

# BASCH & KEEGAN

PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

## Brief Insights



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### Attorney Spotlight: Meet Mikael Cohn



We would like to take a moment to welcome a new addition to Basch & Keegan, attorney Mikael Cohn. Beginning in January 2020, Mikael is Of counsel to Basch & Keegan and will be practicing personal injury law at the firm.

We sought Mikael out for a variety of reasons, including his longstanding ties to the community—he was born and raised in New Paltz—his many successes in and out of the courtroom, and his dedication to the delivery of justice.

He previously served as Assistant District Attorney in Ulster County and Ulster County Conflict Defender, successfully representing hundreds of clients and often taking cases to jury trial. From 2015-2018, the only trial he lost was reversed on appeal.

Mikael finds guiding clients through the complexities of the legal system to be extremely rewarding and he enjoys taking on challenging cases. He prides himself on being responsive and accessible to his clients. Welcome aboard, Mikael!

### **John DeGasperis Obtains \$570,000 For Trip & Fall Victim Following Six-Day Trial**



Basch & Keegan attorney John DeGasperis recently represented a Kingston, NY woman who was injured after tripping and falling in the parking lot of a Lake George motel, an accident that resulted in life-altering injuries.

Besides being burdened with \$46,000 in medical bills and missing 60 weeks of work while she recovered, the injured woman was eventually told by doctors that her injuries were so severe she could never return to her old line of work, and would need to find a new career.

In spite of all that, the defendant's insurance company offered to settle the case for just \$25,000, so DeGasperis took the case to trial.

[Read more about this case in our blog](#)

**Maureen Keegan Obtains \$1,000,000 Settlement For Woman Who Suffered Removal of Healthy Kidney**



# A troubling example of what can occur when doctors rush to judgment

Basch & Keegan attorney Maureen Keegan recently negotiated a \$1 million settlement in a medical malpractice lawsuit involving a woman who suffered the removal of her healthy kidney when a doctor mistook a benign growth for cancer.

The case represents a troubling example of what can occur when doctors rush to judgment and rely on assumptions without following the recommendations of other expert physicians to ensure a correct diagnosis.

[Read all about it in our blog](#)

**Praise From Our Clients**

“Maureen & Eli knew exactly how my case needed to proceed. Their legal advice was 100% spot on... I highly recommend this law office for any person dealing with a personal injury.”

— “ELIZABETH”,  
A BASCH & KEEGAN CLIENT



