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PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

Brief Insights



A DIGITAL BULLETIN—JULY 2020



New Office Safety Guidelines

We are committed to taking all steps necessary to protect our clients and our staff from the dangers of COVID-19. Key details of our new safety protocols to fight the spread of the coronavirus:


Office Entry: Please call (845) 338-8884 when you arrive to let us know you're here. We ask that you use the office's rear entrance and exit through the front door.

Safety Procedures: Staff and visitors are required to wear masks inside the building. Hand sanitizer will be available at a health & safety station near the entrance, we ask that you apply it upon entering. Disposable face masks will be available for visitors who do not have one.

Document Drop-Off: We now offer a secure dropbox at the back of the building for any documents you need to deliver. We will check the dropbox twice daily at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Appointments: The majority of our appointments with clients will be handled remotely through telephone calls or video conferencing apps. In-office appointments will still remain limited. We will not allow more than one client in our office at any time.

Please call us at (845) 338-8884 if you have any questions or concerns.



Derek Spada
Wins Appeal
For Medical
Malpractice
Victim

Basch & Keegan partner Derek Spada recently won an appeal for a victim of medical malpractice who was left blind in one eye following a botched eye surgery.

The victim sought treatment for a change in vision and a white spot in his eye from the defendant, an Albany-based ophthalmology practice.

The victim underwent a procedure known as a full thickness corneal transplant. Problems arose when the victim returned to the defendant's practice to have sutures removed from his eye. The transplant soon became infected, eventually causing the victim to suffer a retinal detachment and permanent loss of vision in his left eye.

When the victim initiated legal action against the ophthalmology practice, they responded by filing a motion to have his case dismissed. That motion was denied, but the ophthalmology practice appealed the decision.

Derek Spada fought the appeal and prevailed, ensuring the victim will have an opportunity to obtain compensation for his life-altering injuries and hold the doctors accountable for their actions.

Medical malpractice cases are often the most complex type of injury case, and appeals are typically the most challenging aspect of a case. At Basch & Keegan, we are well-equipped to handle every aspect of any personal injury case.



When the Hudson Valley entered Phase Four of the state's reopening process, courts in Ulster County and surrounding counties officially resumed limited in-person appearances, which allowed for grand jury trials in criminal cases. Still, the timeline for resuming civil trials remains in question.

Governor Cuomo recently extended the executive order that temporarily suspends the statute of limitations for all civil cases until at least August 5th. Normally, the District Attorney has 6 months to prosecute a case, as the constitution grants the right to a speedy trial. Since juries cannot safely be impanelled during the pandemic, the right to a speedy trial must be temporarily suspended.

However, this does not mean that personal injury victims should wait to consult with an attorney. It is still important to begin investigating any possible negligence as soon as possible and to review the statute of limitations filing deadline with an attorney.

Follow Basch & Keegan on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more updates as this situation develops.

As Construction Resumes, Risk of Injury Remains A Concern



Construction work resumed in the Hudson Valley in May as the region entered Phase One of the state's reopening process, marking an important milestone in our return to normalcy.

Construction is critically important to our economy, but it often involves very dangerous work. The possibility of contracting COVID-19 on a job site adds another layer of peril to an occupation that already exposes workers to the risk of catastrophic injury or death.

According to OSHA, Out of the 4,779 worker fatalities in private industry in 2018, 1,008 (or roughly one in five) were in construction. The four leading causes of fatalities, sometimes referred to as the "fatal four" are:

Falls - 33.5% of fatalities

Being Struck by An Object - (11.1%)

Electrocution - (8.5%)

Caught Between Objects - (5.5%)

If you or someone you know suffered an accident on a construction site, don't wait. Begin by discussing your case with us during a **free consultation**.



asch & Keegan co-founder Eli Basch's passion for practicing law can be traced back to when he was 13 years old and an attorney went to bat for his father, who had been seriously injured in a workplace fall the previous year.

A firm believer in the importance of good Personal Injury representation, Eli was one of the first lawyers in the Kingston area to limit his practice to that area. Since then, he's handled more trials than any Personal Injury attorney now practicing in Ulster County, and he's represented more injury victims than any attorney in the county's history.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Eli Basch.

A Brief Relief

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