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PLAINTIFFS' PERSONAL INJURY AND MEDICAL MALPRACTICE



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Over the past 80-plus years, Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C. (SPBMC) has established a tradition of service and excellence by successfully representing individuals who have been seriously injured as a result of the wrongdoing of others.

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

Committed to knowing each client individually, the attorneys at SPBMC approach each case with compassion, understanding that the clients have endured a traumatic or tragic, and sometimes life-changing, event. Respected by the legal community, the firm's clients, and the lawyers who have referred them, entrust SPBMC to do everything possible to achieve the best results for them.

The firm has 40 lawyers with offices in Manhattan, Garden City, Cutchogue and Hackensack, New Jersey. The breadth of the firm's personal injury practice includes motor vehicle, medical malpractice, construction, fire, explosion, mass disasters, municipal, premises, toxic and mass torts and product liability cases.

The depth of knowledge and experience enables SPBMC to provide highly skilled representation to each of its valued clients. Over the last decade, SPBMC has recovered more than \$2 billion on behalf of accident victims and their families.

Indeed, SPBMC is also very proud to serve as General Counsel for the Uniformed Firefighter's Association. Over the last 40 years, it has been an honor to represent these brave men and women who put their lives at risk each day.

The firm's success has also been recognized outside the courtroom.

- U.S. News – Best Lawyers® in 2019 as a Tier 1 "Best Law Firm" in three practice areas – Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation Long Island, Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation New York City and Medical Malpractice Litigation.
- Best Lawyers has recognized Vito Cannavo as the "Lawyer of the Year."
- An astounding 20 SPBMC attorneys were selected as Super Lawyers or Rising Stars.

- 13 Members of the firm are rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer rating standard, including Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association - Christopher T. McGrath.

The firm's members are more than just knowledgeable lawyers—they are consummate and dedicated professionals.

SPBMC DELIVERS RESULTS FOR OUR CLIENTS

In 2018, the outstanding work of the attorneys at Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo—showcased the firm's excellence and reaffirmed its long-standing reputation as a top tier personal injury firm. In the past year alone, SPBMC obtained several multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements on behalf of those who have been harmed as a result of the wrongdoing of others:

- \$26 million** medical malpractice negligence verdict on behalf of a client for past and future pain and suffering. The plaintiff, one of two twin girls born prematurely, was born with a host of life-long issues, including deafness and vocal cord paralysis. Her sister passed away within the month following the pre-term birth.
- \$24 million** settlement for a construction worker who was run over by a reverse-moving excavator resulting in the loss of one leg and multiple internal injuries.
- \$9.97 million** verdict in a medical malpractice case involving a doctor's failure to properly assess a patient for suicide risk and thus the failure to prevent suicide.
- \$8.5 million** settlement in a case involving hospital malpractice and negligence.
- \$4.85 million** settlement in a medical malpractice case involving the failure to diagnose a stroke.
- \$4.55 million** settlement for a delay in delivering an infant and for inadequate fetal monitoring strips.
- \$4.5 million** settlement in a case involving the failure to diagnose dengue fever, which resulted in death.
- \$4.3 million** settlement on behalf of a client for her pediatricians' failure to diagnose a condition of hydrocephalus.
- \$4 million** settlement on behalf of an electrical helper who was rendered

paralegic due to a construction accident in which he came into contact with a live wire.

- \$4 million** medical malpractice negligence verdict on behalf of a client for emotional distress due to the loss of her five-month-old fetuses.

RECENT LONG ISLAND VERDICTS

In September, SPBMC achieved a **\$19 million** verdict against Nassau County for the County's negligent roadway design. Suit was brought by a motorcyclist who sustained severe injuries, including a below-the-knee amputation, when an oncoming vehicle made a left-hand turn into him. While it was the oncoming vehicle who crashed into the motorcycle, the jury found that a far greater degree of negligence was to be attributed to the County of Nassau for its failure to maintain a safe intersection. The case was tried by David Dean, a senior trial lawyer and partner at SPBMC.

Also in September, SPBMC obtained an **\$8 million** verdict in Suffolk County in a medical malpractice case. Suit was brought by a 35 year old man who suffered a leak of his vertical sleeve gastrectomy requiring multiple surgeries that prevented him from eating for about 8 months. The case was tried by Jim Wilkens.

