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Largest Verdicts and Settlements

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RECENT TOP VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

\$9,000,050

Construction Workers Injured on an Exterior Scaffold - **Labor Law**

\$8,000,000

Child Burned by scalding water in the shower - **Premises Liability**

\$7,900,000

Construction Workers Injured When a Scaffold Collapsed

\$7,625,000

Asbestos Exposure - **Wrongful Death**

\$7,250,000

Construction accident – Fall from scaffold – **Brain Injury (TBI)**

\$4,500,000

Premises Liability - Worker Falls at Building - **Multiple Injuries**

\$3,875,000

Customer Trips and Falls - Back, Knee and Shoulder Injuries - **Premises Liability**

HECHT KLEEGER & DAMASHEK



From Left: Jonathan S. Damashek, Judd F. Kleeger, Jordan D. Hecht

At the personal injury firm Hecht Kleeger & Damashek (HKD), every lawyer is a seasoned trial attorney who is experienced in serving the needs of accident victims and their loved ones. Hailing from some of the largest personal injury firms in New York, the firm's partners founded HKD in 1999 because they wanted to bring more personal attention to their clients' cases—something they felt could not be done at larger firms.

"We strive to provide unparalleled legal representation while supporting our clients through the difficulties that arise from being injured in a serious accident," says partner Jordan Hecht. "For that reason, we handle our clients' cases from beginning to end, with our goal being to obtain the highest possible cash award for each client."

Though the firm's attorneys, who have more than 75 years of combined legal experience, work in a number of different personal injury practice areas, they concentrate on construction, defective medical device, catastrophic injury, and pharmaceutical cases. Together, they have achieved more than \$300 million for their clients, with an impressive track record of settlements and verdicts of \$1 million or more.

"We want to win a case before it is even filed," says partner Judd Kleeger. "So when a new case comes into our office, we are already formulating our trial strategy, which involves extensive investigation, as well as consulting with the most qualified experts."

In one of the HKD's most notable cases, the firm obtained a \$9 million settlement in 2014 for two brothers who were working on the exterior scaffold of a building in the Bronx when they were both struck by cement block. As a result of the accident, one of the brothers suffered an amputation to his finger, as well as an injury to his neck that required cervical fusion surgery; the other brother suffered injuries to his back, knee, and shoulder that all required surgeries.

"Our success in this case—as in all our cases—was the result of leaving no stone unturned," observes partner Jonathan

Damashek, who handled the matter. "We put all our resources toward not only the investigation, but also to the discovery and trial stages of the case; and in the process, we were able to secure a settlement that will ensure that neither of these brothers has to worry about any type of financial difficulties in the future."

Similarly, this approach helped HKD obtain a settlement valued at \$8 million in 2012 on behalf of a boy who at the age of 3 suffered second- and third-degree burns due to scalding water in the shower of his apartment. After an extensive investigation, the firm discovered that a plumbing company hired by the owner of the building had incorrectly installed a mixing valve in the boiler room of the building; this negligence meant that the hot water was not properly regulated at the time, and that the water was therefore erratic in temperature.

As leaders in their field, HKD's attorneys serve as members of the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum and *New York Super Lawyers*, as well as in a number of prominent legal organizations, such as the American Association for Justice and New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Their expertise, combined with their firm's resources, allows them to support even the most complex cases, and they only recover a fee upon successful conclusion of a case.

Damashek notes, "The greatest satisfaction I get as an attorney is handing my clients a check that fully compensates them for their pain and suffering and provides them with a lifetime of financial security."

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SHAEVITZ LAW OFFICES & SHAEVITZ

When Oliver Shaevitz first opened his office for the representation of accident victims in 1956, he could not foresee the long and successful path he was about to embark upon. During his 60 years of practice, he has been joined along the way by his sons, Mark and Eric. Two years ago, Dimitri Kotzamanis joined the firm as a partner. Over the years, the firm has represented thousands of clients, collected tens of millions of dollars in settlements, and obtained numerous multi-million-dollar jury verdicts.

As with most aspects of modern life, the practice of law has become a very specialized and complex endeavor. This is especially true in the handling and prosecution of personal injury cases, where an attorney must possess a breadth of knowledge, not only of the law, but also of medicine, psychology, engineering, and technology. Shaevitz, Shaevitz & Kotzamanis is dedicated to providing the most knowledgeable, sophisticated, and effective legal representation to its clients.

The staff at Shaevitz, Shaevitz & Kotzamanis takes a personal interest in the firm's clients and attempts to relate the legal procedures to them in a clear and concise manner. With the understanding that litigation can be a stressful and complicated process, the staff sees to it that all clients are kept informed and understand what the firm is trying to accomplish on their behalf. "Clients aren't just statistics," says Oliver Shaevitz. "They are real people with special needs resulting from their injuries, and we do our best to make sure they are justly compensated."

When an injury occurs, the firm takes immediate action and conducts a comprehensive investigation to ensure that all evidence is unearthed, and preserved. Shaevitz, Shaevitz & Kotzamanis knows that the effects of a serious injury can extend far beyond the physical aspect, and assists each client to solve many of their day-to-day problems, such as being reimbursed for their lost wages and making sure that their medical and hospital bills are paid promptly, whenever possible.

Shaevitz, Shaevitz & Kotzamanis has prosecuted many memorable cases, such as representing victims who were maimed, blinded, or killed as a result of the leakage of poisonous gas from Union Carbide's pesticide plant in Bhopal, India; representing the families of the children who died in a fire at Great Adventure amusement park in New Jersey; and representing a number of victims of 9/11.

From left:
Dimitri Kotzamanis,
Oliver Shaevitz,
Eric Shaevitz &
Mark Shaevitz

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The team of Natalie Sedaghati and Eitan Ogen have an impressive proven record of multiple 7-figure and 6-figure verdicts and settlements, many for non-surgical, "soft tissue" disputed cases with problematic liability scenarios. Once again, several of their cases have been honored in this year's *Leaders* publication. Both partners have been selected as Super Lawyers numerous times—a designation awarded annually to only the top 5% of attorneys in New York—and are Members of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Additionally, Natalie Sedaghati was one (1) of only nine (9) female attorneys selected as a Super Lawyer in New York in the practice area of Personal Injury. They have also been featured in *NY Magazine*, *Newsweek's* Top Leaders in Personal Injury, as well as *Fox 5 News*, *UPN 9 News*, *Montel Williams Show*, *NY Times*, *NY Daily News* and *NY Post* for their very successful and unprecedented litigation in high profile cases.

NOTEWORTHY CASES

- \$4.25 Million Settlement** for disc herniations with surgery. Defendants argued no tow, no ER, claimant returned to work, and surgery was not related to accident as claimed injuries were pre-existing.
- \$2.76 Million Settlement** for 63-year-old man for degenerative neck and back injuries. Low impact/minor property damage accident.
- \$2.5 Million Jury Verdict** against MTA/NYC Transit, for a shoulder impingement (no tear) with arthroscopic surgery resulting from MVA, and disputed disc bulge. Defendant's doctors testified there was nothing wrong. MTA's initial offer was \$2,500. 2nd highest verdict for a motor vehicle/case in 2011.
- \$2.45 Million Settlement** for low-speed, minimal impact, disputed liability MVA. Client had nearly identical degenerative MRI findings prior to the accident. Defendants' doctors disputed any causality necessity of any

surgery/treatment, as client had returned to work after MVA, and resolved. Zurich previously had maintained a no-pay position.

\$1.8 Million Settlement for 54 year old immigrant who claimed slip and fall on ice/snow in parking lot. Defendant claimed no defective condition, parking lot was impeccably plowed, she was responsible for her own fall, she suffered no causally related injuries as all of her conditions were pre-existing and degenerative, she had made a good recovery. (6th largest NY premises settlement in 2016.)

\$1.6 Million Jury Verdict for pedestrian involved in MVA with taxi. Defendants argued that plaintiff walked into side of the taxi. Jury awarded 100% liability against the Defendants. Plaintiff alleged a disc bulge and shoulder tear. Defendants' doctors argued that MRIs showed no injuries and that plaintiff had soft tissue injuries which had fully resolved. American Transit's offer was \$40,000. Appellate court sustained verdict in its entirety, one of largest for this type of injury. Judgment with interest exceeds \$2 Million.

\$1.5 Million Settlement involving a rental car company in a one car accident, with only a minimum \$25,000 policy. Nevertheless, we successfully pursued the rental car company, who denied they were liable to pay anything additional, due to Graves Amendment.

\$1.375 Million Jury Verdict for unemployed man in soft-tissue MVA, knee arthroscopy case with no damage, no ER, minimal treatment. Defendants' doctors testified plaintiff's examination and MRIs were normal, with degeneration. Client had a prior injury and surgery to same body part. Defendants argued he was not even in the vehicle.

\$1.3 Million Settlement, full policy tender, for 50-year-old undocumented housekeeper in minimal impact MVA (\$638 property damage), no injuries reported at scene, waited 1 month to see a doctor (while continuing to work), gaps in treatment, MRI showed bulging disc. USAA's offer was \$7,500 arguing surgery was unnecessary and unrelated.

