

# 2018 NEW YORK'S LEADING PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

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**Largest Verdicts and  
Settlements of 2018**



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**Personal Injury, Automobile Accidents, Construction Accidents & Premises Cases**



Left to Right: Eric Shaevitz, Oliver Shaevitz, Mark Shaevitz

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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 62 years of practice, he has been joined along the way by his sons, Mark and Eric. Over the years, the firm has represented thousands of clients, collected tens of millions of dollars in settlements, and obtained numerous multimillion-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 is dedicated to providing the most knowledgeable, sophisticated, and effective legal representation to its clients.

The staff at Shaevitz & Shaevitz 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 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 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.

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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 or lost a loved one as a result of the wrongdoing of others.

The Firm has earned its reputation as a powerful advocate for the injured because each case is thoroughly prepared to obtain a maximum result. The Firm staffs each case with a partner and an associate and expends the resources necessary to ensure that a winning case is presented at trial. The Firm's adversaries know this and the results achieved on behalf of its clients demonstrate the respect the Firm has achieved in the legal community.

The firm has more than 35 lawyers with offices in Manhattan, Garden City and Cutchogue, L.I., and in Hackensack, New Jersey. The breadth of the firm's personal injury practice includes motor vehicle, medical malpractice, construction, fire, explosion, mass disasters, municipal, premises, maritime, 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 its clients. SPBMC is also very proud to serve as General Counsel for the Uniformed Firefighter's Association of Greater New York. For the last 40 years, it has been an honor to represent these brave men and women who put their lives at risk every day.

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

- For 2019, U.S. News – Best Lawyers® ranked SPBMC a Tier 1 "Best Law Firm" in three practice areas – Plaintiffs Medical Malpractice Litigation, Plaintiffs Personal Injury Liability Litigation and Plaintiffs Product Liability Litigation.
- 13 individual SPBMC Members were also recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2019, including Vito A. Cannavo who was the fifth Firm Member to be named "Lawyer of the Year."
- 20 SPBMC attorneys were selected as Super Lawyers or Rising Stars.
- 13 SPBMC Members were rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer rating standard.

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

## SPBMC DELIVERS RESULTS FOR ITS CLIENTS

In 2018, SPBMC obtained numerous multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements for its clients. Here is but a sample of those results:

### 2018 SETTLEMENTS

- **\$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.
- **\$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.
- **\$4.3 million** settlement for a client whose pediatrician failed to diagnose hydrocephalus.
- **\$4 million** settlement for an electrician's helper who was rendered a paraplegic when he was thrown from a ladder as a result of coming in contact with a live wire.
- **\$3.8 million** settlement for a construction worker who suffered fatal head injuries when he fell through an unguarded elevated opening at a construction site

• **\$3 million** settlement for an elevator mechanic who suffered multiple fractures when he fell several floors at a jobsite due to the lack of proper safety equipment.

### 2018 VERDICTS

- **\$19 million** verdict in Nassau County for a motorcyclist who sustained severe injuries, including a below-the-knee amputation, when struck by an oncoming vehicle making a left turn. The jury found the County 80% at fault for its failure to install a traffic light at the intersection.
- **\$9.97 million** medical malpractice verdict in Staten Island for the family of a man who killed himself immediately after his doctor failed to properly assess his risk for suicide.
- **\$8 million** medical malpractice verdict in Suffolk County for a 35 year old man who suffered a vertical sleeve gastrectomy leak requiring multiple surgeries that prevented him from eating for about 8 months.

### 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 first responders who died in the attacks or 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 the rescue and recovery operations of 9/11 through May 2002.

Filing a claim requires the expertise of dedicated lawyers. "Our extensive experience gives us a unique understanding of the impact of 9/11-related illnesses on first responders and those living and working in the Exposure Zone", said SPBMC Member, Michael Block. "We will always fight for those affected by 9/11 and its aftermath."



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## NEW YORK'S LEADING PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS 2018

**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 should consult an experienced attorney. For those of us who live in the New York tri-state area, we are fortunate to have access to many experienced personal injury lawyers who are prepared to help you navigate this difficult area.

In addition to featuring New York's Leading Personal Injury Lawyers, we are once again publishing a list of some of the top verdicts and settlements in New York from October, 2017 to September, 2018. We hope you find this information both useful and interesting.

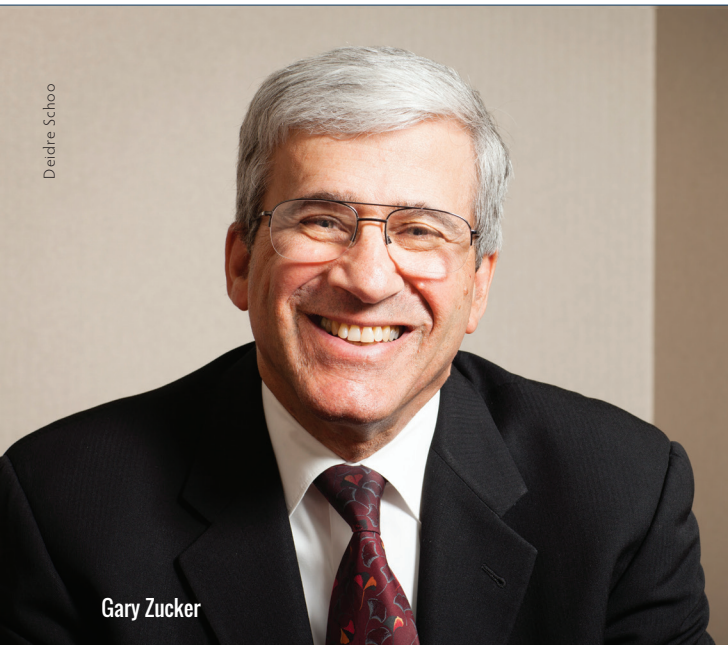
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CEO, Leaders In The Law