We are additionally proud of the fact that Jim Wilkens secured the largest medical malpractice verdict in New York State in 2017- **\$26,500,000**.

These cases provide only a small sample of the tremendous, and ongoing, success achieved by the attorneys at SPBMC in 2018.

SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)

Since 2002 SPBMC has been at the forefront in representing victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, having recovered more than \$1 Billion for its VCF clients.

In 2002, the firm played a key role in the establishment of the VCF, which served to help the families of those who died in the attacks, and those who became ill as a result of their exposure to toxins at Ground Zero.

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

With many having been shut out of the first VCF because of the latent nature of their 9/11-related illnesses, the firm played a leading role in the re-opening of the VCF in 2011 under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which provides both medical services and compensation to first responders, residents, office workers and others, who have developed 9/11-related illnesses as a result of their being in the Exposure Zone (Lower Manhattan below Canal Street) during rescue and recovery operations from 9/11 through May 2002.

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



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A Powerful Advocate for Injured Victims

Since its founding in 2001, Duffy & Duffy has become one of the region's largest and most successful plaintiffs' law firms, with a team of lawyers that includes some of the most accomplished practitioners in the field. Together, the firm's lawyers serve as staunch advocates for injury victims throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties as well as the five boroughs of New York City.

"We understand the needs of Long Islanders, and when someone harms our clients, we see to it that things are made right," says managing partner Michael Duffy. "Our goal is to ensure that defendants stand up and take responsibility for the harm they caused, instead of hiding behind attorneys or insurance companies."

Wide-Ranging Experience That Gets Results

Duffy & Duffy offers proven expertise, having handled the gamut of catastrophic injury matters, particularly complex cases involving medical malpractice, automobile and work place injuries, and nursing home abuse.

"With so many distracted drivers on the road, and too many nursing homes putting profits over proper care, our lawyers have become very skilled at addressing these instances of injury and abuse," notes Michael. "Insurance companies are often quick to place blame on the injured party or minimize the significance of their injury; but we are here to make sure there is real accountability."

Indeed, since 2001, the firm has successfully settled hundreds of significant cases, with well over 100 multimillion-dollar settlements. Among its landmark cases and awards, the firm obtained the country's highest personal injury verdict in 2007; the third highest verdict in New Jersey history in 2008; the second highest medical malpractice verdict in Suffolk County history in 2003; and the highest recorded medical malpractice settlement in Suffolk County in 2004.

Still, Michael notes that more than the dollars, the firm's most significant cases are those where the firm was able to change society for the better: For example, through one of its cases, the firm was able to ensure the constant presence of a neonatologist during births at a community hospital—an improvement that benefits all Long Islanders.

Justice Secured in the Courtroom

Key to the firm's success has been its experience in trying cases, as well as its exhaustive approach during the investigative process. "While there are firms that rarely take a case to trial, and prefer to settle matters, we believe the defendant's insurance carrier has to realize

we mean business, and that we're not afraid of a fight in court," Michael says. "Ultimately, this tough approach to negotiation means better recoveries for our clients."

Duffy & Duffy is highly selective about the cases it accepts each year as a way to provide every case with the full scope of the firm's resources and trial expertise. After taking a case, the firm's trial lawyers then work to establish a team that can achieve the best possible outcome for the client. This team includes respected medical experts, who ensure the firm only brings the strongest of claims.

"Part of why we're so selective about our cases is because we're mindful that, for example, when we sue a physician, that physician's reputation is at stake. So, before we file such a case, we make sure we've done the work and are certain about the medicine: A defendant may try to mislead a jury, but we only file cases we know have merit," Michael says. "Not to mention, our selectivity allows us to get to know every case better than anyone else in the courtroom, which is the surest way to get justice for our clients."

This rigorous approach has led to a number of accolades for the firm's attorneys from prestigious organizations such as The Best Lawyers in America and Who's Who in America. Jim Duffy in particular is widely considered one of the nation's premier malpractice attorneys, and currently serves on the board of directors of the New York Academy of Trial Lawyers, of which he is a founding member. In addition, Cliff Argintar, who has a reputation for being among the best trial lawyers of his generation, recently joined the firm.

