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PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

Brief Insights

A DIGITAL BULLETIN—JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021 was a noteworthy year at Basch & Keegan. Here is look back to 2021 with our Law Firm:

- Basch & Keegan voted #1 Best Law Firm in the Hudson Valley in the Chronogrammies!
- Eli Basch, Maureen Keegan, Derek Spada & John DeGasperis all voted Super Lawyers!
- Basch & Keegan, LLP expansion into neighboring building, 303

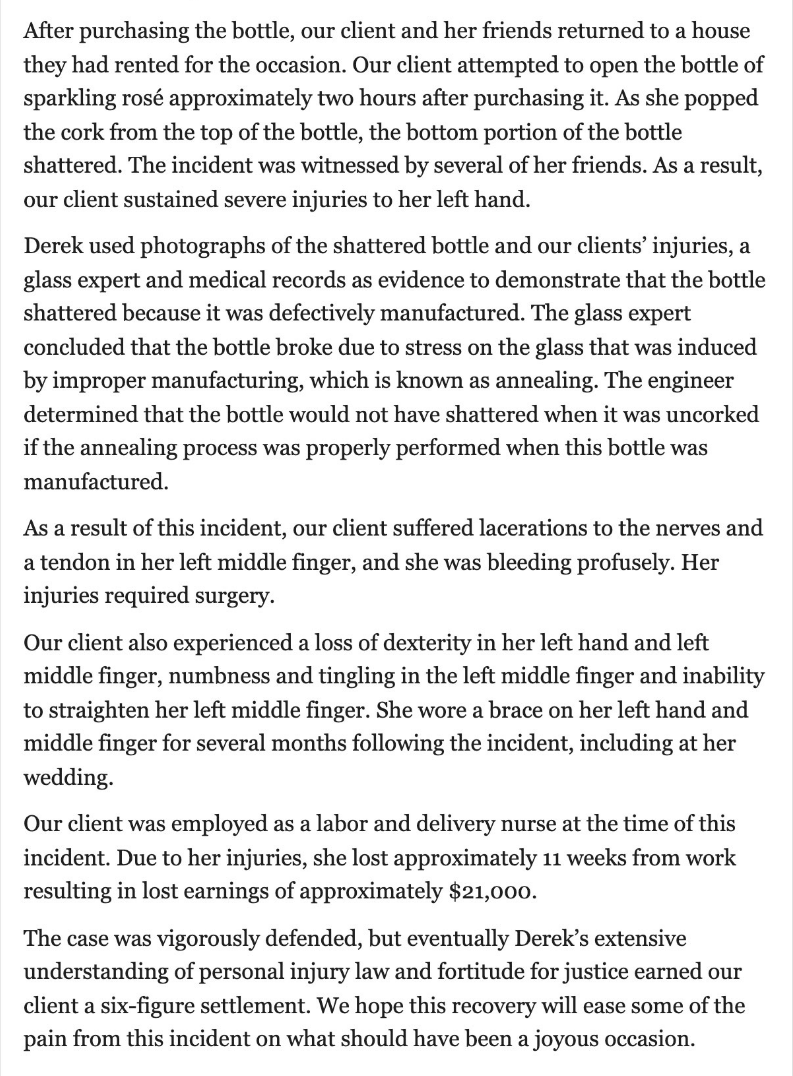
Clinton Avenue in Kingston!

- Maureen Keegan &amp; Eli Basch voted Hudson Valley Magazine Top Lawyers!
- $1.1 Million Dollar Verdict for Derek Spada, the largest jury verdict in Ulster County during 2021!
- Derek Spada voted President of Bar Association for an unprecedented 3rd term!
- John DeGasperis voted #1 Best Attorney in the Chronogrammies!
- John DeGasperis voted Super Lawyers Top 40 Under 40!
- Millions of dollars in Settlements & Verdicts for all our clients!

Derek J. Spada Receives Significant Recovery in Challenging Case

Partner Derek J. Spada obtained a significant settlement for a Basch & Keegan client who suffered life-long injuries to her middle finger after a bottle of sparkling rosé exploded when she uncorked it.

Our client attended her bachelorette party with several of her friends at a winery. The group purchased a bottle of sparkling rosé. The bottle was manufactured by a company based in Chile, distributed by another company, bottled at another winery, and then transported to the winery where our client purchased it.