\$1 Million Settlement full policy limits, plus full "Medical-Payment" policy tender, for a disputed liability case involving a burned hand. Hospital records showed inconsistency in client's version of accident. Client was working, and defense liability doctor said she had made a good recovery.

\$1 Million Settlement Policy limit obtained in Queens County settlement for 2 immigrants, Defendants argued that all injuries were degenerative and resolved.

\$877,000 Jury Verdict 2 vehicle accident contested case with no complaints of pain at scene, no ER. Saw doctor 1 week later, with minimal treatment, then arthroscopic surgery 2 years later. Defendants' doctor opined that he was not injured and had a prior accident with same injuries. State Farm's offer was \$30,000; State Farm paid more than double its policy limits.

\$850,000 Pre-Discovery Settlement for Estate of 58 year old man who died while on railroad tracks. Recovery was questionable as economic damages were low and conscious pain and suffering recovery was unavailable as he had died instantaneously. Settlement was in addition to over half a million dollars in other benefits and payouts received by the Estate's beneficiaries.

\$825,000 Pre-Discovery Settlement for 53 year old immigrant who claimed she tripped and fell on a carpet at Defendant's supermarket. She continued shopping, did not report the accident until 1 month later, and did not go to the hospital. Plaintiff had multiple falls in the years prior to the accident for which she was actively treating up until the very day of the accident for same body parts. Defendants claimed there was no proof the accident happened, or of defect, all of her injuries pre-existed her accident, and there was no change in her physical condition from prior to the accident. (10th largest NY Premises case settlement in 2016.)

\$750,000 Settlement for bicyclist where 3 independent witnesses testified against him and blamed him completely. 80% liability obtained against driver. Injury was resolved finger fracture and shoulder arthroscopy.

\$600,000 Jury Verdict for unemployed convicted felon. No complaints of pain at scene, no ER, returned to physical work. Defendants' experts opined that he was not injured. Defendants established Plaintiff lied on stand, that his initial doctor (prior to retaining our office) had been accused of misconduct, and employer testified he did heavy duty labor. Defense showed photos confirming minimal property damage, no cars towed. Original offer: \$3,000.

\$550,000 Settlement for MVA with very minimal property damage, with disputed disc injury, there were no lost wages, and with multiple subsequent accidents

NON-SURGICAL SOFT TISSUE/DISPUTED LIABILITY CASES

\$1.3 Million Jury Verdict for soft tissue, non-surgical disputed herniated disc MVA, where Defendants denied liability, plaintiff had minimal treatment, no lost wages. Defendants' doctors testified their exams were normal. Defendants argued he had the same injury from a prior MVA, which he failed to reveal to his doctors. State Farm valued case at \$50,000.

\$1.2 Million Jury Verdict for soft tissue, non-surgical herniated disc MVA case, Defendants denied liability. No lost wages and minimal treatment. Defendants' doctors testified Plaintiff's exam and films were normal. Award was one of the highest ever for pain and suffering only for a single, nonsurgical disc. App. Div. sustained \$700,000, one of the largest amounts sustained ever for such injury. NJ Manufacturers valued case at \$7,500. Bad faith lawsuit successfully settled for amount significantly above policy limits.

\$960,000 Judicial Award for 37-year-old driver with non-surgical bulging discs, minimal property damage.

\$850,000 Jury Verdict for unemployed man in a soft tissue, nonsurgical, disputed, degenerative herniated disc MVA case, minimal property damage, no ER, no lost wages. Plaintiff first sought care with a chiropractor 9 days later, with minimal treatment. American Transit valued case at \$6,000.

\$500,000 Settlement for non-surgical bulging and herniated disc. Defendant's doctors stated Plaintiff's exams were normal, that he was capable of working, his soft tissue injuries were degenerative, and resolved.

\$425,000 Settlement in MVA where Defendants argued that Plaintiff sustained soft tissue injuries which had resolved, her medical exams were normal, and she was working. Recovery was 30 times greater than that of another passenger in her vehicle, with similar injuries, but represented by another attorney.

\$350,000 Settlement in MVA with no visible property damage, disputed liability, no police report, no lost wages claim against Defendant, bulging disc, and no surgery even recommended. Carrier initially valued case at \$15,000.

\$300,000 SUM Arbitration Award (full policy limits) in non-surgical herniated disc (contested), minimal property damage case, no complaints at scene, no ambulance, no lost wages, large unexplained gaps in treatment, and normal exams by insurance doctors. GEICO's top offer was \$7,500.

DISPUTED ON-THE-JOB CASES

\$900,000 Settlement in a case involving an employee injured on the job (ordinarily barred from suing the employer), wherein we successfully sued the tenant (a related corporate entity). St. Paul had a no-pay position.

\$600,000 Settlement following liability jury verdict in disputed liability case, where client was injured while working. The landlord, denied any liability. Jury awarded 100% liability against landlord. Greater NY had no-pay position.

\$450,000 Settlement for an employee who injured hand on the job (ordinarily barred from suing the employer), wherein we successfully sued employer's related corporate entities. Zurich had a no-pay position.

COURT DECISIONS IN THE NEWS

\$11 Million Lawsuit against Madison Square Garden given go ahead to proceed by Court in widely publicized case where fan was struck by a hockey puck at MSG. (Precedent-setting case in NY)

Appeals Court Triples Award for Plaintiff's soft tissue injuries in a minor impact accident where Defendant disputed that Plaintiff suffered a causally related "serious injury." Appellate Court added additional \$300,000 to the verdict. The total recovered, with interest and costs, exceeded \$550,000. GEICO originally valued the case at \$7,500.

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Leaders In The Law is proud to present its annual New York's Leading Personal Injury Lawyers section in New York magazine.

"Personal injury is any damage or wrong done to a person, his or her property or reputation." Injuries can happen at work, in a traffic accident, because of faulty products or services, mistakes in medical service... the list is long. If you've experienced any of these wrongs you know what it's like, most times the deck is stacked against you.

If you believe that you or a loved one has been harmed and are contemplating legal action, you need to consult an experienced attorney. Those who live in the greater metropolitan and tri-state area are fortunate to have access to many of New York's most experienced personal injury lawyers, who are prepared to help you navigate this difficult area.

Also, take a look at our list of the top verdicts and settlements in New York. The list is astounding—the largest verdict/settlement being over \$246 million. It will give you an idea of what a law suit can be worth—plus it's good reading. For the full list of verdicts and settlements of a million dollars or more please visit leadersinthelaw.com.

Feel free to view our online edition at nymag.com/nymag/advertorial/personalinjury/2017. We also invite you to visit our website leadersinthelaw.com to learn more about New York's Leading Lawyers.

We hope you find this section useful. We welcome your feedback, so please send your thoughts to me at kevin@leadersinthelaw.com.



Sincerely,

Kevin Vermeulen
CEO, Leaders In The Law

Construction, Automobile & Personal Injury

Oresky & Associates, PLLC

Jacob Oresky and his firm have obtained settlements and verdicts that have earned them a place in the New York Law Journal's annual "Top Settlements & Verdicts" section for each of the past seven years. Oresky & Associates have obtained over \$250 Million in settlements and verdicts in accident cases for their clients.

Of this success, Oresky states, "Our firm's number one priority is to provide outstanding representation to each client. This includes sparing no expense to investigate and champion our clients' rights. We establish a strong relationship with each client from the very beginning to help them through the difficult time following an accident."

From the moment Oresky is retained as counsel, he and his team of lawyers work to ensure clients receive maximum compensation for their injuries along with personal attention and responsive service. The firm employs a team approach that addresses all aspects of its clients' cases from helping a client obtain lost wages, through investigating the claims and defenses of a case, hiring experts, and taking a case through trial to verdict. Describing his firm's core approach, Oresky notes, "We get to know the people we're representing and we build long-term relationships with them. In my experience, only by understanding a client's situation along with their injuries and disability, can you achieve the sort of results that make a difference to them."

Oresky discovered a passion for representing personal injury victims early on in his career, while working as a young lawyer at a general civil litigation firm. As a result, in 1992 he started his own firm focused solely on representing personal injury clients, which has since become one of New York's go-to personal injury firms, particularly for victims of construction and automobile accidents. "When compared to other areas of law, personal injury always struck me as the most meaningful," Oresky states. "There is nothing more rewarding than meeting with clients, learning about what they've been through, and then championing their rights and helping them get back on their feet. I like to help people."

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Law Office of Nicholas E. Tzaneteas

Construction Accidents, Premises Liability, Motor Vehicle Accident

Nicholas Tzaneteas has always been a lawyer who doesn't back down. For 18 years he has not been afraid to stand up to the city, corporations and insurance companies to fight for the rights of his clients. When others may avoid cases because they are hard to prove or difficult because the opposition has big money and is representing longstanding, influential institutions, Mr. Tzaneteas has always been anxious to take up the challenge and turn over every stone to take cases to trial, at his own expense of time and money.

Nicholas Tzaneteas has that winning combination of confidence and good preparation that has made him successful in the courtroom. In fact, in the first two years of his career, he already had tried more cases than lawyers with ten years of experience.

Nicholas Tzaneteas is highly selective in the cases he takes. He gives these his full attention which has earned him a reputation of excellence and garnered the trust of his fellow attorneys who frequently give him their most important cases when it becomes necessary to go to trial. His verdicts and settlements have totaled millions of dollars in recoveries for his clients. He has had some of the Top Verdicts in New York for the last 4 years. He prepares every case for victory by trial.

