

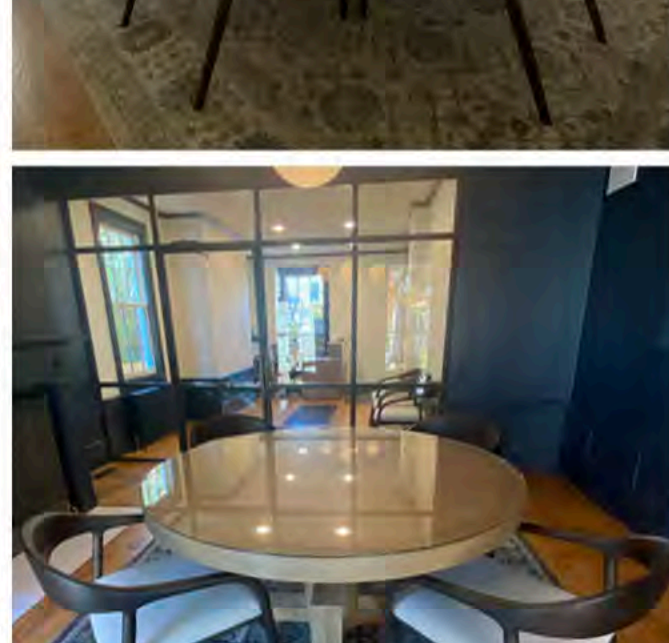
# BASCH & KEEGAN

PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

## Brief Insights



A DIGITAL BULLETIN—NOVEMBER 2021



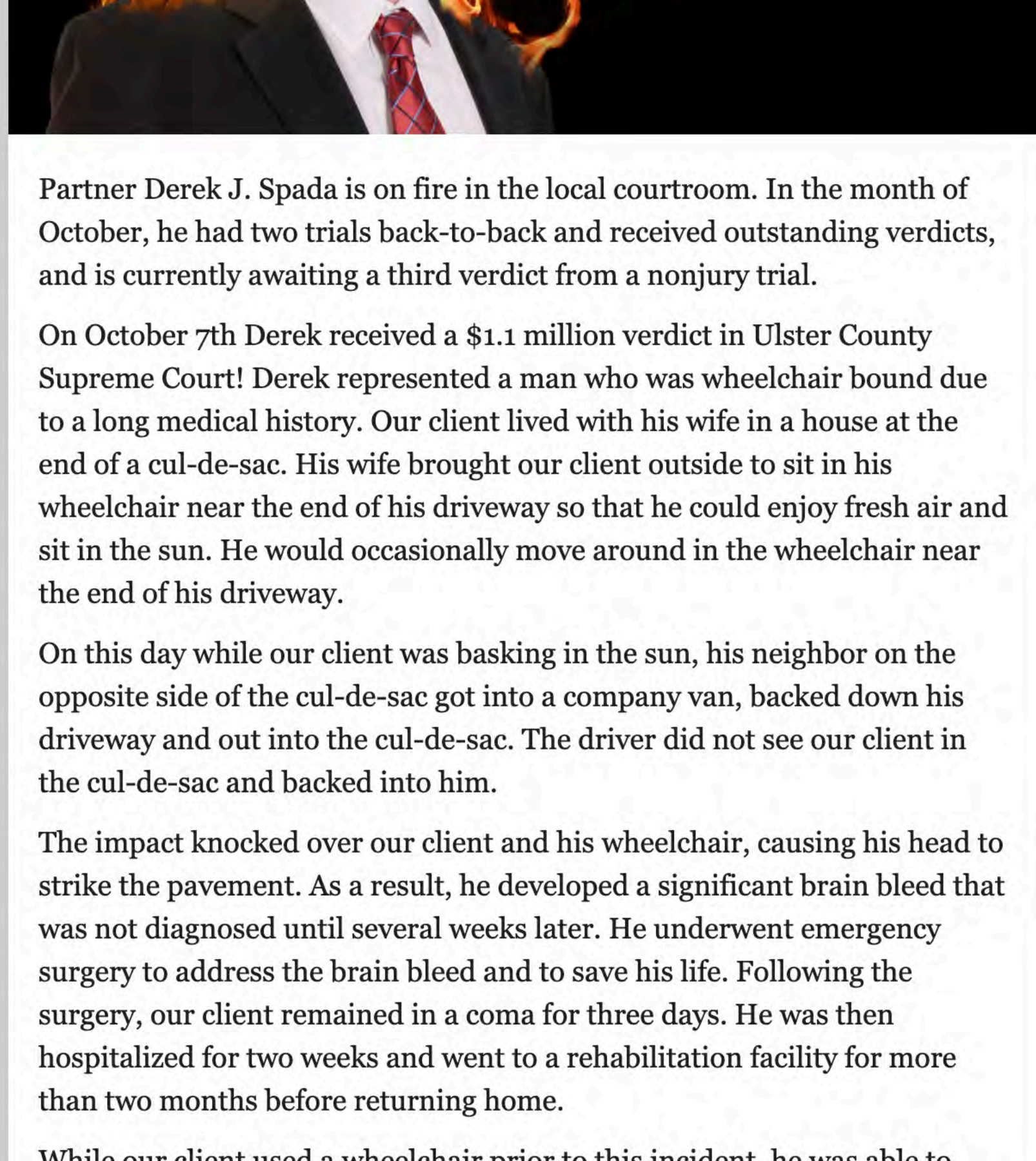
### We Have Expanded into the Neighboring Building!

