2017 NEW YORK’S LEADING PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff, PLLC

“"I love to win, and my clients love me for it.”"
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.”

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

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HECHT KLEEGER & DAMASHEK, P.C.
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.
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 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. The team of Natalie Sedaghati and Eitan Ogen are Members of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Additionally, Natalie Sedaghati was one 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, Nowavek’s Top Leaders in New York—and are Members of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

NOTEWORTHY CASES

$425,000 Settlement for 63-year-old man for degenerative neck and back injuries. Low impact/minor property damage accident. Defendants argued no accident as there were no complaints of pain at scene, no ER, doctor’s report, no lost wages claim against Defendant, bulging disc, and no injuries reported at scene, waited 1 month to see a doctor. State Farm valued the case at $50,000. State Farm paid more than double its policy limits.

$825,000 Pre-Discovery Settlement for 53-year-old man who died while on railroad tracks. Defendant’s doctors stated the defendant’s death was unrelated to his injuries. Zurich previously had maintained a no-pay position. Court Decision Triples Award for Estate of 58 year old man who died while on railroad tracks. Defendant’s doctors stated the defendant’s death was unrelated to his injuries. Zurich previously had maintained a no-pay position.

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

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 Plaintiff’s 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 disputed 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 a single, non-surgical, nonsurgical app. Div. sustained $700,000, one of the largest amounts sustained ever for such injury. NY Manufacturers valued case at $750,000. Bad faith lawsuit successfully settled for amount significantly above policy limits.

$940,000 Judicial Award for 37-year-old driver with non-surgical bulging disc, minimal property damage.

$850,000 Jury Verdict for unemployed man in a soft tissue, non-surgical, 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 20 times greater than that of another passenger in her vehicle, with similar injuries, but represented by another attorney.

$330,000 Settlement in MVA where no visible property damage, disputed liability, no police report, no lost wages claim against Defendant, bulbous disc, and no surgery even recommended. Carrier initially valued case at $15,000. $300,000 SUE 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 for 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. $425,000 Settlement for employee wherein we successfully sued the landlord (ordinarily barred from suing the employer), wherein we successfully sued the employer’s related corporate entity. 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 Triplet Awards for Plaintiff’s soft tissue injuries in a minor injury MVA where Defendant initially offered $1,000; case settled for $50,000. Court Decision, appeals court upheld a decision where a plaintiff was awarded “serious injury” by Appellate Court. Plaintiff’s claim was for multiple subsequent herniations.

$600,000 Jury Verdict for employee who suffered a work injury. No complaints of pain at scene, no ER, defendant did not go to the hospital. Plaintiff had multiple falls in the years prior to the accident for which he was actively treating up to 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 that she was not at fault. State Farm’s offer was $30,000; State Farm paid more than double its policy limits.

$1.75 Million Settlement for bicyclist where 3 independent witnesses testified that Defendant had an observable limp and he was 100% 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, defendant argued no liability. Defendant’s experts opined that he was not injured. Defendants established Plaintiff had stood on, 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: $2,000.

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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, Nicholas takes them on. His passion for helping people who have been injured, combined with a strong competitive spirit, makes him a formidable opponent for insurance companies and large corporations.

Nicholas Tzaneteas has won numerous multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements for his clients, representing more than 500 clients with serious, catastrophic injuries. He knows that nothing is more important than protecting the rights of those who have been wronged. For that reason, he has been a tireless advocate for his clients in the face of powerful opponents.

Nicholas Tzaneteas is a New York City lawyer with a focus on personal injury cases. He has handled cases ranging from construction accidents to medical malpractice to car accidents. He has won numerous cases that have resulted in large settlements and verdicts for his clients. He is known for his aggressive approach and his ability to achieve results.

Nicholas Tzaneteas is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association. He is also a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association and the New York County Bar Association.

Nicholas Tzaneteas has been named a “Super Lawyer” by New York Magazine and has been selected as a “Leading Lawyer” by LeadersInTheLaw.com. He has also been named a “Top Verdicts” attorney by the New York Law Journal and has been included in the “Best Lawyers in America” publication. He has been rated “AV Preeminent” by Martindale-Hubbell.

Nicholas Tzaneteas is a dedicated and experienced personal injury lawyer who has a proven track record of success. He is committed to fighting for the rights of his clients and securing the compensation they need and deserve.

For more information about Nicholas Tzaneteas and his firm, please visit their website at ntzlw.com.
Every client’s case is different. But they each need what we deliver, a true understanding of their suffering. We couple 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 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 and 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.

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 for being wrongfully convicted for a murder he did not commit: $4.75 million of the award paid by the City 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 workplace 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.”
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 handling some of the country’s most significant cases. The firm is known for handling some of the country’s most significant 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 reaching 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.