An undergraduate of Fordham University, Mr. Tzaneteas earned his law degree from New York Law School and began practicing law in New York City after passing the bar in 1999. Mr. Tzaneteas is a member of The Brooklyn Bar Association and The New York Trial Lawyers Association. He has spent his entire career working for firms that only represented people who were hurt because of the negligence of others. In 2015 Mr. Tzaneteas decided to take his years of experience and open up his own firm where he can give his clients his individual attention.

\$6,894,132 FALLEN CEILINGS/PREMISE LIABILITY ACCIDENT • \$4,935,000 VERDICT FOR LOWER BACK INJURY

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Seated, from left: Zachary Perceman, David Perceman, Carissa Peebles
Standing, from left: Adam Hurwitz, Peter Rigelhaupt, Mariusz Sniarowski, Edward Guldi, Sagar Chadha, Steven Dorfman

Every client's case is different. But they each need what we deliver, a true understanding of their suffering. We couple that understanding with a commitment to service so that our clients feel what we know, that they are number one. Towards that end we bring to bear painstaking preparation, the relentless pursuit of our client's cause and unbridled passion for our clients. Our adversaries know this to be true, as do the people we come before in court. It is this combination that brings about the many astonishing results we have achieved for the people who trust us with their cases.

We know it isn't enough that we have achieved some of the largest verdicts and settlements every year in New York. For that reason we pride ourselves in servicing and staying in touch with our clients and with what is going on in their families' lives. It is only that way that we can bring our brand of justice to those whom we serve, the clients.

The firm's founder, David Perceman, 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 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 for 2015. In 2016, the firm secured nine of the top verdicts and

settlements in New York State including Mr. Perceman's \$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.

Earlier this Spring, David and his son Zachary, 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. The city later paid her \$4 million.

**Later settled for \$5 million.*



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When asked to identify the most rewarding part of handling plaintiffs' personal injury cases, Michael S. Lamonsoff, Esq., the owner and principal of the Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff, doesn't hesitate to answer: "Winning," he says. "I love to win, and my clients love me for it."

In over two decades, Mr. Lamonsoff has built one of New York's largest and most successful law firms concentrating in personal injury, construction accidents, premises liability and police and prosecutorial abuse cases. He has meticulously put together a highly experienced team of aggressive lawyers, paralegals and paraprofessionals that reflect his zeal to win.

The overwhelming majority of his clients retain the firm because of its reputation and by referrals from former and current clients. His firm's reputation is fueled by a track record that includes some of the largest personal injury verdicts and settlements in New York history. The Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff has successfully litigated a considerable amount of high-profile matters. Among its landmark cases, Mr. Lamonsoff's firm represented many of the families who lost loved ones in the American Airlines Flight 587 disaster. His firm also represents many of the victims of the Metro-North train disasters in Connecticut and the Bronx; in Halifax, North Carolina; the 2014 gas explosion in East Harlem; and the 2012 police shootings at the Empire State Building.

While the vast majority of cases settle, Mr. Lamonsoff believes in preparing every case for trial. "Our philosophy is that the highest settlements are awarded when the defendant is afraid of the consequences of a trial against a highly prepared law firm. We are that law firm." This passion has led the firm to attain record verdicts and settlements. In 2017, Mr. Lamonsoff's firm secured a total compensation award of \$11.75 million dollars to a man who spent

18 years in prison as a result of being wrongfully convicted for a murder he did not commit. \$4.75 million of the award paid by the State of New York is the highest in State history. The \$7,000,000 award paid by the City of New York for Mr. Bermudez's civil rights violations is one of the largest paid to date. The Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff has also obtained some of the highest verdicts in the state, including \$5.5 million verdict for a construction worker who suffered spinal injuries in a worksite collapse and a \$4.75 million dollar settlement for an injured construction worker two days before trial.

Mr. Lamonsoff is often called upon by local, national, and international news outlets to provide commentary on the high-profile cases he litigates and commentary on important, trending legal topics. His peers, meanwhile, have named him to Super Lawyers and inducted him into the prestigious Million Dollar and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forums. Further, he was elected to serve on the New York State Trial Lawyers' Association's Board of Directors. Mr. Lamonsoff remains the highest-rated New York City personal injury attorney on many premier lawyer ranking services online.

Mr. Lamonsoff says, "I founded this firm to create not just the biggest law firm concentrating in personal injury, but the most successful, professional and aggressive firm. I have instilled my team with an unyielding 'no-holds-barred' attitude toward litigation and fighting for our clients."



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Sitting from left to right Michael Bergman, Eric Lamonsoff
Standing from left to right Thomas Russo, Seth Fields, Clifford Gabel

Bergman Bergman Fields & Lamonsoff, LLP

Since its founding over sixty years ago, Bergman Bergman Fields & Lamonsoff, LLP has earned its place among the most prominent personal injury law firms in the country and has successfully represented thousands of accident victims.

The firm continues to expand with offices in Queens, New York City, and its 6000-square foot building in Nassau County. This year proved to be the firm's most successful in recovering compensation for their clients.

Clifford D. Gabel and Thomas S. Russo Esqs., recently joined this team of seasoned lawyers. Both men have decades of experience and are well respected trial attorneys who have attained millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for their clients.

"Our clients are victims of devastating injuries. They are often left vulnerable and financially behind the eight ball. We are entrusted with the awesome responsibility to restore their quality of life and recovering for them ample compensation for their loss. We take this responsibility extremely seriously," says Mr. Bergman.

Bergman, Bergman, Fields & Lamonsoff, LLP has obtained many six- and seven-figure verdicts and settlements. Partner, Seth Fields says, "We leave no stone unturned in pursuit of maximum compensation for those we represent."

An example of some recent successful verdicts and settlements the firm achieved for its clients are:

- \$3.1 for a man struck by an ambulance.
- \$3 million dollars for a construction worker who was injured when he fell from a platform.
- \$3 million for a man who suffered a head injury.
- \$1.5 million for a moped operator who lost part of his leg.
- \$1.25 million for a woman who fractured her ankle upon being struck by a car.
- \$1.25 million for a woman that injured her neck when a drunk driver made a left turn in front of her.
- \$1 million for a woman who required spinal surgery following a rear-end collision.

Partner Eric Lamonsoff says, "Great results start with frequent one on one communications with our clients. Through communication, we learn and are

continually reminded of the many ways our clients' injuries have diminished their quality of life and, just as important, the lives of their family members. Only by understanding an injury's impact, are we able to effectively convey the devastation to responsible parties and jurors alike."

Mr. Lamonsoff notes "We don't like surprises. We aggressively investigate the facts of each case from the get go, we seek out witnesses while the event is most clearly recalled. We meticulously review every page of every medical record and we retain the most qualified experts to provide a jury with the utmost justification to award our clients maximal compensation. There is no substitute for preparation."

In addition to building strong client relationships, the firm employs an unyielding negotiation prowess and an aggressive litigation style to ensure clients receive full compensation. From the outset, every case is fully prepared for trial, regardless of whether it involves an automobile or construction accident, a premises or products liability matter, or a medical malpractice suit. Moreover, cases are managed as a team, with the partners discussing every aspect with an eye toward maximizing recovery.

Mr. Bergman says "We recognize that clients are putting a lot of trust in us—their case represents their sole opportunity to obtain justice. So, we do everything in our power to earn their respect, and we never waver from our goal of obtaining an award that fully compensates them for their injuries."

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Morelli Law Firm

When it comes to high-stakes litigation, Morelli Law Firm has a proven track record of success—and a history of precedent-setting verdicts—in areas ranging from workplace sexual harassment, to catastrophic personal injury, to defective drugs and medical devices.

"We're not a run-of-the-mill firm doing the same medical malpractice cases and the same personal injury cases," says Benedict Morelli, the firm's founder. "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, more client-focused environment."

Morelli, whose results include the largest vaccine verdict in U.S. history (\$22.5 million), the largest single-plaintiff sexual harassment verdict in U.S. history (\$95 million), and one of the largest single-plaintiff construction accident verdicts in U.S. history (\$62 million), is known for handling some of the country's most significant cases. In 2015, he secured a confidential settlement for 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 just 10 months after the initial filing, with Wal-Mart taking full responsibility for the crash.

"This case, which involved intense media scrutiny, was against the largest company in the world," Morelli notes. "But we have a history of taking on powerful adversaries in high-profile matters, and we've never shied away from difficult cases that we believe are meritorious."

Morelli Law Firm is currently representing top-ranked women's professional tennis player Eugenie Bouchard in her case against the U.S. Tennis Association and National Tennis Center, regarding a head injury she sustained when she was injured at the 2015 U.S. Open due

to the negligence of the defendants, and was forced to withdraw from the tournament.

