et. al.	1/1/16	Genital, Urinary, Pelvic and Intestinal Injuries	David B. Golomb, Law Offices of David B. Golomb, New York, NY	\$2,100,000
66	Vengrenyuk v. ExxonMobil Oil Corp., et. al.	6/17/16	Labor Law	Ronald C. Burke, Kelner & Kelner, New York, NY	\$2,017,000
67	Anna Bedard v. Melissa Gace and Neil Profeta	7/8/16	Motor Vehicle	Ruth E. Bernstein, Flomenhaft & Cannata, New York, NY	\$1,945,000
68	John Abraham v. The City of New York, New York City Police Department and Frank Crowley	9/22/16	Motor Vehicle	Jeffrey A. Block, S. Joseph Donahue, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$1,750,000
69	Mushander Brown v. MTA, NYC Transit Authority, City of New York and Betty J. Foster	12/23/15	Motor Vehicle	Scott C. Occhiogrosso, Romina Tominovic, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$1,705,043
70	Francine Comforto as Administratrix of the Estate of Paul G. Comforto, Deceased & Francine Comforto, Individually v. Rosetta Grella, M.D. & Joshi Abraham John, M.D., North Shore Syosset Hospital & Eugenio Tassy	10/7/15	Medical Malpractice	David J. Dean, Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C., New York, NY	\$1,695,000
71	Michael Bretholz v. Harvard Maintenance, Inc., Lexington Operating Partners, LLC, and CB Richard Ellis, Inc.	6/6/16	Premises Liability	John P. Beatty, Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, P.C., New York, NY	\$1,665,451
72	Daniel J. Adler and Dongqiong Adler v. Town of Stony Point	3/21/16	Premises Liability	George G. Coffinas, trial counsel, Michael N. David, New York, NY	\$1,650,000
73	Edward Gilmore v. Lawrence E. Redding and Cutting Room Recycling Corp.	10/2/15	Motor Vehicle	Bruce P. Fassberg, Steven F. Goldstein, L.L.P., Carle Place, NY	\$1,650,000
74	Elizabeth Rosario v. Jack Resnick & Sons, Inc. and 315 Hudson LLC	9/22/16	Premises Liability	Alex A. Omrani, Omrani & Taub P.C., New York, NY; San Razzano, Santoriella, DiTomaso & Fort P.C., Brooklyn, NY	\$1,551,955
75	Denise E. Frith v. The Bassett Healthcare Network; et. al.	3/2/16	Medical Malpractice	Daniel R. Santola, Margie Soehl, Powers & Santola, LLP, Albany, NY	\$1,520,000
76	Diana McLaughlin and Francis McLaughlin v. Thyssen Dover Elevator Company, et. al.	12/23/15	Premises Liability	Matthew T. Gammons, Rosenbaum & Rosenbaum, P.C., New York, NY	\$1,500,000
77	Norma Lopez for Luisa Lopez v. Oscar Rodriguez, et. al.	4/25/16	Vehicular Liability	Daniel P. O'Toole, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$1,500,000
78	Lourdes Soriano v. Luis B. Tacuri and La Placita Market, Corp.	9/1/16	Motor Vehicle	Stephen J. Murphy, Michael J. Hurwitz, Block O'Toole & Murphy, New York, NY	\$1,500,000
79	Stanislaw Terepka v. City of New York, NYC. Department of Education and NYC. School Construction Authority	11/18/15	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law - Workplace Safety	Barry Salzman, Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson, New York, NY	\$1,500,000

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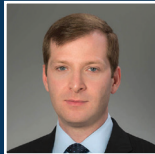
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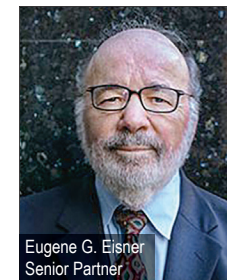
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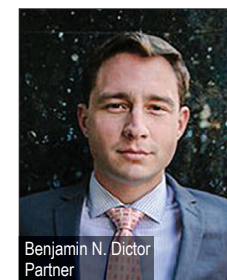
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81	Thomas Tornatore v. Jean Cohen DC	11/23/15	Medical Malpractice	Charles L. Falgiatano, DeFrancisco & Falgiatano Personal Injury Lawyers, Syracuse, NY	\$1,403,407
82	Brian Hart v. Raymond J Fields, Dorothy Fields MT Associates, LLC, a Vermont Corp aka MT Associates, Midway Oil Corp aka Midway Oil Corp.	5/10/16	Premises Liability	Brian H. Breedlove, Pennock, Breedlove & Noll, Clifton Park, NY	\$1,400,000
83	Raymond S. Castro v. J & R Bondi, Inc., and John R. Bondi	11/6/15	Motor Vehicle	Paul J. Edelstein, Co-Trial Counsel to the, New York, NY; Daniel A. Thomas, Law Offices of Daniel A. Thomas, P.C., New York, NY, of counsel, Michelstein & Associates, PLLC, New York, NY	\$1,374,500
84	Philip Moliterno, Maria Moliterno v. Super Structure Fabricators, Inc. / Philip Moliterno and Maria Moliterno v. New York Hoist LLC US Crane & Rigging, LLC, New York Plank Service, LLC and New York Pre-Cast, Inc.	10/9/15	Animal Control	Gary J. Young, Robert K. Young & Associates, P.C., Merrick, NY	\$1,350,000