Gary Zucker

## Gary A. Zucker & Associates, P.C

### Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, Verdicts & Settlements

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, 2017 and 2018 editions of New York Super Lawyers and to the New York Law Journal Motor Vehicles and Settlements Hall of Fame.

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

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

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# ORESKEY & Associates, pllc

## Construction, Automobile & Personal Injury



### Top Settlements & Verdicts

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Personal Injury Attorney Jacob Oresky has served as an ally to victims of serious accidents for over 25 years.

"When someone has been injured or killed—whether because of a construction accident, car accident, or any other catastrophic accident—my team steps in and goes right to work to protect the client's interests. I know how important it is to investigate first," Oresky states. "After decades in the practice, my greatest satisfaction remains hearing a client say: 'You changed my life.' That's when I know I have truly helped someone."

Indeed, Oresky prides himself on his personal touch: he makes a point of getting to know the people he represents, and has built many long-term relationships with his clients. In this way, he is better able to understand the extent and impact of his clients' injuries, and, in the process, more effectively litigate their cases.

"We're a smaller firm, and because of that, clients aren't just a file number," he says. "I'm actively involved with my clients' cases, and put 100 percent effort in attempting to make certain they receive the maximum compensation they are entitled to under law; it's only by having empathy for their situations, and being proactive about litigating their cases, that we can make a difference."

As a result of this approach, Oresky & Associates has won more than \$300 million for its clients, with many multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements. The New York Law Journal has also listed Oresky and his firm as having achieved some of the largest settlements and verdicts in New York State over the past eight years.

Most recently, Oresky's firm secured a \$6.5 million verdict in April 2018 in a construction accident case where the insurance company—convinced Oresky's client would settle—made an initial offer of \$250,000. From the moment he was retained as counsel, Oresky and his team of lawyers worked to ensure their client would receive full compensation for his injuries.

"We invested all our resources and didn't spare any expense in terms of hiring experts and conducting the trial," Oresky notes. "Maybe someone else would have settled the case, but we are always prepared to see a case through to verdict if it means securing the result a client deserves."

Oresky has been practicing law since 1987, and opened his own practice in 1992 after working as an associate at a large law firm. His dedicated, long-term team of staff and attorneys has been with him for much of this time, and share his commitment to the firm's clients.

"When you provide a service where someone is putting their life in your hands, it's important to be transparent, and to always give them your best," Oresky says. "Everyone who works here shares this philosophy, and the evidence of that is our track record."

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- NY STATE SENATE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



**K** Michael J. Kuharski



**L** Lonny Levitz



**G** Lisa Giovinazzo



SUCCESS in our business is defined by a significant recovery for those clients that truly deserve it. Superior investigation, litigation, preparation and our very personal Trial Strategy are the hallmarks of our firm's success which is why we have earned our reputation for recovering hundreds of millions of dollars for people facing seemingly insurmountable odds.

Mike Kuharski has taken on large corporations and won. KLG Law Group handles all types of accidents, auto, truck and air disasters, schools, work place, construction site, defective products, and mass tort actions as well, where we have earned some of the highest verdicts for our clients. KLG is not afraid to challenge prestigious hospitals and physicians in complex medical malpractice cases or even mass tort actions. Mike says, "It's no secret in our business success is defined by substantial recovery for our clients that truly deserve it. It is the most powerful

feeling knowing that I have done the right thing for very deserving people."

KLG Law Group's exemplary knowledge of medicine and finance has helped it to achieve substantial results for victims suffering from life altering injuries. "I have accepted a job where I can help make people as whole as possible after these accidents, I can't take away their pain but I can help them by insuring the negligent parties are held accountable and are financially responsible for my client's injuries resulting in large monetary awards, it does not make them whole but it does help them to return to as normal a life as possible," says Lonny Levitz. What makes us unique? The firm prides itself on its commitment to its clients and often those clients can be other lawyers. "Our clients are diverse," Mike Kuharski says, "however, it is perhaps the greatest honor and recognition

of our superior capabilities, to represent the families of our colleagues. We are a lawyer's lawyer." "When a new client walks through our door they are in distress, we see somebody in need," according to Lisa Giovinazzo, "we anticipate what it is in the future that is going to make them whole, what it is that they are not seeing that they are entitled to that will ultimately enhance their lives, we try to be that first step in the right direction."