Personal Service from a Family Oriented Firm

From its inception, Duffy & Duffy has emphasized family: in addition to the father-son team of Jim and Michael, the firm includes two more of Jim's five children—partners Mary Ellen and Sean Duffy—and lifelong family friend partner Jim LiCalzi. This familial environment extends to the service the firm provides its clients, which stresses a personalized approach.

"Complex litigation cases may last several years, so it's important that we build client relationships that last," Michael says. "That means getting to know our clients, making sure to return their phone calls, and being available to meet with them to discuss their concerns and answer their questions—essentially, treating them the way we would want our family members to be treated."

"While there are many lawyers to choose from, Duffy & Duffy is the right choice, because unlike with insurance companies, our clients are not just a number or a file—they are part of our family."



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Leaders In The Law presents *Long Island's Leading Lawyers*, a special section that highlights the achievements of the tri-state area's exceptional practitioners. New York offers the best of many industries, one of which is its legal community as you'll see in these pages. Between multimillion-dollar verdicts, custody battles, injury and malpractice matters, and precedent-setting resolutions, Long Island's lawyers continually excel in their pursuit of justice.

But finding the right lawyer amid such a vast talent pool can be challenging, which is why we have compiled this directory of Long Island's preeminent lawyers. Their areas of practice are as diverse as New Yorkers themselves, but they all share an unwavering dedication to their clients. Whether your needs stem from personal, medical, financial, familial matters or another reason, the lawyers profiled here will help you reach a favorable outcome.

In these pages you will also find brief guides to the courts of Nassau and Suffolk counties. Finding the appropriate courthouse should not add to the complexities of your legal matter.

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Sincerely,



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David L. Mejias

Family Law

Dave Mejias has received many accolades in his years serving the community, both as managing partner at Mejias, Milgrim & Alvarado and in the past as a County Legislator. However, his greatest accomplishments continue to be the precedent setting victories he secures on behalf of his clients. Dave has won numerous precedent setting cases in the appellate courts on cases involving custody, maintenance, and child support.

A divorce or custody battle can be the most traumatic time in a person's life. Mejias' strength as a litigator has led to life-altering victories for his clients. For Dave Mejias, the business of law is personal. It is passion and principle that guides his practice and allows his clients to triumph, even when the odds seem insurmountable.

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JASPAN SCHLESINGER LLP

An Acclaimed Full-Service Firm Rooted in Client Relationships

For more than 72 years, Jaspán Schlesinger LLP has been one of Long Island's leading full-service law firms, providing exceptional legal services in the areas of commercial litigation, banking and financial services, education law, municipal law, real estate, land use and zoning, tax certiorari and condemnation, and estates and trusts.

With approximately sixty attorneys, Jaspán Schlesinger is equipped to handle complex matters while delivering individualized advice and counsel to its clients. Many of the firm's lawyers bring unique insights from past careers in the public sector, including former judges, court attorneys, an assistant attorney general and assistant corporation counsel.

"The depth and breadth of our experience allows us to consider each representation from every angle," said Managing Partner, Steven Schlesinger. "We view ourselves as a collective knowledgebase, and frequently staff matters with attorneys that have different specialties to ensure that all of our clients' short-term and long-term goals are met."

With offices in Garden City and in Suffern, NY, Jaspán Schlesinger is one of the most diverse law firms of its size in the region: nearly half of its partners and half of its associates are women, and its lawyers are of many ethnic backgrounds.

"The diversity in the professional and personal experiences of our attorneys is a great strength of the firm," noted Schlesinger. "It gives the broadest possible perspective to problem-solving."

Many Jaspán Schlesinger attorneys have been with the firm for decades – some for their entire careers – which provides clients with steadiness and familiarity no matter the challenges they face.

"Jaspán Schlesinger is firmly rooted in our client relationships," stated Schlesinger. "We have represented many of our clients' businesses through multiple generations. As our clients inevitably grow and change, we respond intuitively and based on our deep institutional knowledge of their past and their goals for the future."