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Morelli Law Firm 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. Ruozzo, 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.

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An example of some recent successful verdicts and settlements the firm 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. “ says Mr. Bergman.

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 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 unsparing 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 their case represents their sole opportunity to obtain justice. So, we do everything in our power to earn their respect, and we never waiver from our goal of obtaining an award that fully compensates them for their injuries.”

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Paul B. Weitz & Associates

Paul B. Weitz & Associates is a premier personal injury law firm that handles 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 resulting in settlements and verdicts 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 fell on him at a construction site; $14 million for a worker who was injured when he fell from a scaffold, and $11 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 Va Sean’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.

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 an 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 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

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.

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.

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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 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.”
## New York’s Top Verdicts

**All data on LexisNexis.**

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### Media Quote

“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 judges 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 ‘defences’ 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 verdict, 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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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 Rob, 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 team work it brings to every case.

“No one of the work we do is divided up alphabetically or by case type, as 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 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.

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

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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New York’s Top Settlements

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April 14, 2017 | Joes Cleaver v. Stafford & North Hills Associates | Worker/Worplace Negligence - Labor Law | Stephen Murphy and David F. Silver of Kilic & Murphy, LLP $4,000,000
March 10, 2017 | John J. McCurry v. 1114 Avenue of the Americas LLC, HIll Construction Corp. & Scagni Woodworking Corp. & 1114 6th Avenue Owners, LLC | Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law | Nick Gjilsj of Mullanany & Gjilsj, PLLC, Trial Counsel to Orsuly & Associates $3,600,000
April 7, 2017 | Today’s Church of the Spiritual | Construction Site Negligence | Warren P. Rymes of Garvey Goransson Goeller & Wolfing $1,800,000
March 28, 2017 | Michael Godwin v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey | Worker/Workplace Negligence - Labor Law | Christopher F. Molinaro of Schwartzapfel Lawyers $1,750,000
May 12, 2017 | Johnathan B. Hinckley v. Robert Canfield | Motor Vehicles | Robert A. Sines, III & Robert Canfield $2,399,000
December 9, 2016 | Trasone Shands v. P.U.V.S 1540 Broadway, LLC | Premier Liability | Andrew J. Levine of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm $1,450,000
November 9, 2016 | Alexandra L. Vidall v. Maria A. Piliere | Motor Vehicles | Patrick J. Mullany of Mullanany & Gjilsj, PLLC, Trial Counsel to Orsuly & Associates $990,000

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—can’t 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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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.


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.

In another recent case, 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.”

Fighting for You… and Winning 98% of the Time* over 30 Years of Practice

Schwartzzapfel Lawyers takes your case personally. Our founding partner, Steven J. Schwartzzapfel, understands the frustrations and heartbreak of living with a serious physical disability. His father was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and often needed assistance with everyday activities. This childhood experience sparked Steve’s passion for helping injury victims and shaped Steve’s approach to legal practice. Our attorneys advise you in the same manner as we would our own family member.

A Proven Track Record of Success. We have a 98% success rate in litigated personal injury cases, and have won many verdicts and settlements over one million dollars. Our victories include winning $7 million for an injured union laborer, over $7 million for clients injured in an auto accident, and almost $6 million for an injured construction worker.

Our Clients Say It Best

Injured Construction Laborer – Anthony Rossit:
“I don’t think any other firm would have spent the time or money that you did. Despite the fact that the insurance company is one of the largest in the world… you beat their every move.”

Injured Construction Laborer – Anthony Rossit:
“Thank you for taking care of me like I was a part of your family. I am thrilled with the result it has changed my life drastically and I will refer all of my friends and family to your firm.”

Injured Construction Laborer – James Madden:
“Everyone who was involved in the case was phenomenal.”

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**Arze & Mollica, LLP**

Our office is dedicated to protecting the injured against the negligent acts of persons, corporations, businesses and municipal entities. At Arze & Mollica, LLP, we have dedicated our careers to helping people throughout New York State and beyond in cases ranging from car accidents, workplace accidents and surgical errors.

Mr. Arze and Mr. Mollica both worked at prominent New York City law firms for several years prior to establishing the firm of Arze & Mollica, basing its headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. The idea was to bring top notch legal acumen to the Brooklyn community, as well as throughout the State of New York. The firm has clients in all five counties of New York City, as well as Nassau & Suffolk. In 2017, the firm enjoyed multiple successes in and out of the courtroom, some of which include:

- $4.4M 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 due to obstetrical malpractice. It also secured a 56 million dollar recovery for a passenger in a motor vehicle accident.

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