Beyond handling individual cases, Morelli and his firm regularly take on far-reaching mass torts and class actions, and have been appointed to leadership roles by courts in a number of large scale litigations. The firm, for instance, represented numerous victims who were seriously injured in the May 12, 2015 Amtrak train derailment outside Philadelphia, in which 8 people were killed and over 200 people were injured. The firm was appointed by the federal judge in charge of the entire litigation to be one of a few firms to serve as lead counsel on the Plaintiff's Management Committee, and was instrumental in resolving the case for \$265 million—the largest train accident settlement in U.S. History. The firm also played a key role in getting a federal damages cap raised by \$95 million to permit additional compensation to the victims. Additionally, the firm has become highly involved in representing women in cases against Johnson & Johnson alleging that their use of the company's talcum powder caused their ovarian cancer.

"These may be complex, challenging matters, but this firm was founded to represent people in need of a voice, and we are always working to deliver on that original mission statement," Morelli says. "I've been handling plaintiffs' litigation for nearly four decades now, and there's still nothing more satisfying to me than being able to help people who are struggling."



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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. "No case is too complicated for us," says managing partner Paul B. Weitz. "We put the necessary time and money into every case to get the best results for our clients."

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.

Attorneys at the firm are experienced in all types of catastrophic personal injury cases, including construction and workplace accidents, car and truck accidents, medical malpractice, wrongful death, municipal liability, and premises liability. Since 2007 alone, 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; \$16 million for a 23-year-old man who fell from a rock wall after his safety belt broke; \$14 million for a worker who was injured after a platform collapsed while he was laying cable; and \$11 million for a 65-year-old woman who was injured when she fell through a gap between a Long Island Rail Road train and the platform.

Above all, the firm's attorneys strive to help clients through their recovery process, which often requires extensive medical treatment and costly rehabilitation. "Though we handle some of the largest cases, we're still able to provide all of our clients with the personal attention they need," Weitz says. "I make sure that I'm available to speak to all of my clients at any time."

The firm is dedicated to realizing its clients' goals both inside and outside of the courtroom. For example, in a case where a mother's only son was killed by a drunk driver, the firm worked with the woman to strengthen New York laws that punish drunk drivers who have committed vehicular assault or manslaughter. These efforts resulted in

VaSean's Law, which has made it easier for district attorneys to prosecute drunk drivers on those charges. "If a client has an objective that goes beyond a monetary result, we will work tirelessly to achieve that for them," Weitz notes.

Weitz has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America since 2001 and has served as president of the New York Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is considered an expert in the personal injury field, and frequently lectures on the subject before a number of bar associations.

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Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, Wrongful Death & Construction Accidents

Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf



Founded in 1919, Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf (GGCRBHS&M) is the premier Plaintiff's personal injury law firm in New York City. Representing only the most seriously injured plaintiffs, the firm has become synonymous with justice for the catastrophically injured.

"Our primary goal has always been to obtain justice for our clients and their families. Although we can't replace what our clients have lost, we work tirelessly to achieve superior results that will help restore them to a life of dignity and independence," says managing partner, Ben Rubinowitz.

While GGCRBHS&M is headquartered in Manhattan, its attorneys regularly handle cases throughout New York and New Jersey, including some of the most significant personal injury and negligence cases in the country. In the past decade alone, GGCRBHS&M has achieved verdicts or settlements exceeding \$1 million in more than 500 cases, and it has achieved more than \$1.5 billion in total verdicts and settlements for its clients. "The key to these results is the fact that we work tirelessly to fight for and protect the rights of our clients," says Anthony Gair, a partner at the firm.

Some of the firm's most notable results include \$103 million for a child who sustained brain damage at birth, \$90 million for a child with cerebral palsy resulting from birth injuries, \$71 million for a young woman injured in a car accident, \$41.5 million for the Wrongful Death of a Sanitation Worker, \$26 million for a pedestrian struck by a truck, \$28 million for a SUV passenger injured in a collision with a tree, \$16 million for a construction worker who was

injured when he fell from a scaffold, and \$14 million for tenants who were injured in a pipe explosion resulting from Con Edison's negligence.

"There is nothing more important to us than our clients. Whether it is a client who has been severely injured or a client who has lost a loved one, we approach each case with the highest level of dedication and commitment, knowing that the result will determine, in large part, the quality of life our clients will have going forward," says Howard Hershenhorn, a partner at the firm. In the past two months alone, our firm has had two verdicts and 4 settlements totaling more than \$125 million.

Because of our continued success in prosecuting personal injury and medical malpractice cases, our attorneys have been repeatedly recognized by the legal community for their expertise. A total of nine partners and associates have been listed in the The Best Lawyers in America and have been named in New York Super Lawyers. The firm also includes attorneys who are members of the Inner Circle of Advocates and Fellows of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Notably, our firm was selected by the National Law Journal and Law.com to be part of the "TOP 50 LIST OF AMERICA'S ELITE TRIAL LAWYERS."

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Queller, Fisher, Washor, Fuchs & Kool

We believe that behind every significant case there are the emerging shadows of tragedy, change and uncertainty. As a firm, it is our quest to help the families we represent as they pass through these shadows every step of the way. We offer the requisite litigation skills to maximize a case's recovery. Yet our services transcend legal expertise. We are professionals who offer the time and dedication to our clients in order to attain a common goal: positive closure. Each case represents an individual story with its own unique concerns, circumstances and objectives. Our experience has allowed us pathways of communication when working with families who've suffered deeply due to birth injuries, orthopedic injuries, traumatic brain injuries and deaths. We represent the newborn, the young, the middle and the aged. We faithfully address the full magnitude of their physical, mental and emotional injuries so that the same can be forcefully and poignantly communicated to a jury. We use our advocacy, skills and resources to touch the lives of others so that they, as judges, are ultimately willing and able to sense our client's loss and compensate them fully.

We focus our practice on complex cases involving catastrophic accidents and injuries, worker injuries, construction accidents, vehicle accidents, medical malpractice, premises liability and wrongful death. Our reputation as one of the premier personal injury and medical malpractice firms in the city remains as strong as ever.

The firm's lawyers are well known in the profession. Several of the partners teach at law schools and are regularly asked to participate in conferences, panel discussions and continuing legal education classes sponsored by national and state bar associations.

All of the practicing partners at Queller, Fisher, Washor, Fuchs & Kool have been named to the most current edition of Super Lawyers, an honor limited to no more than 5 percent of attorneys who practice personal injury law. Queller, Fisher, Washor, Fuchs & Kool, L.L.P., as well as all of the partners, has received an AV rating* by Martindale-Hubbell, a distinction voted on by peers in the legal community and considered by Martindale-Hubbell to be the highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

The firm's partners carefully review and select cases. We are dedicated to providing personalized representation to clients, which means we value quality over quantity. We treat clients as individuals, not commodities. With fewer cases, our attorneys have more time to spend with clients and to focus on building strong arguments. As a result, Queller Fisher's clients receive the attention necessary to maximize their potential recovery.



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Front row: Gregory Hach, Michael Rose

HACH H&R ROSE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Personal Injury, Construction Site Accidents & Motor Vehicle Accidents

Since its founding more than 15 years ago, Hach & Rose has distinguished itself as one of New York's preeminent personal injury law firms. Founded on the simple principles of always placing the client's needs first and aggressively pursuing the highest recovery possible, the firm sets itself apart. They have accomplished in excess of \$250 million in jury verdicts and settlements with the proven ability to effectively advocate on behalf of their clients.

Hach & Rose has the resources to level the playing field against the largest corporations and insurance companies to fight the claims of injured victims. While it is impossible to restore one's health, Hach & Rose ensures it will never compromise the justice each client deserves. Senior Partner Michael Rose explains, "regardless of the case value, if we commit to taking on a case the efforts are always the same." The firm's elite team of attorneys have embraced the concept of maximizing recovery and the methods required to do so.

"Each of our cases is prepared with the assumption it will ultimately resolve in the courtroom. Defendants understand this and that places us in the best position to achieve remarkable recoveries," notes Managing Partner Gregory Hach. "Some of our most notable results have been achieved after a client, frustrated by the legal process, hired our firm to fight for them. One client that had been pressured by a previous attorney to settle for less than \$100,000 recovered over \$2 million after retaining Hach & Rose. An injured construction worker told us that his attorney recommended a \$60,000 settlement. We obtained a \$2 million settlement." Such successes are bittersweet explains Hach, "it's satisfying to know the

client achieving the greater recovery will have a better life, but for every client this describes, there are countless others taking the lower settlement amount. That is tough to swallow."

Hach's demonstrated empathy towards his clients roots from his significant involvement with labor unions. Possessing firsthand knowledge of the work performed by many union members, he frequently lectures regarding various topics affecting members, including jobsite safety.

The firm's success has been recognized both in and out of the courtroom. Attorneys at the firm have been recognized by SuperLawyers™, AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®, and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum®. Results include:

- \$13M jury verdict for a man who fell from a ladder
- \$12.8M jury verdict for a worker injured by negligent construction work
- \$8M jury verdict for a woman injured on a motorcycle
- \$6M jury verdict for an injured hospital worker
- \$2.2M jury verdict for auto accident victim

"I am extraordinarily proud of the jury verdicts our firm has achieved," remarks Rose. "The seven and eight-figure results are just as important to us as the six-figure results." The firm recently obtained a \$225,000 jury verdict after a one-day trial for a person injured in an automobile accident. There was a \$25,000 offer to settle prior to trial. Rose reflects, "a result 10 times better than the offer is what sustains our reputation—we'll never accept less than the full compensation each client is due."