# New York’s Top Verdicts

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Settlements reported from October 2017 to October 2018

Date	Case	Type Of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
March 29, 2018	United States of America v. Barclays Capital, Inc.	Securities Fraud	F. Franklin Amanat, Matthew R. Belz, Charles S. Kleinberg, Evan P. Lestelle and Matthew J. Modafferi of The U.S. Department of Justice	\$2,000,000,000
January 19, 2018	Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Bank of America	Securities Fraud	Daniel L. Brockett of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP; David W. Mitchell of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, LLP; Christopher M. Burke of Scott+Scott, Attorneys at Law, LLP	\$408,500,000
October 2, 2017	Morgan Wang v. Neil Sexton	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Ben Rubinowitz of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$71,000,000
August 1, 2018	Plaintiff Mall Shopper v. Defendant Mall and Security Company	Premises Liability	Thomas A. Moore of Kramer Dillof Livingston & Moore	\$45,200,000
October 24, 2017	Frosch v. City of New York	Wrongful Death, Municipal Liability	Ben Rubinowitz and Peter Saghir of Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf	\$41,500,000
October 31, 2017	Madden-Buck v. Maimonides Medical Center	Medical Malpractice	James Wilkens of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo, PC	\$26,000,000
November 29, 2017	Lifetree Trading Pte. Ltd. v. Washakie Renewable Energy, LLC, et al	Contract	Joshua Eli Abraham of Law Office of Joshua E. Abraham	\$25,301,470
January 26, 2018	Zhou v. Tuxedo Ridge, LLC	Premises Liability	Souren A. Israelyan of Law Office of Souren A. Israelyan	\$19,000,000
September 28, 2018	Kota, Roni v. Nassau County, The Village of Port Washington North, Inc, Village of Port Washington North, The Town of North Hempstead, David E. Pierri and Erin M. Reilly	Motor Vehicle Accident / Faulty Roadway Design	David Dean of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo, P.C.	\$19,000,000
December 1, 2017	Zielinska v. Lutheran Medical Center	Medical Malpractice	Steven Miller of Miller Montiel & Strano, PC	\$18,200,000
March 30, 2018	Nevaeh Thompson v. New York City Department of Education, and Antonio K'Tori	School District Negligence / Sexual Assault	Joseph E. Gorczyca of The Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff, PLLC	\$16,000,000
May 25, 2018	Joao Dias v. Blue Sea Construction, Co.	Workplace Negligence	Lawrence P. Biondi of Friedman, Biondi & James	\$15,228,000
March 1, 2017	Martinez v. Premium Laundry Corp	Motor Vehicle Negligence / Wrongful Death	Beth S. Gereg of counsel to Pollack, Pollack, Isaac & DeCicco, LLP	\$10,600,000
October 15, 2018	Shouldis, Deceased, v. Theodore Strange, M.D., and University Physicians Group	Medical Malpractice	Vito A. Cannavo of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo, P.C.	\$9,973,001
March 02, 2018	Keneson Lewis v. Flushing Commons Property Owner, LLC, Flushing Commons DM LLC and Tishman Construction Corporation	Labor Law	Kenneth Sacks and Edward W. Ford of Sacks & Sacks LLP; James J. McCrorie Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C.	\$9,865,776
April 17, 2018	Daren Levin, et al. v. Resource Capiatl Corp.	Securities Fraud	Nicholas I. Porritt of Levi & Korsinsky, LLP	\$9,500,000





MSL Law Offices of  
Michael S. Lamonsoff | PLLC

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: “I love to win, and my clients love me for it.” His clients call him the “bull” because he won’t stop fighting for their rights.

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 abuse cases. He has assembled a highly experienced team of aggressive lawyers, paralegals and paraprofessionals that reflect his zeal to win.

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 which includes over \$500,000,000.00 in personal injury awards for their clients.

While the 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.”

In 2017, Mr. Lamonsoff’s firm secured a settlement of \$11,750,000.00 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 State of New York is the highest in State history. The \$7,000,000.00 award paid by the City of New York for Mr. Bermudez’s civil rights violations is one of the largest paid to date.

In 2018, the firm obtained a verdict of \$16,000,000.00 against the City of New York in a sexual abuse case. This was one of the highest verdicts ever awarded for this type of claim.

The firm also obtained a settlement, days before trial, of \$6,500,000.00 for an injured construction worker and was awarded over \$8,000,000.00 for several claimants against a public transportation carrier.

Mr. Lamonsoff is often called upon by local, national, and international news outlets to provide commentary on the high-profile cases he litigates. 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 lawyers 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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Paris & Chaikin recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of founders Jason Paris and Ian Chaikin merging their individual practices in 2008. In that time the firm has emerged as one of New York's leading personal injury law firms, consistently achieving multimillion-dollar results for injured clients. The firm is notably relied on by other lawyers, who often call upon Paris and Chaikin to litigate matters for them, making them stand out in New York's prestigious legal community.

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

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

A recent example was a 2016 jury verdict of \$2.6 million for a woman who was critically injured in a motor vehicle accident with a well-known

transportation entity. The award was recognized by Leaders In The Law as one of the top verdicts in New York State for that year.

"We've achieved substantial recoveries for our clients because we fight until justice is done," Paris said. "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 by the media and legal associations. 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 serve on the New York State Trial Lawyers Association's Board of Directors.

The last 10 years have set the tone for a bright future, said Chaikin, but 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 said. To which Paris added, "We aim to improve our clients' lives. Their trust is a privilege we take very seriously – one that constantly inspires us to fight and win."