After purchasing the bottle, our client and her friends returned to a house they had rented for the occasion. Our client attempted to open the bottle of sparkling rosé approximately two hours after purchasing it. As she popped the cork from the top of the bottle, the bottom portion of the bottle shattered. The incident was witnessed by several of her friends. As a result, our client sustained severe injuries to her left hand.

Derek used photographs of the shattered bottle and our clients' injuries, a glass expert and medical records as evidence to demonstrate that the bottle shattered because it was defectively manufactured. The glass expert concluded that the bottle broke due to stress on the glass that was induced by improper manufacturing, which is known as annealing. The engineer determined that the bottle would not have shattered when it was uncorked if the annealing process was properly performed when this bottle was manufactured.

As a result of this incident, our client suffered lacerations to the nerves and a tendon in her left middle finger, and she was bleeding profusely. Her injuries required surgery.

Our client also experienced a loss of dexterity in her left hand and left middle finger, numbness and tingling in the left middle finger and inability to straighten her left middle finger. She wore a brace on her left hand and middle finger for several months following the incident, including at her wedding.

Our client was employed as a labor and delivery nurse at the time of this incident. Due to her injuries, she lost approximately 11 weeks from work resulting in lost earnings of approximately $21,000.

The case was vigorously defended, but eventually Derek's extensive understanding of personal injury law and fortitude for justice earned our client a six-figure settlement. We hope this recovery will ease some of the pain from this incident on what should have been a joyous occasion.

CHRONOGRAMMIES 2022

Nominate us
In the **Law Firm**
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It’s Chronogrammies Time Again!

The nominations for the 3rd Annual Chronogammies with Chronogram Magazine are now OPEN! Basch & Keegan is proud to have won first place in the “Best Law Firm” category last year, and with your help we can do it again!

Please take a minute to nominate Basch & Keegan, LLP in the “Law Firm” category, and consider nominating our partners for “Best Attorney”: Eli Basch, Maureen Keegan, Derek Spada & John DeGasperis. We appreciate your support to help Basch & Keegan make it into the final five.

Nominations are open from January 1st – February 15th. The more nominations we get, the closer we are to moving into the voting round! **Nominate us now here:**

Nominate Us

Click the green nominate button next to our law firm/attorneys name and follow the prompts to confirm your selection.

Thank you, and we appreciate your support!

January is Birth Defect Awareness Month

It is estimated that 150,000 children are born each year with birth defects, yet many people aren't aware of the different types of birth defects, the factors that may contribute to birth defects or the legal aspects involved.

Here are two Basch & Keegan blogs dedicated to this sensitive, but important topic:

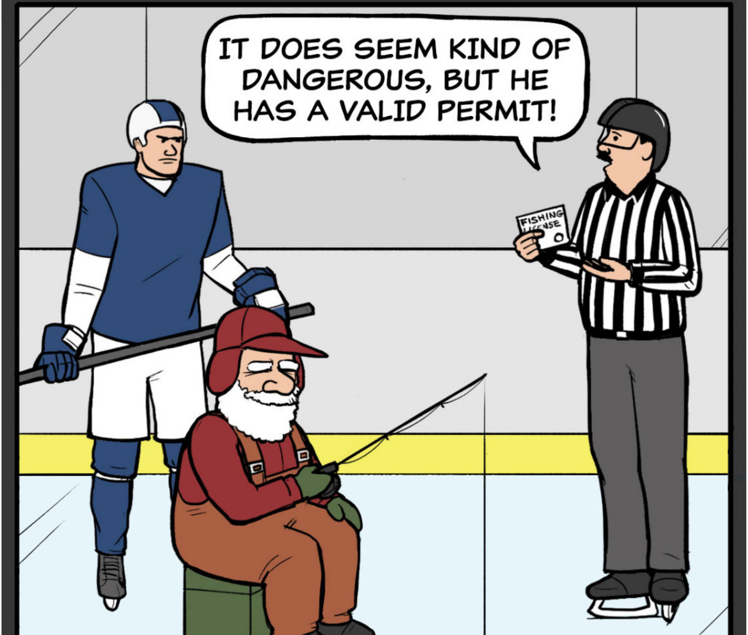
Birth Defect Awareness Month

How Birth Injuries Differ From Birth Defects

Holiday Snapshots:

We hope everyone had a great Holiday Season! Here are some pictures of Basch & Keegan
celebrating with co-workers:

A Brief Relief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