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Personal Injury, Motor Vehicle Accidents & Construction Accidents

Paris & Chaikin

In 2008, Jason Paris and Ian Chaikin merged their individual practices to create a firm that would serve as a highly effective partner for accident victims seeking justice. Since then, the firm, Paris & Chaikin, has quickly grown to where it is now one of New York's premier personal injury law firms—one that is relied on by other lawyers, who often call upon Paris and Chaikin to litigate matters for them.

"We are a firm with powerful resources" says Chaikin, who is licensed in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Florida, and who is fluent in English, Spanish, and Hebrew. "From the moment our firm is retained on a case, we give it our undivided attention while working with the top experts, specialists, and investigators to prepare for victory at trial. No matter the case, we will never be outworked, outfought, or outspent."

Paris and Chaikin have focused on personal injury law throughout their careers, and they are known for being relentless in their pursuit of justice. Over the years, they have recovered millions of dollars for victims of construction and motor vehicle accidents, municipal and premises liability, and many other instances of negligence.

"We've achieved substantial recoveries for our clients because we fight for justice until justice is done and our clients are compensated for their injuries," Paris says. "We're fearless in the courtroom, and with our niche in litigating catastrophic liability cases, other lawyers will call upon us, often on the brink of trial, to assist in matters involving difficult legal issues and devastating injuries."

Given their preeminent reputations, Paris and Chaikin are regularly honored among New York's leading personal injury lawyers. Both attorneys have been named in Super Lawyers—a list that recognizes the top five percent of lawyers in the state—annually since 2014. They have also been inducted into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and Multi-Million Dollar



Ian Chaikin & Jason Paris

Advocates Forum, and they serve on the New York State Trial Lawyers Association's Board of Directors.

Still, for Paris and Chaikin, the truest sign of their success has been their clients' satisfaction with their services. "We take pride in calling our clients our friends, and we zealously represent them as such," Chaikin says. To which Paris adds, "We want to make our clients' lives better in any way we can, so we're there for them long-term helping them overcome whatever hurdles they're facing in life."



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Date	Case	Type of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
May 25, 2017	The State of New York and the City of New York v. United Parcel Service, Inc.	Tax - Business and Finance	Dana Biberman, Christopher Leung, John Oleske, Eric Proshansky, and Lilia Toson of New York City Law Department	\$246,975,614
September 20, 2017	Terrence Moore, et. al. v. Navillus Tile, Inc., et. al.	Labor and Employment - Contract	Serge Ambroise, Susan Marie Jennik, Thomas Martin Kennedy, and	\$76,000,000
September 28, 2017	Morgan Courtney Wang v. Neil N. Sexton	Vehicular Liability	Ben B. Rubinowitz, Rachel Jacobs, and James Rubinowitz of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$71,000,000
March 20, 2017	Anastasia Klupchak v. First East Village Associates, et. al.	Premises Liability	Thomas Moore of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston and Moore	\$39,500,000
	Gloria Doomes Indiv. and as m/n/g of Infant Plaintiffs,	Motor Vehicle - Products Liability	Jonathan D. Shramko and Adrienne DeLuca of Shramko & DeLuca,	
August 21, 2017	Judy Zhou, by Her m/n/g Ping Zhou and Ping Zhou, Individually v. Tuxedo Ridge, LLC., Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center and Tuxedo Ridge Adventure Tours LLC	Premises Liability - Dangerous Condition	Souren A. Israelyan of The Law Office of Souren A. Israelyan	\$19,000,000
November 22, 2016	to Plaintiff, Tashi Trading Inc. t/k/a Gujrat Transportation, Inc, Gujrat Transportation, Inc, Luis Patricio Quinde, and Metroline Car & Limousine Service a/k/a Metro Line Car & Limousine Service / Luis Patricio Quinde v. Wojciech Czmielowski and	Motor Vehicle	Nicholas A. Wise, Seth M. Katz, and Adam Raffo of Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C.	\$23,273,000
May 31, 2017	Cora McNeill, Individually and as Parent/Guardian of Carolyn F. McNeill v. Town of Islip; County of Suffolk	Premises Liability	Glenn Auletta of Gruenberg Kelly Della	\$14,460,000
January 12, 2017	Suarez v. State of NY, et. al.	Construction Site Negligence	Barry R. Strutt and John W. Keegan, Jr. of Keegan, Keegan and Strutt, LLP	\$20,000,000
November 14, 2016	Manuel Cruz Barbecho v. City of New York, New York City Housing Authority, M.A. Angelides, Inc., Hudson Meridian Construction Group, L.L.C. and Stonewall Contracting Corp	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	David H. Perecman and Carissa M. Peebles of The Perecman Firm P.L.L.C.	\$11,899,469
July 18, 2017	M.D. d/b/a Comprehensive Breast Care	Medical Malpractice	Giannini, New York, NY, trial counsel to Mark Singer	\$15,000,000
June 1, 2017	Stephanie Tesoriero v. Dr. F.	Oncology Malpractice	Robert Fallarino of Pegalis & Erickson, LLC	\$15,000,000
June 16, 2017	William Tate-Mitros v. MTA, New York City Transit, also Know as New York City Transit Authority and Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority	Motor Vehicle	Theodore H. Friedman of The Law Office of Theodore H. Friedman	\$14,000,000
February 7, 2017	Rachel B. Eberle v. Robert J. Boesch, Skanska USA Civil Northeast, Inc. and Skanska USA Civil Inc	Vehicular Liability	Joshua D. Gropper of Gropper Law Group, PLLC	\$6,263,500
October 28, 2016	Warner Corporation, Caterpillar, Inc., CertainTeed Corporation, Cummins Engine Company, Inc., Dana Companies	Products Liability - Asbestos	Danny R. Kraft of Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C.	\$12,500,000
June 1, 2017	Kevin Orr v. Adirondack Radiology Associates, PC, et. al.	Breach of Standard of Care	Margie Soehl and Laura Jordan of Powers & Santola LLP	\$11,600,000
April 7, 2017	Hallan v. Dimaggio Realty, et. al.	Construction - Scaffold	Ben. B. Rubinowitz and Christopher J. Donadio of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$6,250,000
January 25, 2017	Alla Myrnda v. City of New York Varsity Bus Co., Inc. and Denel Pascal	Motor Vehicle	William Schwitzer of William Schwitzer & Associates	\$9,500,000
March 17, 2017	Jaime Perez v. Folio House, Inc., and Andrews Building Corp	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Arthur L. Salmon, Trial Counsel, William Schwitzer & Associates PC	\$8,400,000

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Personal Injury

SOUREN A. ISRAELYAN



"In our times, the attacks on human values have assumed new dimensions," says Mr. Israelyan. He represents people, who were victims of negligent conduct, against rich and powerful interests. "My heroes are my clients, who against all odds, persevere and believe in the justice and civil society, and the juries who restore balance in the society."

Mr. Israelyan has obtained multiple verdicts that have been listed in the Top New York Verdicts by American Legal Media, is a life member of Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and holds leadership positions in several bar associations.

"Every day we see victim bashing by rich and powerful interests and their servants, we see victims of negligence being blamed for the injuries caused by the negligent parties, we see all kinds of manufactured 'defenses' generated to assist negligent parties to avoid

accountability and carry on doing business at the expense of people's safety, health and lives. This is the environment within which personal injury attorneys labor to bring justice for individual victims of negligent conduct."

Mr. Israelyan regularly tries cases to verdicts, writes his own appeals, and is intimately involved in every aspect of each case he undertakes, from the beginning to the end. The stories of his clients is what drives him to relentlessly seek justice on their behalf.

Every case is different, but each case tackles the issue of the true values what makes us human. "The age old fight between humanity and inhumanity is still carried on every day in our courts. This is the fight that our generation cannot afford to lose."