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The Law Office of Robert F. Danzi

For nearly 40 years, injured victims and their families have turned to Robert F. Danzi—a true patient's advocate—for justice. A trailblazing trial lawyer in the fields of medical malpractice, personal injury, labor law, toxic torts, and negligence, Danzi has secured hundreds of millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for clients.

The Law Office of Robert F. Danzi is also led by partners Christine C. Coscia and John R. Danzi. Its lawyers remain industry leaders due to an unwavering commitment to client service, ever-expanding legal knowledge and total confidence while preparing for trial.

"We are compelled to be worthy of the calling we have received, which is to make a meaningful difference in the quality of our clients' lives. And with every breath we take, we strive to do just that," said Bob Danzi, a Past President of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and currently a vice president of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers.

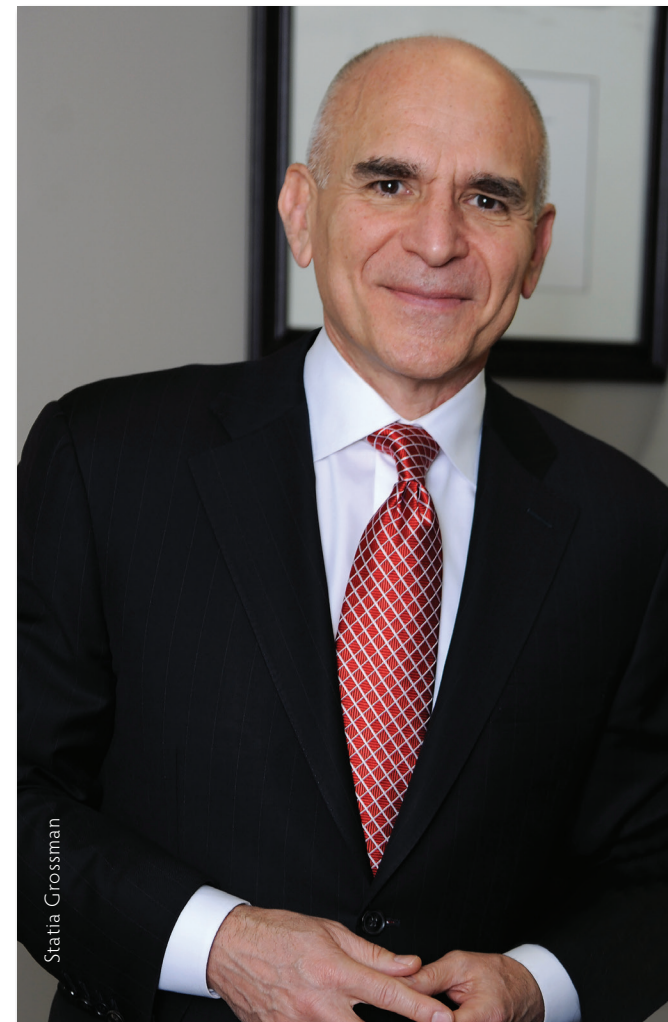
That calling continues to sway jurors and impact clients. In 2018, the firm won one of its largest jury awards—\$78 million—on behalf of a child delivered prematurely, which caused severe cerebral palsy and blindness, among other conditions. The case was a testament to the firm's persistence, said Coscia, who noted that firm's entire staff had been working toward the three-week trial for eight years.

"This was truly a long-term team effort, which is also why it was so rewarding. The jury understood that the mother and baby received substandard care and completely agreed with our claim," she said. "The family can focus on her future now, and getting her the best possible care."

It's that sort of commitment that earned the firm an AV Preeminent-rating from Martindale-Hubbell—the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards—as well as its Client Distinction Award.

John Danzi noted that the teamwork exemplified during the aforementioned case is what all clients can expect of the firm. "We offer an all-hands-on-deck approach upon accepting a case. That's what makes us stand out in this field," he said. "We all have our parts to play, in and out of the courtroom, and always provide our clients with the best possible options."

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A Matter of Teamwork

Robert F. Danzi discusses his firm's successful track record and how he didn't earn his reputation for being 'the patient's advocate' entirely on his own.