## Raphaelson & Levine New York Personal Injury Lawyer



### CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

There is only one  
word I can use to  
describe how I feel about  
Raphaelson & Levine... Family



## VOICE of the INJURED

Raphaelson & Levine represents people who have sustained serious personal injuries caused by the negligent conduct of others in all aspects of life. Raphaelson & Levine is proud to announce that we recovered over \$40 Million in 2018.

As the **Voice of the Injured**, we are always reminded that excellent legal representation comes from support, service, empathy and kindness.

Our lawyers have over 150 years of combined legal experience representing accident victims in the greatest city in the world. We are proud of our reputation – both publicly and among New York's legal community – for providing excellent advocacy.

The awards and settlements we secured in 2018 were recovered against negligent automobile operators, building owners, manufacturers of toxic and defectively designed products, municipalities, construction companies, medical doctors, hospitals and other individuals or companies held accountable for their misconduct.

The Raphaelson & Levine Legal Team wishes New Yorkers health, happiness and safety in the year ahead.



Date	Case	Type Of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
June 28, 2018	Amanada Morace v. Vincent Ardito	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Frank J. Lombardo of Wingate Russotti Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$8,328,000
September 25, 2018	Jason Vandewater v. David Buchin, M.d., Joanne Vitale, R.p.a., Cory A. Muscara, M.d., Cory A. Muscara, M.D., P.C., Cory A. Muscara, M.D., P.C. D/B/A Family Medicine Associates Of West Babylon, Huntington Hospital, And North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc.	Medical Malpractice	James Wilkens of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo, P.C.	\$8,000,000
February 7, 2018	Jonathan Cohen, et al. v. G & M Realty	Intellectual Property	Eric Baum of Eisenberg & Baum, LLP	\$6,750,000
November 20, 2017	Zhicay v. 236 Buffalo Realty, LLC.	Personal Injury	Christopher L. Vargas of Gorayeb & Associates, PC	\$6,500,000
January 31, 2018	United States of America, et al. v. Home Family Care Inc.	Medicaid Fraud	Elliot M. Schachner, Jill D. Brenner, Audrey J. Gropper, and Amy Marie Held of U.S. Attorney's Office	\$6,400,000
February 16, 2018	Arnaldo Martinez v. The City of New York	Motor Vehicle	Patrick J. Mullaney of Mullaney & Gjelaj, PLLC; Kevin G. Lillis of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C.	\$6,340,000
November 1, 2017	Rajwant v. Vassar Brothers Medical Center	Medical Malpractice	Steven E. North of North & Deutsch, LLP	\$5,950,000
January 9, 2018	Barrett v. Smith	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Michael S. Levine of Rappaport Glass Levine & Zullo, LLP	\$5,750,000
November 20, 2017	Luz Morales v. Davidson Apartments, LLC and MP Management C	Premises Liability	Mark Cipolla of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker L.L.P; and Marc E. Freund of Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, P.C.	\$4,870,000
September 27, 2017	NY et al. v. Kowalczyk and G & I Homes, Inc.	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Charles L. Falgiatano and Jean Marie Westlake of DeFrancisco & Falgiatano; Patricia A. Lynn-Ford and Thomas F. Shannon of Lynn Law Firm, LLP	\$3,875,000
March 18, 2018	Han v. Pandora Travel, Inc.	Motor Vehicle Negligence	James Napoli of Caesar and Napoli, PC	\$2,999,000
November 1, 2018	Seedorf v. Dr. B.	Medical Malpractice	Thomas Moore of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore	\$2,800,000
October 10, 2017	Figueierdo v. Con-Ed	Personal Inury / Workplace Injury	Steven R. Payne of Ginarte Gallardo Gonzalez Winograd, LLP	\$2,500,000
September 27, 2017	Vitiello v. State of New York	Personal Inury / Workplace Injury	David H. Perecman and Peter D. Rigelhaupt of Perecman Firm, P.L.L.C.	\$2,450,000
February 8, 2018	Carmen Ruiz v. 960 Management Inc., and M & N Management Corporation	Premises Liability	Seth A. Harris and Blake Goldfarb of Burns & Harris	\$2,400,000
February 1, 2018	Plaintiff Rape Victim in Negligent Security Case v. Defendant Apartment Building	Negligent Security	Leonard F. Lesser and Rene Simon Lesser of Simon Lesser, PC	\$2,350,000
October 27, 2017	Delacruz v. M. Parisi & Son Construction Company, Inc.	Premises Liability	Louis Grandelli and Ari Lieberman of Law Offices of Louis Grandelli, PC	\$2,250,000
October 17, 2017	Alvarez v. City of New York	Construction Site Negligence	Steven R. Payne of Ginarte Gallardo Gonzalez Winograd, LLP	\$2,225,000
June 1, 2018	Solomon v. Dr. B.	Medical Malpractice	Phillip Russotti of Wingate Russotti Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$2,225,000
November 14, 2017	Estate of Mohamed Bah v. City of New York	Wrongful Death	Randolph M. McLaughlin of Newman Ferrara, LLP	\$2,215,000
January 30, 2018	Clavijo v. PNB Industries, INC.	Labor Law	Jacob Oresky of Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC	\$2,000,000
March 18, 2018	Perez v. 361 E Realty Association	Premises Liability	Steven R. Payne of Ginarte Gallardo González Winograd, LLP	\$2,000,000



Sitting from left to right: Michael Rose; Gregory Hach; Halina Radchenko; David Cheverie  
Standing from left to right: John Blyth; Natasha Berg; Mark Sokoloff; Hillary Nappi; Kathryn Hettler; Seth Pavsner; Anthony Hirschberger

# HACH & ROSE

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Since its founding over 15 years ago, Hach & Rose has distinguished itself as one of New York’s preeminent personal injury law firms. They have developed a reputation and expertise for achieving top results for clients involved in construction accidents, railroad accidents (FELA), truck and motor vehicle accidents, as well as those injured on dangerous premises on and off the job. 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®.