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Date	Case	Type of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
February 24, 2017	Jonathan Muniz v. Chimienti Realty Associates Inc., Chimienti Realty Corp. and 1755 Jarvis, LLC	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Michael P. Stieglitz of Scott Baron & Associates, P.C.	\$8,000,000
November 7, 2016	Park v. City of New York, et. al.	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Ben B. Rubinowitz of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$5,000,000
August 1, 2017	Maria Vasquez v. Julio C. Alcivar and Polar Corp. d/b/a Polar Beverages	Motor Vehicle	Andrea V. Borden of Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$6,200,000
July 20, 2017	Alysoun Sherwood v. Fireside Steak Pub, LLC and ...	Motor Vehicle - Worker/Workplace	George G. Coffinas, Trial Counsel to Neimark & Neimark LLP	\$6,200,000
February 1, 2017	Wilks v. Mecc Contracting Inc., et. al.	Motor Vehicle	Nicholas E. Tzaneteas of Weser and Weser	\$4,300,000
January 24, 2017	Elviro Bruno v. Anthony Alastra	Medical Malpractice	Andrew W. Siegel of Siegel & Coonerty LLP	\$6,000,000
March 1, 2017	Rios, et. al. v. NYCHHC, et. al.	Ob/gyn Negligence	S. Joseph Donahue and Jeffrey A. Block of Block, O'Toole & Murphy	\$6,000,000
February 15, 2017	Zuluaga v. Winthrop University Hospital, et. al.	Medical Malpractice - Hospital Negligence	Richard Gurfein of Gurfein Douglas LLP	\$3,600,069
May 12, 2017	Cora L. Young v. Christopher A. Bal Nissan Lift of New York, Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Norman Robert Gershon, Trial Counsel to Law Offices of Alexander Bespechny	\$5,068,000
February 2, 2017	John Terehoff, Yekaterina Gavrishcheva v. Rubin Frenkel (also spelled Frenkle), M.D.; Bay OB/Gyn, PC	Medical Malpractice	David A. Kates of Schwartz Goldstone & Campisi, LLP	\$5,000,000
November 3, 2016	Shanee Bond v. Martin Pluck and Y & M Transit Corp	Motor Vehicle	Evan M. La Penna of Paris & Chaikin, PLLC	\$2,800,000
May 25, 2017	Adetola Atanda v. Linden Plaza Preservation L.P. and RY Management Co., Inc.	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Alan M. Shapey of Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, PC	\$4,125,000
March 7, 2017	Elza Garzon v. Steven Batash; Steven Batash, M.D., P.C.; Queens Endoscopy ASC, LLC; Continental Medical Group, P.C	Medical Malpractice	Elsa Garzon of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$2,500,000
May 24, 2017	Jasu Robinson-Okai and Kyle Okai v. Allan Ho, M.D.	Medical Malpractice	Eleni Coffinas of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.	\$4,000,000
August 15, 2017	Neil Gubitosi v. Evans Hyppolite and Corporate Trans. Inc.	Motor Vehicle - No-Fault	Frank Braunstein of Gruenberg Kelly Della	\$2,228,000
December 6, 2016	Dylan Dueser v. Precision Construction & Development Inc, Ryan Braun, Lawrence and Lisa Pomietlarz	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	David P. Marcus and Brian Cinelli of Marcus & Cinelli, LLP	\$3,300,000
August 18, 2017	Thomas McGlynn v. Aerco International Inc., Air & Liquid Systems Corporation, Buffalo Pumps Division, American Export Lines, Farrell Lines Incorporated f/k	Products Liability - Toxic Torts	Daniel P. Blouin and Jim Kramer of Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC	\$3,300,000
November 10, 2016	"John Doe" v. Jeffrey P. Moskowitz M.D	Medical Malpractice	David S. Pollack, Trial Counsel for Michael A. Buccii II, Esq	\$2,000,000
November 1, 2016	Russo v. State of NY, et. al.	Negligence - Wrongful Death	Terrence M. Connors and Joseph D. Morath, Jr. of Connors, LLP	\$3,225,000
October 14, 2016	Mario Acevedo, Idell Acevedo and Victor Rodriguez v. M.T.A., NYC.T.A., MTA Bus Company, and Alex A. Brown	Motor Vehicle	Lorenzo J. Tasso of Malillo and Grossman, Alan S. Ripka of Alan Ripka & Associates, LLP	\$3,167,000
October 28, 2016	Brigitte Brzezniak v. Vincent J. Sorrentino and City of Buffalo	Motor Vehicle	Michael C. Scinta of Brown, Chiari	\$3,000,000

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Inspired, Passionate Advocates

Gropper Law Group, PLLC

For 25 years, attorney Joshua Gropper has earned the reputation as one of the go-to trial lawyers in New York's most significant cases. In 2017 alone, his accomplishments were considerable:

- A **\$6,263,500** verdict in a pedestrian knockdown case, representing one of New York's largest reported motor vehicle accident verdicts in 2017.

- Inclusion in the **Super Lawyers New York-Metro Top 100 Attorneys 2017 list**, which is pared down from a list of all lawyers in the New York metro area, and includes some of the most well-known and respected lawyers in the country.

Personal Injury as a Calling

Before graduating from Boston University School of Law, Gropper's career had already been shaped by tragedy: his brother was hospitalized for two years and lost all four limbs after a house fire caused third-degree burns over 85 percent of his body. Gropper credits the work of an excellent personal injury attorney for helping his family through the immediate aftermath and allowing his brother an optimum quality of life in the years ahead.

"I experienced firsthand the importance of having expert legal advice at a critical, emotionally charged moment," says Gropper, who is active with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors and serves as the founder and program coordinator of Nassau University Medical Center's SOAR program. "Now, as a lawyer, I am passionate about helping injured parties and their families find justice and accountability in their cases, so that they can concentrate on recovering and rehabilitating, or finding consolation after the loss of a loved one."

A History of Results

Representing clients in federal and state courts and in settlement negotiations, Gropper has won a number of multi-million dollar awards for victims of negligence. As a result, he is often called on by other personal injury attorneys to handle their significant trials, especially in the areas of construction accidents, vehicular accidents, brain injuries, amputations, burns, and other serious injuries.

"We don't shy away from challenging cases or back down from formidable adversaries," notes Gropper, who has argued before the bench or a jury more than 100 times during his career. "If we ultimately take a case to court, our clients, the opposing attorneys, and the judge know we are confident the case is strong and worth pursuing, and that we have the commitment and resources to achieve justice."



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June 9, 2017	Jessica Puccio v. David E Kaller and Empire International, Ltd	Motor Vehicle	Victoria Wickman of The Law Offices of Victoria Wickman	\$2,900,000
December 2016	Dorador v. Trump, et. al.	Labor Law	John Dalli of Dalli & Marino, LLP	\$2,900,000
April 11, 2017	Allison Small v. North Shore Bottling Co., Inc., Brooklyn Corp., Richard N. Mann, Eduardo Alvarez and Calvin D. Sealy / Calvin Sealy v. North Shore Bottling Co., Inc. Brooklyn Bottling Corp., Richard N. Mann and Alvarez	Motor Vehicle	Nicholas E. Tzaneteas of The Law Office of Nicholas E. Tzaneteas	\$1,997,466
	and Lorna Wright-Bovell, Inc. v. The City New York and John Chell	Governmental Civil Rights	Thomasberg	
June 16, 2017	Mario Nichilo v. Wenger Construction Co., Inc., the City of New York and the New York City School Construction Authority	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Vito A. Cannavo of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.	\$2,327,175
	John Anthony Hearty and Ledia Hearty v. BC			
July 1, 2017	Santiago v. Dr. G., et. al.	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Steven T. Halperin of Halperin & Halperin, P.C.	\$1,500,000
October 14, 2016	Acevedo, et. al. v. MTA	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Alan Ripka and Lorenzo Tasso of Alan Ripka & Associates, LLP	\$2,102,000
February 9, 2017	David Smalley and Judith Smalley v. Harley Davidson Motor Company Inc. and Stans Harley Davidson Inc.	Products Liability - Motor Vehicle	Norman A. Palmiere of The Palmiere Law Firm, Anthony J. LaDuca of LaDuca Law Firm LLP	\$2,050,000
	Annette & Walter Higley v. Lorraine W. Mitchell,			
February 1, 2017	Charles Cicalo v. Long Island Railroad	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Negligent Maintenance	Michael A. Rose of Hach & Rose, LLP ; Mark Glen Sokoloff of Brecher, Fishman, Pasternack, Popish, Heller Rubin & Reiff	\$1,400,000
	Emile Scharf			
January 4, 2017	Baird v. Galip Holdings, Inc., et. al.	Motor Vehicle	Steven Murphy and Michael J. Hurwitz of Block, O'Toole and Murphy, LLP	\$2,000,000
March 16, 2017	Elmowski v. Walden Galleria Mall Pyramid Corp., et. al.	Premises Liability	Richard P. Amico and Stephen C. Ciocca of Cellino & Barnes, PC	\$2,000,000
January 11, 2017	Marie Paul v. Lilmor Management	Premises Liability	Gerald Arze of Arze & Mollica, LLP	\$1,310,000
May 12, 2017	Cora L Young v. Christopher Bal; Nissan Lift of New York	Motor Vehicle	Norman Robert Gershon, Trial Counsel to Law Offices of Alexander Bespechny	\$1,800,000
May 15, 2017	Jessie May Mosley v. E.H.J. LLC and Nunez Depot Hardware	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Sheri E. Holland of White, Fleischer & Fino	\$1,650,000
July 24, 2017	Angelica Lyons v. 100 W. 174 LLC and Gazivoda Realty Co., Inc.	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Glenn Auletta of Gruenberg Kelly Della	\$1,300,000
July 1, 2017	Plaintiff Camera Repairperson v. Defendant Commercial Building, et. al.	Construction	Nicole M. Gill of Wingate Russotti Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$1,500,000
July 1, 2017	Santiago v. Dr. G., et. al.	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Steven T. Halperin of Halperin & Halperin, P.C.	\$1,500,000
November 16, 2016	Heifetz v. Bardarian, et. al.	Medical Malpractice	Marijo C. Adimey of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$1,270,000
January 1, 2017	Conducted v. Defendants Internist and Medical Laboratory	Internal Medicine	Robert Stein of Caesar & Napoli, P.C.	\$1,400,000
November 1, 2016	Jennel M. Morgan v. Aleksandr Arakelov Leo's Apple Ltd and Salem Truck Leasing Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Larry J. Bonchonsky of Bonchonsky & Zaino, LLP	\$1,375,000
December 16, 2016	Valeric McCall, as Parent & Natural Guardian of Dajuan McCall an Infant v. St. Paul's Community Baptist Church	Labor And Employment - Contract	Christopher P. Meyer of The Law Offices of Edward P. Ryan	\$1,350,000
March 1, 2017	Berger v. Shen, et. al.	Medical Malpractice	Steven T. Halperin of Halperin & Halperin, PC	\$1,115,228
July 18, 2017	Janet Olmsted Cross v. Kevin Roberts, Roberts Contracting, Inc. J.A. Duarte Home Improvements Corp	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Construction	Dirk Galbraith of Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP	\$1,238,000

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Left to Right: John R. Danzi, Robert F. Danzi, Christine C. Coscia

Medical Malpractice, Labor Law, Toxic Torts
Law Office of Robert F. Danzi

Over a career spanning more than 37 years, Robert F. Danzi has built a reputation as a powerful advocate for people who have suffered catastrophic injuries due to a broad range of personal injury matters, including medical malpractice, labor law, and toxic torts, among many others. Bob Danzi, together with his partners, Christine C. Coscia and John R. Danzi, work as a team on every case in the office.

