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Medical malpractice occurs when a healthcare professional fails to provide treatment that meets the accepted standard of care, resulting in harm to the patient. This requires expert testimony from medical professionals who can testify about the appropriate standard of care and how it was breached in your case. In addition to demonstrating a deviation from the standard of care, you must also prove that the healthcare provider directly caused your injuries. This often requires gathering medical records, consulting with experts, and conducting thorough investigations to establish a causal link between the negligence and your harm.

In this case, Derek immediately consulted an expert who agreed there was a deviation from the standard of care. After years of rigorous legal proceedings, including extensive discovery and depositions, the medical malpractice case proceeded to mediation because both parties recognized the complexities and uncertainties of a trial.

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John A. DeGasperis: Bridging Futures as Chair of Ulster Community College Foundation



Earlier this year Basch & Keegan law partner John A. DeGasperis stepped into the position of Chair of the Board of Directions for the Ulster Community College Foundation (the Foundation). He has served as a Director for the Foundation since 2016.

John's journey with SUNY Ulster began in 2001 as a student, where he had the opportunity to utilize the resources he needed to be successful in the pursuit of academics. In 2016, John returned to SUNY Ulster to volunteer his time and energy back to the college.

John recently had the opportunity to speak at the 2024 commencement ceremony at Ulster Community College. As Chair, his commitment to education and community development resonated deeply with the graduating class and attendees alike. With words of wisdom and inspiration, John conveyed the significance of education as a transformative force, igniting hope and ambition in the hearts of the graduating students as they embarked on their journey beyond academia.

Over the years the Foundation has grown. Proof of the Foundation's commitment to SUNY Ulster students can be seen in the growth of annual scholarships granted. In 1989, the Foundation awarded \$15,000 in scholarships. The awards grew to \$700,000 in 2022-23, with a budget of \$1,000,000 in 2023--2024, a record high, all because of the generosity of our donors and alumni.

Basch & Keegan is a proud sponsor of the Ulster Community College Foundation and all four of the law partners have individually given scholarships to local students through the President's Challenge Scholarship program. Furthering education for our local community is a core value in the philanthropic mission of the firm.

John's position as Chair speaks volumes about his dedication to the institution and its values. As a leader, John has played a pivotal role in guiding the Foundation's initiatives, ensuring that they align with the college's mission of academic excellence and community engagement.



Legal Wheelhouse: Learn Your Cycling Rights and Rules of the Road!

Join the Basch & Keegan Legal Wheelhouse event to learn about your cycling rights and the rules of the road! This informative series with two more dates: June 15th from 9am - 12pm and July 16th from 3-6 PM, is designed to help cyclists understand how to stay safe and navigate the legal landscape.

Bring your bike to the YMCA repair clinic for minor repairs and take advantage of the opportunity to talk to a lawyer from Basch & Keegan, a personal injury law firm, about bike safety and legal rights. To encourage safety, we'll be giving away free bike bells, lights, and reflective vests to all attendees. Don't miss this chance to boost your bike's performance and get critical safety information!



Join us at the 3rd Annual Woodstock Harley-Davidson

"Cruise In"



Basch & Keegan, LLP is excited to be the Presenting Sponsor again for the 3rd Annual Woodstock Harley-Davidson "Cruise In". Bikes, Cars, Trikes and Antiques are all welcome to Cruise In on June 7th from 4pm -7pm. We'll be there once a month this summer!

Basch & Keegan will be supplying food, giving away merchandise and raffling off \$100 gift card to the dealership at each event: Woodstock Harley-Davidson, 949 State Route 28 Kingston, NY.

As leading personal injury attorneys in the Hudson Valley, we understand the risk our friends on two wheels take, and want to make sure everyone on the road is aware of motorcyclists. If an injury does happen on your bike, we are Here to Help.

"Cruise In 2024" dates are June 7th, July 12th, August 2nd, and September 6th.

Upstate & Litigate, Episode 17:

Construction Site Accidents



This month partners Derek Spada & John DeGasperis discuss the topic of Construction Site Accidents, and what to do if you find yourself injured at a construction worksite.

Watch the full episode of Upstate & Litigate on YouTube or listen to the show on Spotify or Apple Podcast.

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Basch & Keegan is Here to Help the Community.

Here is a List of Upcoming Sponsorships:

- **Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation:** June 2nd, Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls, 11am.
- **Cruise In 2024:** June 7th, Woodstock Harley-Davidson, 4pm - 7pm.
- **YMCA Bike Clinic - Legal Wheelhouse: Learn About Your Cycling Rights:** June 15th, YMCA Parking Lot, 507 Broadway in Kingston, 3pm - 6pm.

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As a law firm, we contribute to many local charities and sponsor community events. We love to get involved in what's going on in Kingston, and we love to get out and see our neighbors at local events. If you have an event coming up and are seeking sponsorships, tell us about it by scanning the QR code and filling out the form on our website!