When Robert F. Danzi reflects on his nearly 40 years in practice, the injury lawyer known as "the patient's advocate" immediately attributes his law firm's success to teamwork.

"Nobody can do it all alone," he says. "I started the firm as a solo practitioner, but always had a strong support system. I believe in hard work and attention to detail, which is why everyone in our office provides that same degree of dedication to our clients – because these are the times they need it most."

Indeed, victims and families impacted by medical malpractice, catastrophic injury and wrongful death continually turn to the Law Office of Robert F. Danzi when they need compassionate lawyers who can also be fighters in the courtroom or at the negotiating table. The firm is also led by partners Christine Coscia and John Danzi, and has secured hundreds of millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements throughout New York.

"When we accept a case, our clients benefit from the experience, knowledge and courtroom abilities of all three partners, as well as a dedicated staff," says Bob. "Our clients' goals become ours, and our individual skill sets and ability to communicate with each other has enabled us to secure victories and awards that might not otherwise be possible."

That dynamic was instrumental in 2018, when the firm represented the family of a child whose premature birth caused several severe conditions, including cerebral palsy and blindness. The firm settled against the hospital prior to the three-week trial in April, during which Bob and John argued that the mother's obstetrician's failure to counsel her on the use of progesterone during her pregnancy could have prevented the pre-term delivery. The jury agreed with the Danzis and awarded \$78 million for the plaintiff – one of New York's most substantial verdicts of the year and further solidifying the firm's reputation for commitment and client service.

"We met the plaintiff when she was 18-months-old and we instantly wanted to achieve justice on her behalf. She's now 10, and the damage done to her inspired our stamina in preparing for trial, which is why we always believed we could win," Bob says. "We were honored to fight for her and her family, who now have sufficient financial support for her care and treatment."

In recent years, the firm's precedent-setting verdicts and settlements have included:

B v. L - \$35 million – Catastrophic Injury

A 25-year-old man was brought to the hospital following a motor vehicle accident. Due to inappropriate postoperative administration of the wrong medication, the patient suffered a loss of oxygen to his brain, causing severe brain damage.

D v. TR, MD et al. - \$7.321 million – Wrongful Death/Medical Malpractice

A 46-year-old wife and mother of three minors visited the hospital with abdominal pain, requiring an appendectomy. Following the surgery, the surgeon unnecessarily removed the right half of her colon. The doctor failed to discover that he obstructed a major artery during the procedure, leading to her death.

R v. WCS, et al. - \$7 million – Catastrophic Injury/Motor Vehicle Accident

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, a pedestrian out for a morning walk was struck by an insurance adjuster's car, causing severe harm and injury.

"All our lawyers contribute to each case we handle, from depositions to trials," notes Bob. "The bond we share is extended to each client, who we treat like family. Our goal is to provide them with the best possible representation and, in doing so, hope that our work protects others from suffering similar tragedies."

—Justin Smulison

Anthony M. La Pinta, Esq.

Criminal Defense, Civil Rights and Personal Injury



Anthony M. La Pinta is one of Long Island's most accomplished and respected attorneys. A lawyer for more than twenty-seven years, his practice is limited to representing clients in federal and state criminal defense, civil rights and plaintiff's personal injury matters. Mr. La Pinta represents the highest standards in the legal community and has achieved the highest rating of "Preeminent-AV" by the prestigious Martindale-Hubbell attorney peer review directory. He also has been selected to the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 New York Metro editions of "Super Lawyers Magazine." Mr. La Pinta has been described by judges and adversaries as "an attorney of the highest caliber," and "one of the finest lawyers" on Long Island.

Mr. La Pinta has successfully defended many high profile cases that have drawn national media attention. He has extensive experience

representing businesses and individuals that have been investigated or charged with white collar, non violent and violent crimes at the trial and appellate levels. Mr. La Pinta has achieved particular success in obtaining trial acquittals, developing sentencing mitigation, and securing post judgment relief. Some of his past clients include law enforcement officials, financiers, politicians, attorneys and physicians.

Mr. La Pinta also represents plaintiffs in all serious personal injury matters including wrongful death, motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, medical malpractice, mesothelioma cases, product liability, civil rights violations, construction accidents, and professional liability cases. He has obtained numerous noteworthy trial verdicts and settlements in courts throughout the New York metropolitan region.