"We specialize in complicated and catastrophic cases, and because of that, we can offer our clients a large store of experience, including troves of information and extensive resources across many different areas of law," says Bob, a Past President of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and a current member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers.

The Law Office of Robert F. Danzi regularly takes on some of the most complex injury cases in the country, achieving numerous multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements for its clients in the process. As a result, the firm has earned an AV Preeminent-rating from Martindale-Hubbell—the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards— as well as the Martindale-Hubbell Client Distinction Award. Reflecting on these recognitions, Bob attributes the firm's preeminent reputation to the resources and teamwork it brings to every case.

"None of the work we do is divided up alphabetically or by case type, so our clients benefit from the expertise and dedication of everyone here," he says. "In that way, we ensure all of our clients

receive a strong knowledge base and attention to detail in their cases, as well as personalized attention and responsive service."

As Christine notes, the Law Office of Robert F. Danzi is not a volume practice; instead, the firm intentionally limits the number of cases it takes on so that it can craft each case's strategy based upon the unique needs of its clients. "Because we're a boutique firm, we're able to provide our clients with the sort of individualized attention that puts them at the center of their cases," she says. "We never forget that these cases are first and foremost about the injured victims and their families, and because of that, we often remain in touch with clients long after their cases have been resolved."

Indeed, Bob, Christine and John relish the opportunity their practice provides them to make a difference in their clients' lives: "It's rewarding changing people's lives for the better by getting them the resources that allow them to create an independent life and return their dignity," John says.

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New York's Top Settlements

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Settlements reported from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017

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Date	Case	Type of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
January 23, 2017	Stinson v. City of New York	Municipal Liability - Constitutional Rights	Adam David Hollander, Angus Ni, Gerald H. Silk, John James Rizio, Gerald M. Cohen and Joshua P. Fitch of Cohen & Fitch LLP; Stephen Neuwirth and Elinor C. Sutton of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP; Jon L. Norinsberg of Law Offices of Jon L. Norinsberg; Rachel Seligman Weiss, Daniel Passeser, Qiana Smith-Williams, City Attorneys in New York, NY	\$56,500,000
March 1, 2017	Marcus Creighton, Constance Green, Don Roman, Danielle Sydnor, Darryl Fyall, Charles Swindell, and Vernon Hobbs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	Labor And Employment - Civil Rights	Linda Debra Friedman, George S. Robot, Jennifer Schoen Gilbert, Patricia A. Bronte, Shona Glink, and Suzanne Elaine Bish of Stowell & Friedman, Ltd.	\$32,500,000
January 3, 2017	Kyle Wagner v. MPCC Corporation Mengler Mechanical Inc	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace	Steven J. Schwartzapfel and Christopher F. Holbrook of Schwartzapfel Lawyers	\$5,750,000
August 8, 2017	Thomas J. O'Brien, Jr. v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Silverstein Properties, Inc., Lower Manhattan Development Corp., Durst 1 WTC Consultant LLC, Durst 1 WTC Developer LLC, Durst 1 WTC LLC, Durst Organization Inc., Durst Organization L.P., Durst Organization, Inc., Tishman Construction Corp. of New York, Tishman Realty & Construction Co., Inc., Regional Scaffolding	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace Safety	David H. Peregman and Adam M. Hurwitz of The Peregman Firm, P.L.L.C.	\$5,000,000
January 6, 2017	Joseph v. The City of New York; New York City Department of Education	Vehicular Liability	Jordan Hecht of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	\$4,625,000
November 10, 2016	Virginia Gordon v. MTA Bus Company the C.O.N.Y., M.T.A., N.Y.C.T.A., & Marcos Henriquez / Marcos Henriquez v. Virginia Gordon	Motor Vehicle	Judd F. Kleeger of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	\$3,750,000
February 13, 2017	Gil, Mario v. 120 Park Avenue Associates, LLC, et al.	Labor And Employment - Worksite Liability	Jordan Hecht of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	\$3,625,000

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Attorneys (from left): Steven M. Gershowitz, Esq., Jason S. Krakower, Esq., Howard A. Raphaelson, Esq., Benjamin Katz, Esq., Andrew J. Levine, Esq., Jared C. Glueth, Esq., Steven C. November, Esq.

Personal Injury, Construction Accidents, Wrongful Death

Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm, P.C.

Founded in 1992, Raphaelson & Levine has earned a reputation as the "Voice of the Injured" among accident victims throughout New York. The firm's trial lawyers, paralegals, investigators, and support staff work tirelessly to help injury victims overcome the financial, physical, and emotional challenges they face following an unexpected accident.

Over the past 25 years, the firm's partners, Howard Raphaelson and Andrew Levine, have secured numerous multimillion-dollar recoveries, many of which have been recognized among the "Top Verdicts & Settlements" in the State of New York.

Raphaelson & Levine aggressively pursues accountability when negligent behavior causes serious physical and economic harm. The firm has earned a premier reputation for its results and world-class service. It has secured notable recoveries against negligent construction companies, general contractors, product manufacturers, building owners, homeowners, business owners, automobile owners, trucking companies, municipalities, and medical professionals.

Raphaelson and Levine credit their firm's success to the substantial resources they put toward understanding and identifying the underlying causes of each victim's injury, which include utilizing witness interviews and industry experts to help clients receive the best recovery possible.

The firm listens to the needs and expectations of victims and their loved ones to fully understand their unique challenges. Through regular, open communication with the people they represent, Raphaelson and Levine are able to understand every aspect of a client's life. In turn, they are able to advocate and recover maximum compensation for their clients' past and future pain and suffering, economic loss, and medical cost, as well as the household expense they have or will incur over their lifetime as a result of the accident.

It should come as no surprise that Raphaelson & Levine has been recognized annually in New York's Top Verdicts and Settlements and Personal Injury Litigators publication. The personal injury law firm is well known as a leader in the legal community, with both partners serving on the Board of Directors of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and earning recognition in "Super Lawyers" for the past

three years in a row. Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm has also received the Trial Lawyers Board of Regents Litigator Award.

For more information about the firm and its work in the community, visit www.rllawyers.com; then join the conversation on social media for the latest legal insights, firm news, and award-winning case results.

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- \$8.5 Million Award - Psychiatric Patient Forcefully Knocked to Ground
- \$5 Million Jury Award - Young Father Killed in a Train Accident
- \$4.9 Million Dollar Recovery - Roofer Fell 40 Feet Through an Under-Construction Movie Theater
- \$4 Million Settlement - Electrician Injured on Ice at Under-Construction Professional Baseball Field
- \$3.5 Million Settlement - Carpenter Struck by OSHA Planks Being Lowered by a Hoist
- \$3.25 Million Mediated Settlement - Child Paralyzed from Automobile Seating Design Defect
- \$2.255 Million Mediated Settlement - Mason Fell 45 Feet from Scaffold
- \$2.2 Million Jury Award - Medical Error Results in Blindness
- \$2 Million Settlement - Carpenter Injured by Falling Concrete at a Construction Site
- \$1.95 Million Mediated Settlement - Driver Struck by Delivery Truck
- \$1.75 Million Mediated Settlement - Driver Struck by MTA Bus
- \$1.65 Million Mediated Settlement - Business Executive Tripped at Workplace
- \$1.1 Million Jury Award - Union Paperhanger Falls at Work Site
- \$1 Million Award - Driver Sideswiped by a Second Vehicle on the Long Island Expressway in Nassau County