Basch & Keegan has been anticipating its expansion into the neighboring office building for months! After a full and extensive renovation, 303 Clinton Avenue is fully operational! Both Derek and John, along with numerous support staff members, have moved their offices to the new building.

303 Clinton Avenue was built in 1829 by the same architect who built the existing Basch & Keegan office at 307 Clinton Avenue. Originally the building was a private home. During the 1960's – 1970's the building functioned as a doctor's office. Then local attorney Alfred B. Mainetti, Esq. owned and operated his law firm in the building from the 1980's until about a decade ago. Most recently the building was owned by the Honorable Philip Kirschner and leased out to various other professionals.

Basch & Keegan partners John A. DeGasperi and Derek J. Spada bought the building together from Judge Kirschner and renovated the space. As two young partners with the firm, this expansion solidified their positions and transformed the entire property of Basch & Keegan. The improvements include a more inclusive sidewalk for all and massive exterior landscaping. When renovating the sidewalks, we were able to save the three large trees in the front of the buildings and planted five new ones!

Derek and John spent over two years working on 303 Clinton Avenue in Kingston. They are now thinking of opening a side business in carpentry with the skills they have developed! Just kidding – the attorneys are too busy helping clients resolve their personal injury lawsuits. This expansion will allow the firm to take on more cases and help even more people who suffer accidental injury or death.



## Derek J. Spada is on fire, winning TWO Verdicts in a Row!

Partner Derek J. Spada is on fire in the local courtroom. In the month of October, he had two trials back-to-back and received outstanding verdicts, and is currently awaiting a third verdict from a nonjury trial.

On October 7th Derek received a \$1.1 million verdict in Ulster County Supreme Court! Derek represented a man who was wheelchair bound due to a long medical history. Our client lived with his wife in a house at the end of a cul-de-sac. His wife brought our client outside to sit in his wheelchair near the end of his driveway so that he could enjoy fresh air and sit in the sun. He would occasionally move around in the wheelchair near the end of his driveway.

On this day while our client was basking in the sun, his neighbor on the opposite side of the cul-de-sac got into a company van, backed down his driveway and out into the cul-de-sac. The driver did not see our client in the cul-de-sac and backed into him.

The impact knocked over our client and his wheelchair, causing his head to strike the pavement. As a result, he developed a significant brain bleed that was not diagnosed until several weeks later. He underwent emergency surgery to address the brain bleed and to save his life. Following the surgery, our client remained in a coma for three days. He was then hospitalized for two weeks and went to a rehabilitation facility for more than two months before returning home.