In addition to his teaching positions as an adjunct professor at Touro Law School and St. Joseph's College,

Mr. La Pinta is also a routine lecturer for the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, the Federal Bar Association for the Eastern District of New York and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). He is a past President of the Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association, a former Chairperson of the Suffolk County Bar Association's Ethics and Professionalism Committee, a current member of the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District. Mr. LaPinta has also served as special ethics counsel to The Village of Babylon, The Village of Westhampton Dunes, The Board of Trustees of Suffolk County Community College and The Suffolk County Democratic Committee. He has also been a contributor and legal commentator for Newsday, News 12 – Long Island, Court TV and Fox News.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in West Islip, Long Island, Mr. La Pinta earned his undergraduate degrees from Oswego State University and his law degree from Temple University. He is admitted



to practice law in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as in the Federal District Courts of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of New Jersey and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He is the Managing Partner of Reynolds, Caronia, Gianelli & La Pinta, P.C., located in Hauppauge, New York.

Mr. La Pinta is a proven, experienced litigator who brings enormous energy, personal attention and an unmatched determination to every client he represents. His reputation and ability as a fierce and respected advocate has produced outstanding results for his clients.

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Long Island Incident Tips

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Long Island is unique in that it has rural, urban and suburban areas – all of which can pose different personal and professional challenges, stemming the need for legal expertise. Your claim could be caused by anything from a negligent driver to a natural disaster or abusive workplace management.

Arming yourself with knowledge of what to do before contacting a lawyer is a smart strategy. This way, should a practitioner or firm accept your claim, you will help put them in an advantageous position. Below are some tips on what to do immediately following certain incidents.

Pedestrian Accident

If you were a pedestrian injured by any motor vehicle – or a driver who might have been unable to avoid the accident – do not assume that your case will be easy to prove. Pedestrians have an obligation to abide by all traffic laws and exercise reasonable care for their own safety. On the flip side, motorists also have a duty of care not to injure others. After calling the police or emergency services, try to have someone take pictures of the scene immediately and attempt to document:

- The exact location of impact.
- What traffic signals and lights may have been nearby, including the speed limit sign.

- The condition of the road and sidewalk.
- Other factors that may have influenced the impact, like weather.

Additionally, try not to engage in a dialogue with the other party. Even admitting that you weren't immediately injured may be used against you, should you have a delayed injury. Wait for the police to arrive to make any statements.

Weather Damage to Home and Property

Long Island is particularly susceptible to weather risks, having endured several hurricanes, tropical storms and blizzards – and even the shock of an earthquake – in the last 10 years. No matter how much you prepare your home for extreme conditions, sometimes you just can't prevent feet of water from entering your house or a tree from falling on it.

Should you sustain damage due to any weather event:

- Contact your insurance agent. Determine whether your claim exceeds your deductible and whether you'll need estimates for repairs.
- Make temporary repairs to your house and take reasonable steps to protect from further damage.
- Keep your receipts for repair work and especially if you need to relocate.

- If you can't reach an agreement with your insurance company, you might contact a lawyer to represent you in your claim.

Wrongful Termination

From the moment you begin working for an employer – even if you accepted employment at will – you have rights and are protected from discrimination, bias and retaliation. Discrimination could qualify if you feel you've been fired due to race, nationality, religion, gender or age. Examples include someone being treated unfairly due to their ethnicity, or women who are fired due to pregnancy. Another example would be the employer's breach of contract, or firing you for refusing to do something illegal or against company or public policy.

In that case, speak to the human resources department. Though your employment has been terminated they will be able to answer questions for you about the termination process and what benefits you may be entitled to. Also ask if you are able to appeal the decision.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against or haven't been treated according to the law or company policy, you should consider hiring a lawyer, as you may be able to sue your former employer for wrongful termination.



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Fighting for You... and
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over 30 Years of Practice

Our Clients Say it Best

“Despite the fact that the insurance company is one of the largest in the world...you beat their every move.” –Dominic Figurito

Schwartzapfel Lawyers is a specialized practice with an outstanding track record of winning **Personal Injury and Workers Compensation cases**. With our exclusive focus on injury and death claims, we are able to bring the experience, skill and dedication our clients need to get the money and benefits they deserve.