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January 11, 2017	Francesco Alessio v. Amsterdam 78, LLC and Marson Contracting Co., Inc.	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace	David H. Mayer of Sacks and Sacks LLP; James J. McCrorie and Kevin G. Lillis of The Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C.	\$5,900,000
November 8, 2016	Toni-Lyn Ambrosino, as Administrator of the Estate of John P. Sullivan v. The Port Authority of NY and NJ, Tishman Construction Corporation of New York and Tishman Construction Corporation	Construction - Labor Law - Workplace - Wrongful Death	David H. Peregman of The Peregman Firm, P.L.L.C.	\$3,200,000
March 13, 2017	Management Inc.	Labor Law	Frank N. Eskesen and James DeNorscia of Marder Eskesen & Nass	\$5,000,000
May 12, 2017	Jose Ramon Martinez v. Robert Cofer and A.R.E.B.A.-Casiel, Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Judd F. Kleeger of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	\$3,000,000
April 24, 2017	Jose Reyes v. 105-05 69th Avenue LLC Adelphi Restoration Corp. and Rose Associates, LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Patrick J. Mullaney of Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC, Trial Counsel to Oresky & Associates	\$2,750,000
June 27, 2017	235 East 14th Street Realty LLC, AAC Management Corp., & EnviroGreen Services, Inc.	Labor Law	Charles E. Wisell of The Law Office of Charles E. Wisell	\$4,500,000
February 21, 2017	William Xavier Gavilanez v. 59 Equities, LLC and Park Developers & Builders, Inc.	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Patrick J. Mullaney and Barry Liebman of Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC, Trial Counsel to Oresky & Associates	\$2,700,000
April 4, 2017	Jose Chevez v. Stratford at North Hills Associates	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Stephen J. Murphy and David L. Scher of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$4,000,000
March 10, 2017	John J. McCrory v. 1114 Avenue of the Americas LLC., Holt Construction Corp. & Scanga Woodworking Corp. & 1114 6th Avenue Oco., LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Nick Gjelaj of Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC, Trial Counsel to Oresky & Associates	\$2,600,000
April 7, 2017	Trochez v. Church of St. Stephen	Construction Site Negligence	Steven R. Payne of Ginarte O'Dwyer Gonzalez Gallardo & Winograd, LLP	\$3,800,000
December 22, 2016	Pravin Ghadami v. Crown International Trading Corp., a/k/a Crown Atrium Leasing Corp., Brian Lippert Landscaping Inc. a/k/a B Lippert Landscaping and Edward R. Miles	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Eitan A. Ogen and Natalie Sedaghati of Ogen & Sedaghati PC	\$1,800,000
February 10, 2017	United States of America v. NL Industries, Inc., et al.	Environmental Response Costs	Rachel Evans King of U.S. Department of Justice - Environment and Natural Resources Division, Washington, DC	\$3,677,000
March 28, 2017	Michael Guidice v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law	Christopher F. Holbrook of Schwartzapfel Lawyers	\$1,750,000
May 12, 2017	Jose Ramon Martinez v. Robert Cofer and A.R.E.B.A.-Casiel, Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Judd F. Kleeger of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	\$3,000,000
December 9, 2016	Trasonia Sheard v. SPUSVS 1540 Broadway, LLC	Premises Liability	Andrew J. Levine of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm	\$1,650,000
November 9, 2016	Alexandra L. Videll v. Maria A. Piliero	Motor Vehicle	Patrick J. Mullaney of Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC, Trial Counsel to Oresky & Associates	\$990,000
January 6, 2017	and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	Labor Law	Michael E. Jaffe of Pazer, Epstein & Jaffe, P.C.	\$2,075,000

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GREENBERG & STEIN, PC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Left to Right: Scott A. Steinberg, Seth M. Greenberg, Joshua N. Stein, Ian Asch

Personal Injury, Construction Accidents & Falls

Greenberg & Stein, P.C.

At Greenberg & Stein, the attorneys have a long history of protecting and vindicating the rights of people whose lives were devastated in preventable accidents. Combined, they bring more than five decades of litigation experience to the practice; and, as firm president and founding partner Seth Greenberg notes, this expertise has proved vital in pursuing justice for injured clients.

"We know what information will compel insurance companies to pay a fair settlement, and we are skilled at using the most effective strategies to negotiate with adjusters and claims representatives," he says. "Most importantly, every case we present is fully prepared for trial, allowing us to take claims to court if insurance companies fail to offer fair settlements."

Over its history, the firm has successfully represented clients in personal injury cases ranging from construction and auto accidents to slip-and-falls and wrongful death matters. Its attorneys are particularly well known for their staunch advocacy on behalf of construction workers and others injured while working. As part of its practice, the firm helps to ensure that clients obtain workers' compensation and/or No-Fault benefits, so that all medical bills are paid and money still comes into the household while the client—who is often the only family breadwinner—cannot work.

"We firmly believe that all accident victims are entitled to justice," says founding partner Joshua Stein, a member of the Multi-Million

Dollar Advocates Forum who has been included in New York Super Lawyers since 2014. "Throughout our careers we have made it our mission to serve injured and disabled clients and hold accountable those responsible for their injuries."

In 2015, for example, Greenberg & Stein achieved a jury verdict of \$5.48 million on behalf of a health aide whose fall in a hospital ended her career; the award was reported by VerdictSearch as one of the top 30 verdicts in the state of New York for that year. The firm also obtained one of the state's top construction accident verdicts for 2011, when it secured a \$2 million award on behalf of a laborer whose fall from a scaffold resulted in face and spine fractures.

"As a boutique firm, we pay attention to every case we handle, tailoring our strategies to meet each client's individual legal needs," says Greenberg of these successes. "Ultimately, that devotion to achieving client satisfaction through personalized service sets us apart from many other firms."

Client service is a priority at Greenberg & Stein—every phone call is taken, all questions are answered, and clients are kept informed about the status of their case. "We have personally seen the confusion, devastation, and chaos that people experience following an accident," notes Stein. "That's why we strive to help clients get their lives back on track in the fastest, easiest way possible."

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Construction Accidents, Motor Vehicle Accidents & Machinery Accident

Dervishi Law Group, P.C.

A personal injury attorney with offices in the Bronx, **Fatos Dervishi** has years of experience handling cases in New York.

Mr. Dervishi, who grew up in Albania, obtained his law degree in 1989 from the Tirana University School of Law. He then worked as a special agent of the General Investigations Office with an office in Tirana, before being elected **Deputy Attorney General** by the Albanian Parliament in 1994. He served as Deputy Attorney General of Albania from 1994 to 1998.

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.

A decade after immigrating to the United States, Mr. Dervishi partnered with Jared T. Levine and Duane R. Morgan to establish the Law Offices of **DERVISHI, LEVINE & MORGAN, P.C.** in 2008.

Mr. Dervishi also remains extremely active in the Albanian-American community, serving as a liaison for its members and assisting recent and long-time residents with their legal and other needs.

NOTEWORTHY CASES:

In one of the firm's recent cases, a New York County jury returned a verdict of \$13.2 million for an injured construction worker who fell four feet from a crane on the 2nd Avenue Subway project due to a missing step on the crane's ladder. The worker suffered a ligament tear in his right shoulder that required surgery, and also experienced post-concussion symptoms such as short-term memory loss and difficulties with his executive functioning. **The case was tried by partner Duane R. Morgan, a talented trial lawyer.**

Only a few weeks after securing that award, the Dervishi Law Group and partner **Glen P. Dolan** obtained a \$3.29 million verdict against the New York City Transit Authority on behalf of a 74-year-old Albanian janitor who slipped and fell down an outdoor subway stairway at Rockefeller Center during a rainstorm. The plaintiff, a cleaner with the union Local 32BJ, was on his way to work at 1185 Sixth Avenue when he slipped and fell on a step with a loose metal plate and a downward slope.

"As these results show, deciding on the right law firm can make an enormous difference in a case," Mr. Dervishi says. "The people who choose us to represent them can expect total devotion to their matters, and an unyielding dedication to them and their families."

"The Legal team of Morgan Levine Dolan, P.C. and Fatos Dervishi were able to win a \$4 Million dollar settlement from the insurance company for a union construction worker who suffered serious injuries to his foot, ankle and knee. The legal team pushed the insurance company right to the trial deadline when the insurance company finally caved in and paid the money. The injured construction worker needed surgery on his foot, ankle and knee and will not be able to return to construction work. Luckily he hired the right legal team to protect his wife and 14 month old son for the rest of their lives." And this too "\$1,750,000 for home health aide who underwent back surgery, after falling on ice at front steps to building where she was treating a patient."



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Injured Construction Laborer – Anthony Rossi:

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Injured Construction Laborer – James Madden:

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Medical Malpractice

For over 45 years the attorneys at Gurfein Douglas have been fighting for the rights of people with catastrophic injuries from auto accidents, malpractice, construction, work related, product defect and wrongful death cases. Each client gets the personal attention of the senior partners whose dedication, knowledge, passion and commitment to their case is what one would expect from "Leaders in the Law." In addition to their law degrees, Mr. Gurfein holds a degree in engineering and Mr. Douglas holds a degree in biochemistry. Mr. Gurfein is a past president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Douglas is the past editor-in-chief of the New York Litigation Review.

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Laskin Law P.C.
Plaintiff's Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice

Laskin Law P.C. is a boutique practice specializing in all aspects of plaintiff's personal injury and medical malpractice law. Michelle Laskin has over 25 years of experience representing injured people. In 2016, Ms. Laskin settled a road design case against The City of New York for \$2,500,000 for a woman struck by a vehicle drag racing on 86th Street in Brooklyn. Ms. Laskin holds one of the largest punitive damage awards in New York State against a drunk driver. Michelle Laskin has successfully represented parents of brain damaged children, obtaining a \$4,500,000 settlement in one such medical malpractice case. Ms. Laskin has a stellar reputation for being an aggressive advocate for her clients.

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Gary Zucker

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, 2016 and 2017 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.

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