In addition to the accolades received in the legal field, Hach & Roses attorneys have a specialized knowledge for the types of cases that they handle. Attorneys Gregory Hach and David Cheverie worked in the construction field while attending school. Attorney Mark Sokoloff has been representing injured railway workers for over 35 years. Attorney Halina Radchenko is Secretary of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and is a frequent lecturer to attorneys in the Personal Injury field. Trial attorneys Michael Rose and Anthony Hirschberger have a long history of multi million dollar jury verdicts. The collective experience of the Hach & Rose

attorneys places their clients in the best possible position for success and financial security.

Recent results reflect the expertise of this law firm. These results include jury verdicts of over \$13 million for a construction worker who fell off a ladder, over \$12 million for a security guard at a hospital who was injured due to faulty construction, \$8 million for a woman injured in a motorcycle accident, and \$6 million for a woman injured on a dangerous premises.

“I am as proud of our firm’s results as I am of our customer service. We understand that when a person is injured our job goes beyond performing legal work. Our responsibility to our clients when they are in their most vulnerable time is to be there to guide and advise them through all the difficulties that they may face,” Senior Partner Michael Rose notes. While the firm is known for its seven and eight figure success stories, it takes great pride in delivering the same service and attention to detail for clients whose claims have six figure value. Managing Partner Gregory Hach explains, “While it is impossible to restore one’s health, we will never compromise the justice each client deserves. Regardless of the case value, if we commit to taking on a case, our efforts are always the same.”

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March 18, 2018	Romano v. NY Hospital	Labor Law	Steven R. Payne of Ginarte Gallardo González Winograd, LLP	\$2,000,000
March 1, 2018	Orellana v. Staten Island University Hospital	Labor Law	Steven R. Payne of Ginarte Gallardo González Winograd, LLP	\$1,200,000
June 28, 2018	Jessie Linzy-Biokou v. Bill Wolf Petroleum Corp. & 590 East Fordham Road Corp	Premises Liability / Personal Injury	David S. Pasternak of Cartafalsa, Turpin & Lenoff	\$1,200,000
November 1, 2017	Plaintiff in Death of 39 Year Old Woman v. Defendant Nurse Practitioner	Medical Malpractice / Wrongful Death	Jason M. Rubin of Wingate Russotti Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$1,200,000
January 28, 2018	Juana Rodriguez v. Rego II Borrower LLC	Worksite Liability / Personal Injury	Steven Craig Pepperman of Law Office Of Steven C Pepperman	\$1,195,500
January 31, 2018	Ozkul v. Garcia	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Shawn M. Alfano of Daniel P. Buttafuoco & Associates	\$1,016,000
September 27, 2017	Byrd v. Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Product Liability	Conrad E. Adams and Julie L. Rhoades of Matthews & Associates; Luke S. Malamood and George J. Szary of DeGraff, Foy & Kunz, LLP; Benny C. Martin of Law Offices of Ben C. Martin; Tim K. Goss of Freese & Goss, PLLC; Raymond L. Panneton of The Talaska Law Firm, PLLC	\$1,000,000
October 1, 2017	Romos vs. NYCTA	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Cliff S. Argintar of William Schwitzer & Associates, P.C.	\$1,000,000
October 30, 2017	Motta v. Eldred School District	Negligent Supervision	JenniElena Rubino and Jean-Paul Le Du of Rubino Law Firm	\$1,000,000
February 16, 2018	Shadrokh v. Nuara and Merck	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Eitan A. Ogen of Ogen & Sedaghati, PC	\$1,000,000
November 29, 2017	Tuason v. Nitis	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Richard A. Dubi of Richard A. Dubi, PC	\$1,000,000
December 13, 2017	Dick Allen Dolan v. 251 West 51 Hospitality Corp	Premises Liability	Elizabeth Eilender of Jaroslawicz & Jaros	\$1,000,000
March 28, 2018	Richard G. Kuper v. Joshua A Bretstein Sara Nanne Bretstein	Motor Vehicle	Marvin Salenger and Joseph Donnelly of Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro, LLP	\$1,000,000



Left to Right: Kevin McDonald, Brian Schwartz, Barry Washor, Jonny Kool, Dallin Fuchs, Christopher Sallay, Matthew Maiorana

# 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

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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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Dansker & Aspromonte Associates is a boutique-sized personal injury law firm located by the World Trade Center in New York City. The partnership was established in 1986 and has since recovered 100's of millions of dollars for its clients in jury verdicts and settlements. We are big enough to have clout and an impeccable reputation as a hard-hitting litigation firm, but we're small enough to treat each client as a unique human being with specific needs and concerns about their legal issues. What sets us apart from other firms is our desire and ability to listen intently to the questions and concerns of our clients and to work with them through the process of their cases. We can't prevent a catastrophic injury or accident from happening, but we will do everything possible to provide the support and expertise that will get injury and accident victims the compensation to which they are entitled and deserve.