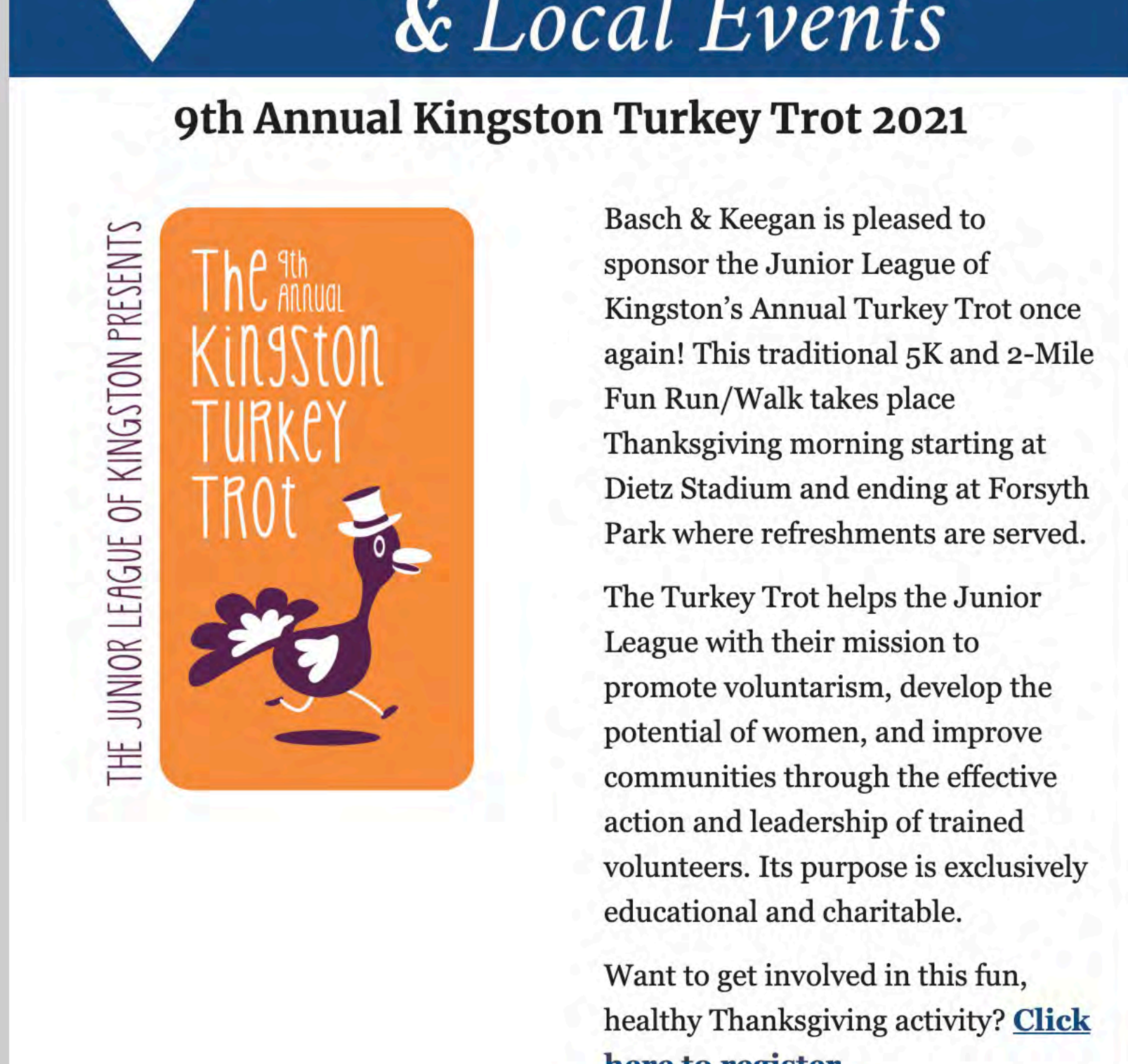
While our client used a wheelchair prior to this incident, he was able to participate in activities and enjoy life in numerous ways that he could not do following the brain surgery.

The defense offered \$25,000 to settle the case and attempted to diminish the significance of the injuries based on our client's pre-existing condition. The defense also blamed our client and his wife for the incident.

Derek used his knowledge of the law and phenomenal trial skills to prove that the driver of the van was 100% responsible for the collision, and he also convinced the jurors that the injuries warranted a \$1,100,000.00 verdict. This is Derek's largest verdict!

Then, the following week on October 15th Derek represented a client who is a lifelong toy inventor that had the prototypes of action figures he invented in the 1960's stolen from his home. The inventor's insurance company denied his claim & alleged that the toys were business property. Derek engaged in a lengthy battle with the insurance company & won on the coverage issue in June. The compensation trial took place last month. The original offer from the insurance company was \$27,500. Derek obtained a \$141,000 verdict WITH interest (about \$160k total) for our client!

Stay tuned for the decision in his third, nonjury trial happening now!