85	Michael A. Renzi v. Long Island Rail Road Company	12/14/15	Worksite Liability	Michael D. Flynn, Michael D. Flynn, Esq., New York, NY	\$1,290,000
86	Stalin Ivan Diaz v. Muhamet Mirzo, Suzana Mirzo and Skyview & Son Construction Corporation	2/26/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Mark A. Apostolos, Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C., New York, NY	\$1,250,000
87	George Pratt v. 150 Charles Street Holdings, LLC and Plaza Construction Corp.	3/2/16	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace Safety	Michael Reiner, Schwartzapfel Lawyers P.C., Garden City, NY	\$1,250,000
88	Joseph Lopardi v. Masako London and Robert London	12/2/15	Motor Vehicle	Peter S. Gordon, Forest Hills, NY, trial counsel to Harmon Linder & Rogowsky, New York, NY	\$1,200,000
89	Wilmin de la Cruz v. Morningside I Associates L.P. & The Wavcrest Management Team Ltd.	2/29/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law - Workplace Safety	Jason L. Paris, Paris & Chaikin, P.L.L.C., New York, NY	\$1,200,000
90	Juan P. Munzon v. Victor at Fifth, LLC, Triton Construction Company, LLC	3/17/16	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law - Workplace Safety	Patrick J. Mullaney, Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC, trial counsel to Jacob Oresky & Associates, Middle Village, NY	\$1,200,000
91	Mathew J. Dayton v. Nathaniel Paul Sambroski	7/14/16	Motor Vehicle	Anthony J. Tantillo, Goldberg Segalla, LLP, Buffalo, NY; Richard A. Hall, Hagelin Kent, L.L.C., Buffalo, NY	\$1,175,000
92	Mia L. Wooten v. 2080 Meat & Produce Group	8/23/16	Premises Liability	Alan M. Greenberg, Greenberg Law P.C., Manhattan, NY	\$1,150,000
93	State of New York Ex Rel. Stephen B. Diamond, P.C. v. My Pillow, Inc.	8/15/16	Fraud, Qui Tam	Stephen B. Diamond of Stephen B. Diamond, P.C. in Chicago, IL; Timothy McInnis of McInnis Law, New York, NY	\$1,109,000
94	Briana Hart v. Susan Hart	1/27/16	Motor Vehicle	Harvey A. Levine, Levine & Gilbert, P.C., New York, NY	\$1,100,000
95	Nancy Genovese v. Town Of Southampton, County of Suffolk, et. al.	3/10/16	Civil Rights	Frederick K. Brewington, Ira F. Fogelgaren, Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington, Hempstead, NY	\$1,055,000
96	Denise E. Frith v. The Bassett Healthcare Network, et. al.	3/2/16	Medical Malpractice	Daniel R. Santola, Margie A. Soehl of Powers & Santola, LLP in Albany, NY	\$1,052,000
97	Moussa Diomande v. Jerome Etzer	2/11/16	Motor Vehicle	Carlos M. Calderon, Weisman & Calderon LLP, Mount Vernon, NY	\$1,050,000
98	Joseph John Greco v. 212 Motoring, et. al.	3/30/16	Product Liability	Ralph J Drabkin, Simon, Drabkin & Margulies, New York, NY	\$1,050,000
99	Roberta Rappaport v. DS & D Land Company, LLC, et. al.	12/22/15	Premises Liability	David Olarsch, Law Offices of S. David Olarsch PC, New York, NY	\$1,044,000
100	Luciana I. Cicalesse v. Ezequier Burier Sensible Management Services and Sergio A. Garcia	3/29/16	Motor Vehicle	Nick Gjelaj, Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC, trial counsel to Freehand & Associates, Brooklyn, NY, Middle Village, NY	\$1,030,000
101	Rosanna de la Cruz v. Andres Berroa Zaheer Bros Corp., Ramon Martinez & L&T Auto Corp.	10/16/15	Motor Vehicle	Michael A. Barnett, trial counsel for the Law Offices of Stuart M. Kerner, P.C., New York, NY	\$1,000,000
102	Dorothy Jones v. NY Presbyterian Hospital a/k/a Columbia University Medical Center, & New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System, Inc.	2/11/16	Premises Liability	Seth A. Harris, Wayne A.J. Wattley, Burns & Harris, Esqs., New York, NY	\$1,000,000
103	Troy Lambe, Sunray Solar Inc., and Max Diversified Inc. v. Yossef Kahlon, a/k/a Jossef Kahlon, Atlas Solar Holdings LLC, Erica T. Yitzhak, The Law Offices of Erica T. Yitzhak; Erica T. Yitzhak Esq. P.C.	2/1/16	Contract - Intentional Torts	Paul W. Verner, Verner Simon, New York, NY	\$1,000,000
104	Jefferson v. Mandon	1/1/16	Ear and Head Injuries	Nathan Belofsky, of counsel to Greenberg & Merola, New York, NY	\$1,000,000

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