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### Verdicts and Settlements

- \$50 million**  
4-year old injured by faulty anesthesia during eyelid repair
- \$31 million**  
NYC police officer involved in motor vehicle accident en route to a crime scene
- \$10.3 million**  
Theatre intern struck by rear door of a turning truck
- \$8 million**  
Twins injured at birth
- \$8 million**  
Awarded to tenants in an apartment building fire
- \$7.5 million**  
For the family of a deceased NYC sanitation worker injured while on the job
- \$6.6 million**  
Infant passenger in a motor vehicle accident
- \$6.3 million**  
Woman struck by police motor scooter
- \$6.2 million**  
Bicycle delivery man struck by speeding car
- \$6.1 million**  
Bicyclist struck by rental van
- \$5 million**  
Delivery man fell down elevator shaft after doors opened
- \$5 million**  
Family members in stopped motor vehicle struck by tractor trailer on NYS Thruway





Construction Accidents, Motor Vehicle Accidents & Machinery Accident

## Dervishi Law Group, P.C.

Fatos Dervishi, Esq.

A personal injury attorney with offices in the Bronx, Manhattan **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. In 2008 he partnered with Jared Levine and Duane Morgan to form **Dervishi Levine and Morgan, P.C.** In 2012 he formed his own firm, the **Dervishi Law Group**. Mr. Dervishi remains extremely active in the Albanian-American community, serving as a liaison for its members and assisting recent and longtime residents with their legal and other needs.

### NOTEWORTHY CASES

The **Dervishi firm** and the team of **Morgan Levine Dolan, P.C.** was able to secure a \$4.5M settlement for a seriously injured construction worker when the 27 year old suffered spinal injuries due to a heavy beam falling onto his shoulder at work. The plaintiff was unable to return to work and was forced to undergo a one level lumbar fusion

surgery. As a result of the accident, plaintiff was never able to return to his job as a union construction worker. The firm was able to secure the financial security necessary for the injured worker to raise his two young daughters.

The firms also recently secured a \$1.925M settlement for a seriously injured union carpenter when he fell off an unsteady ladder due to a failed safety device. The fall caused a herniated disc in the 50 year-old plaintiff's neck that required a one level cervical spine fusion surgery. As a result of the injuries sustained in the fall the Plaintiff was unable to return to the job he loved. "We are proud to be able to offer the financial security and to help provide some level of comfort in an otherwise terrible situation."

"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."



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# Morelli Law Firm

Masters of Civil Litigation: Personal Injury, Construction Accidents, Trucking & Auto Accidents, Sexual Harassment, Defective Drug and Medical Device Litigation, and Medical Malpractice



Stacia Grossman

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 discrimination, to all forms of personal injury, to defective drugs and medical devices, the Morelli Law Firm consistently delivers for its clients.

"We're well-positioned to handle any type of case," says Benedict Morelli, the firm's founder. "But it's our results and unwavering commitment to our clients that makes us stand out."

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 often called upon to manage high-profile litigation. In 2015, he secured a confidential settlement for Tracy Morgan in a highly publicized lawsuit against Wal-Mart after the comedian was severely injured in a car accident involving a Wal-Mart truck. The case was fully resolved within 10 months of the accident.

"We have never been scared to take on powerful adversaries," said Morelli, reflecting on his lawsuit against the largest company in the world. "Our firm has the experience, resources, and resolve to fight it out with anyone."

Morelli Law Firm applies the same passion for its celebrity clients as it does for its lesser known clients. The firm is currently representing the family of a 7-year-old girl who was electrocuted after touching a public handrail at an MGM resort in Maryland. Morelli and his team have filed a lawsuit against MGM and are preparing for trial, determined to get justice for the family and girl, who will grapple with severe brain damage for the rest of her life.

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 a federal judge to be one of a few firms to lead the hundreds of plaintiffs, and was instrumental in resolving the case for \$265 million - the largest train accident settlement in U.S. history. As part of the process, Morelli and team played a critical role in getting Congress to raise the federal damages cap, making a \$265 million settlement possible. 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 are challenging, complex cases that require significant resources and time," Morelli says. "But, they are also incredibly important - representative of corporate negligence that can't go unchecked. We feel fortunate to take them on and help bring justice to deserving victims."