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Long Tuminello, LLP

Divorce, Criminal, Civil Litigation

Long Tuminello has been providing superior legal services to the Long Island community for nearly 40 years. In that time, the firm has earned its outstanding reputation by working closely with clients to understand their legal needs and help them achieve their goals.

"Our primary focus is on taking care of our clients, and it's a collaborative effort," says managing partner David Besso. "We provide our clients with zealous representation using a team approach that leverages the experience of all our attorneys to secure positive results."

As a full service law firm, Long Tuminello brings exceptional legal counsel to individuals and businesses in a wide range of practice areas, including but not limited to criminal law, matrimonial and family law, bankruptcy, real estate, professional disciplinary actions, civil and commercial litigation, business transactions, estate planning and probate, and personal injury.

"If matrimonial clients come to us and as a result of their divorce have to sell their house, we have a real estate department that can help them; and that's just one example of how being a full-service law firm can benefit our clients," Besso notes. "Not to mention, because we have individual attorneys who focus only in certain areas, many of these lawyers have become authorities in their field."

Indeed, Long Tuminello is comprised of attorneys who are at the forefront of their profession. Among the firm's members are a former president of the Suffolk County Bar Association, a member of the Judicial Screening Committee, a former member of the Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District, a managing director of the Lawyer's Assistance Foundation, and current members of the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Matrimonial Bar Association.

In addition, two of the firm's partners and the firm as a whole have been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®.

"We are proud of the high legal and ethical standards—as recognized by Martindale®—that have been established by our firm," Besso says. "It's a tradition of excellence that we work very hard to maintain."

The lawyers at Long Tuminello are committed to offering clients comprehensive, timely, and cost-effective legal services. The firm's legal team makes every effort to minimize both the stress and financial impact of litigation for its clients. And in many cases, attorneys at the firm have developed lifelong professional relationships with the individuals and businesses they represent.

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Car Accidents, Medical Malpractice, Slip and Fall & Construction Accidents



Seth Fields

When we asked partners Michael Bergman, Eric Lamonsoff, and Seth Fields the secret to their firm's success, with a proud smile, and almost in unison, they said, "EXPERIENCE, COMPASSION AND RESULTS."

Partner Eric Lamonsoff says, "Each decision we make and every action we take is guided by our decades of experience and compassion for our clients, and those actions are taken in pursuit of exceptional results."

Opening their doors in 1957, the firm has continued to expand by never straying from its focus on maintaining the strongest personal relationships with its clients. Michael Bergman proudly notes, "Most clients come to us recommended by people we have previously represented. Over the years, the firm has represented four generations of families, and it is not uncommon for the great-grandchild of an original client to seek the firm's help. Our clients are our family."

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Ronkonkoma Courthouse

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Second District Court -

Lindenhurst Courthouse

*Civil Court, Small Claims Court, Babylon Landlord &
Tenant Court, Babylon Town Ordinance*
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Lindenhurst, NY 11757
ph: 631.381.6028

Third District Court -

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*Civil Court, Small Claims Court, Huntington Landlord &
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Huntington Station, NY 11746
ph: 631.381.6070

Fourth District Court -

Hauppauge Courthouse

*Civil Court, Small Claims Court, Smithtown Landlord &
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Building 158, North County Complex
Veteran's Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11787
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Fifth District Court -

Ronkonkoma Courthouse

*Civil Court, Small Claims Court, Islip Landlord &
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Second District

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Joining Friedman at the firm is her daughter Andrea, a Westchester resident who has helped grow the firm by launching its White Plains office. Like Friedman, Andrea is well recognized for her expertise, with recent listings in Who's Who as a Top Attorney in North America and the 2018 Super Lawyers Rising Stars publication.

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Mr. Carrigan was appointed as Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Nassau County Bar Association Criminal Law and Procedure Committee, serving 2005-2013. Mr. Carrigan was elected by his peers as a Director and then as a Board Member of the Criminal Courts Bar Association of Nassau County, serving since 2012, and presently sits as the Association's Vice President.

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