## THANKSGIVING STUFFING DRIVE 2021

### 5th Annual Stuffing Drive with People's Place

Basch & Keegan is working with The Ulster County People's Place for the 5th year to supply stuffing for their annual Thanksgiving Feast, which provides meals for hundreds of families in need every year.

We decided the best way we could help would be to engage our amazing Hudson Valley community by collecting and donating stuffing!

**You can help by donating stuffing to one of our offices: 307 & 303 Clinton Avenue Kingston, NY before 1PM on Monday November 15th**



### 9th Annual Kingston Turkey Trot 2021



Basch & Keegan is pleased to sponsor the Junior League of Kingston's Annual Turkey Trot once again! This traditional 5K and 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk takes place Thanksgiving morning starting at Dietz Stadium and ending at Forsyth Park where refreshments are served.

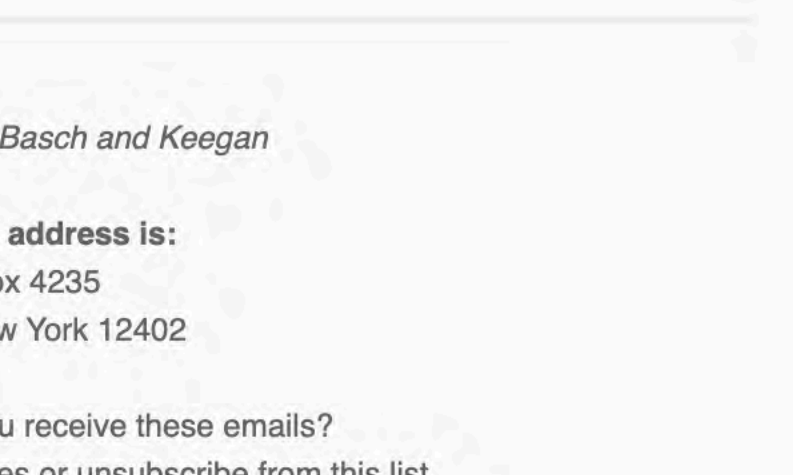
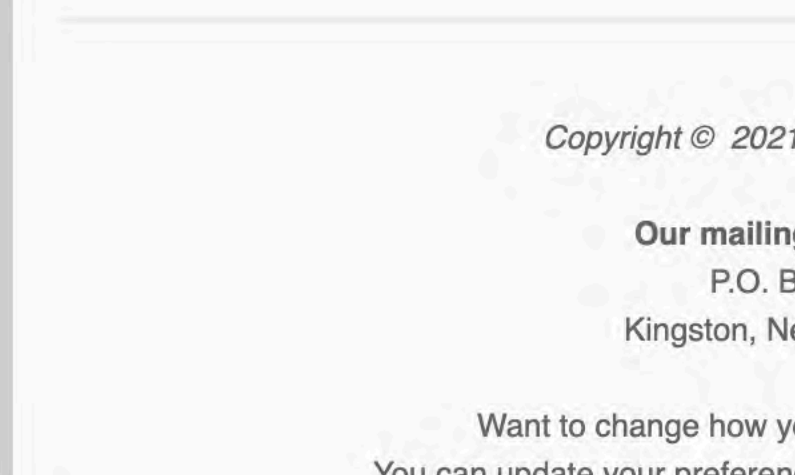
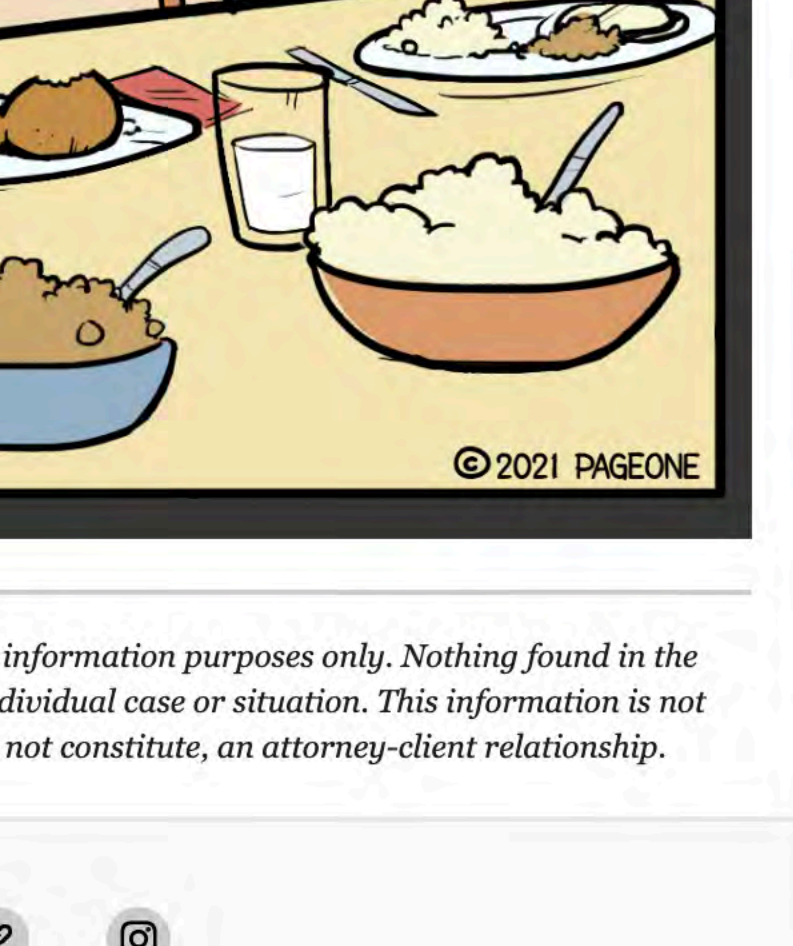
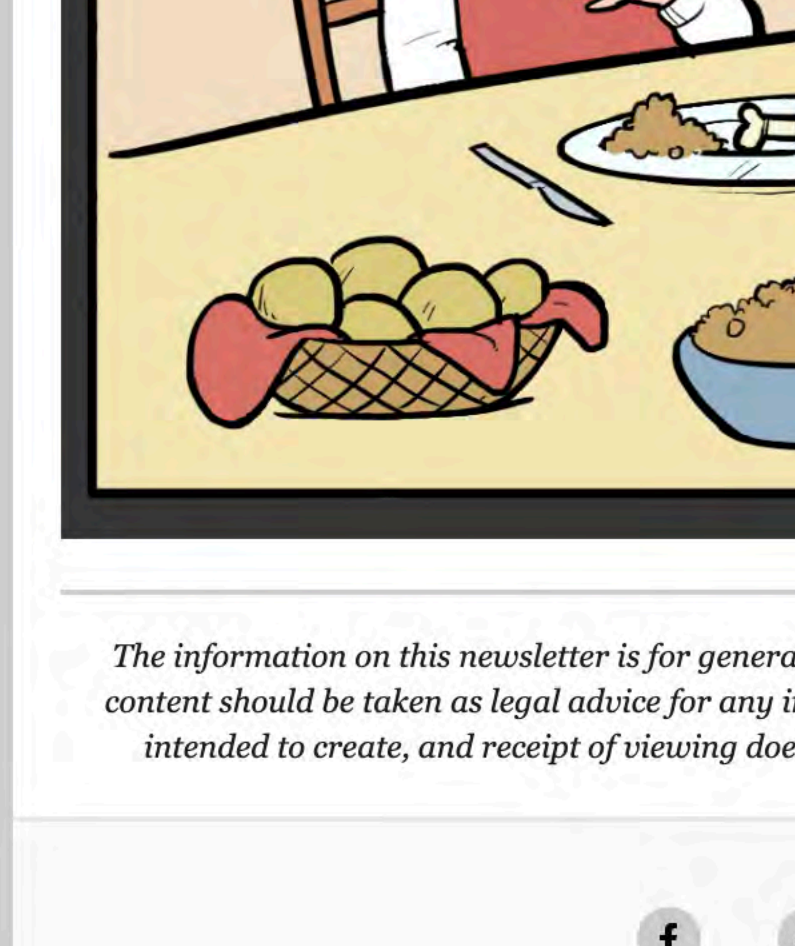
The Turkey Trot helps the Junior League with their mission to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Want to get involved in this fun, healthy Thanksgiving activity? [Click here to register](#)

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled if you attend – some of our attorneys may be participating in the run!

### Snapshots of Last Month's Events

Here are some pictures from the **SUNY Ulster Gala:**



Here are a few photos from the **Kingston Midtown Market Hispanic Heritage Celebration:**



## A Brief Relief



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