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# New York's Top Settlements

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Settlements reported from October 2017 to October 2018

Date	Case	Type Of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
August 30, 2018	Olin Corporation v. Lamorak Insurance Company	Contract / Insurance And Bad Faith	Alan E. Popkin of Hush Blackwell LLP; Craig C. Martin of Jenner & Block LLP; Joan Laura Lewis and Ryan Shawn Luft of Dickstein Shapiro LLP	\$120,000,000
May 24, 2018	37 Besen Parkway, LLC v. John Hancock Life Insurance Company	Contract / Insurance And Bad Faith	Steven Gerald Sklaver, Glenn Charles Bridgman, Rohit Nath, and Seth D. Ard of Susman Godfrey LLP	\$91,250,000
July 18, 2018	United States of America v. The City of New York	Labor And Employment / Civil Rights	John Vagelatos, Michael J. Goldberger, and Richard P. Donoghue of U.S. Attorneys Office	\$20,832,000
October 05, 2017	Thakoor Dayaram Stella Dayaram v. The City of New York New York City Department of Sanitation, Alphonse L. Landi, 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East and Gerard J. Cadet	Motor Vehicle	Mark E. Weinberger and Conrad Jordan of The Law Offices of Mark E. Weinberger P.C.	\$13,350,000
March 16, 2018	Madison Cubi v. Moehlen	Medical Malpractice	David M. Fish, Esq. of David Fish; and Cari B. Rincker, Esq. of Rincker Law, PLLC	\$4,800,000
<b>June 22, 2018</b>	<b>Dannon C. Cardona v. City of New York and the New York City Housing Authority</b>	<b>Worker/Workplace Negligence</b>	<b>Carissa M. Peebles and David H. Perecman of The Perecman Firm, P.L.L.C.</b>	<b>\$4,200,000</b>
September 17, 2018	James Bonavita and Nicole Bonavita v. Quibble Cab Corp., Siby Mahmoudou and Gregory Andrews	Motor Vehicle	Joseph Napoli and Kristina Marie Georgiou of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC	\$4,192,500
October 30, 2017	Raph A Foxhall III and Jillian Foxhall v. Oldcastle Inc	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Joseph A. Rossi of Kammholz Law PLLC	\$3,300,000
<b>March 05, 2018</b>	<b>Hilarion Torres v. Love Lane Mews, LLC Love Lane Pooh, LLC &amp; Red Hook Construction Group-I, LLC</b>	<b>Workplace Safety / Personal Injury</b>	<b>Jacob Oresky of Jacob Oresky &amp; Associates, PLLC; Nick Gjelij of Mullaney &amp; Gjelij, PLLC</b>	<b>\$2,750,000</b>
November 29, 2017	Eagleston v. DeDomenico	Vehicular Liability	Christopher Bragoli of Bragoli & Associates	\$2,750,000
<b>March 05, 2018</b>	<b>Hilarion Torres v Love Lane Mews LLC</b>	<b>Worksite Liability</b>	<b>Jacob Oresky of Jacob Oresky &amp; Associates</b>	<b>\$2,750,000</b>
October 27, 2017	Iselso Delacruz Rafaelina Torres v. M. Parisi & Son Construction Company, Inc. and DO & CO New York Catering, Inc	Premises Liability	Louis Grandelli and Ari Lieberman of The Law Offices of Louis Grandelli, P.C.	\$2,250,000
<b>January 9, 2018</b>	<b>Veton Celaj v. Henry Cornell</b>	<b>Worksite Liability</b>	<b>Ylber Albert Dauti of Dauti Law Firm PC</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>
February 1, 2018	Ralph J. Franzese v. Jason M. Proceszyn and The Terminix International Company Limited Partnership	Motor Vehicle	Jeffrey A. Block of S. Joseph Donahue of Block & O'Toole	\$2,200,000
<b>January 30, 2018</b>	<b>Walter Clavijo v. PNB Industries, Inc. Tessler Developments LLC., and DRA Consultants LLC</b>	<b>Construction / Labor Law</b>	<b>Jacob Oresky of Jacob Oresky &amp; Associates, PLLC</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

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## Compassionate Representation – Extraordinary Results

The Lambrou Law Firm, P.C. is maintaining its position as one of the most well-regarded law firms in the area of Plaintiffs' Medical Malpractice and substantial Personal Injury matters. In 2018, amongst numerous other honors, the firm was named one of the Best Law Firms of America. The founder of the firm, **Lambros Y. Lambrou, Esq.**, has put together a team that offers clients top-notch representation, compassionate client interaction and extraordinary results. The firm and Mr. Lambrou continue to receive the accolades and honors of those at the top of the legal profession. He has been named to the New York Metro Super Lawyers list for the sixth year in a row. The firm is on the cutting edge of technology and trial science with the manner in which they prepare and present their cases. The firm employs cutting edge jury research techniques, the insight of which allows for better preparation for the trial and trial presentation in a state-of-the-art format. Members of the firm lead seminars for other attorneys and also travel across the country to take continuing legal education courses taught by similarly successful and accomplished attorneys. The firms co-counsel arrangements with out-of-state attorneys has given the firm a national presence wherein the firm litigates cases in other states. This enables the firm to help people not only in New York but in other states around the country. In addition, many firms from other states call upon the Lambrou Law Firm to assist them with their cases in New York.

The Firm's allegiance to its clients and its accomplishments in the law have earned the firm notable recognitions and awards. These high honors, given to only the top tier of law firms and lawyers, attest to Mr. Lambrou's top tier legal acumen and the proficiency and skill of the Firm's team of professionals.

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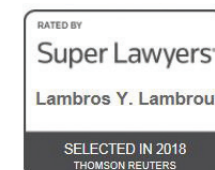
Selected as a Lifetime Charter Member of Rue Ratings Best Attorneys of America: 2014

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October 17, 2017	Manuel Bailon v. Stahl York Avenue Co., LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence	S. Joseph Donahue and Jeffrey A. Block of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$2,000,000
February 08, 2018	Nelson Velasquez v. 452 Fifth Owners LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Christopher F. Holbrook of Schwartzapfel Lawyers P.C.	\$2,000,000
March 01, 2018	Gina Sloman v. Matthew Beckerle, Beckerle Lumber Supply Co Inc and Brobec LLC	Motor Vehicle	Eliot M. Schuman of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP	\$1,800,000
April 24, 2018	Trevon J. Godwin v. SHS Upper City NY II LLC and Triton Construction Company	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Carissa M. Peebles and David H. Perecman of The Perecman Firm P.L.L.C.	\$1,750,000
October 13, 2017	Joyce Boateng v Cooper Beech at White Plains Condominium	Premises Liability	Matthew Paul Tomkiel of Tomkiel & Tomkiel	\$1,750,000
January 03, 2018	Richard, Inga v. Axia Realty, LLC Citi Structure, LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Richard, Inga v. Axia Realty, LLC Citi Structure, LLC	\$1,500,000
December 04, 2017	Kante Loceni v. Richard Klinghoffer Robert Manasier	Motor Vehicle	Stephen J. Murphy and Michael J. Hurwitz Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$1,350,000
November 09, 2017	Robert Wasilewski v. 533 Leo LLC and Sunrise Construction, LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Daniel P. O'Toole and Frederick C. Aranki of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$1,275,000
April 11, 2018	Rafael Villalobos v. City of New York New York City Housing Development Corporation	Worksite Liability	Carissa M. Peebles of The Perecman Firm P.L.L.C.	\$1,225,000
March 20, 2018	Mario Malfitano v. Extell West 57th Street, LLC. and Lend Lease Construction LMB, Inc.	Construction	Adam M. Hurwitz and Carissa M. Peebles of The Perecman Firm P.L.L.C.	\$1,200,000
May 10, 2018	Anthony Gonzalez and Margaret Gonzalez v. Paramount Group Inc and Allianz Global Investors US LLC	Worker/Workplace Negligence	David H. Perecman and Carissa M. Peebles of The Perecman Firm P.L.L.C.	\$1,200,000
January 28, 2018	Juana Rodriguez v. Rego II Borrower LLC East Bay Mechanical Corp and RPC General Contractors, Inc.	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Keith D. Silverstein and Steven C. Pepperman of Keith D. Silverstein & Associates, P.C.	\$1,195,500
November 16, 2017	Karlene White v. JMM Springnex, LLC; Rainbow USA, Inc.; Rainbow Women's Retail Group Ltd.; American Landscape Management Corp.; Mattone Group; Springnex LLC; & Springnex Realty Corporation Inc.	Worker/Workplace Negligence	Lora H. Gleicher of Silbowitz, Garafola, Silbowitz, Schatz & Frederick, L.L.P.	\$1,065,000
May 14, 2018	Dennis Smith v. AEM Realty Corp., LLC and Euro-Tech Structural Corp	Premises Liability	Stephen B. Kahn of Elefterakis, Elefterakis & Panek	\$1,037,500
February 08, 2018	Brandon Michael Aran v. Christine M. Orton	Motor Vehicle	Alan B. Hodish of Law Offices of Alan B. Hodish, LLC	\$1,000,000
July 03, 2018	Juan Vasquez v. The City of New York	Premises Liability	Philip Monier of Monier Law Firm	\$1,000,000
November 29, 2017	Lee Anne Cabreza Tuason v. Anthony G Nitis	Motor Vehicle	Richard A. Dubi of Law Offices of Richard A. Dubi, P.C.	\$1,000,000
November 21, 2017	Nelson Hardy v. Countrywide Transportation Inc., Manuel Hernandez and Diogenes Estevez	Motor Vehicle	Frank Filopei of Ricigliano & Filopei, P.C.	\$1,000,000



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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 Perecman, has been practicing trial law for almost 40 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. Perecman'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.

Last 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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# PAUL B. WEITZ & Associates, PC

## Construction Accidents, Medical Malpractice, Premises Liability

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.

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

Attorney Tzaneteas is highly selective in the cases he takes. He gives them his full attention, and this has earned him a reputation of excellence and garnered the trust of his fellow attorneys. These attorneys frequently give him their most important cases when it is time to go to trial. His verdicts and settlements have totaled millions of dollars in recoveries for his clients and he prepares every case for victory by trial.

Mr. Tzaneteas earned his law degree from New York Law School and is a member of The Brooklyn Bar Association and The New York Trial Lawyers Association. He has spent his entire career only representing clients who were hurt due to the negligence of others. After working for many prestigious firms, Mr. Tzaneteas decided to build upon his years of experience and open up his own firm so that he may give his clients individual attention.

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In addition to being profiled as a Leading Personal Injury Attorney, Mr. Hodish has received the "Leadership in Law" Award from Long Island Business News and is a past recipient of the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce's "Business Person of the Year."

During the past year Mr. Hodish has enjoyed multiple successes, some of which include:

- \$1,000,000.00 settlement for a young motorcyclist who was struck by a lady making a left turn
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Mr. Hodish prides himself on being experienced enough to litigate against the largest law firms, while small enough to provide personal attention and detail to his client's needs.



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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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