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Motorcycle Awareness Month



May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, a time to remind all motorists about the importance of safety on the roads, especially when it comes to our friends on two wheels. At Basch & Keegan, your trusted personal injury law firm in the Hudson Valley, we know the unique risks that motorcyclists face, and we're dedicated to keeping everyone safe on the road.

Motorcyclists are more vulnerable to accidents and serious injuries, largely because they lack the protective frame and safety features of cars and trucks. As the weather warms up and more riders hit the road, we all need to be extra vigilant to prevent accidents and ensure that everyone gets to their destination safely.

If you've been in a motorcycle crash, it's crucial to know the right steps to take.

Ensure Safety: Move yourself and your bike out of traffic if possible. Call 911 for emergency assistance and get medical attention, even if you think you're okay.

Contact Law Enforcement: Report the accident and wait for the police to arrive. An official report is crucial for insurance and legal reasons.

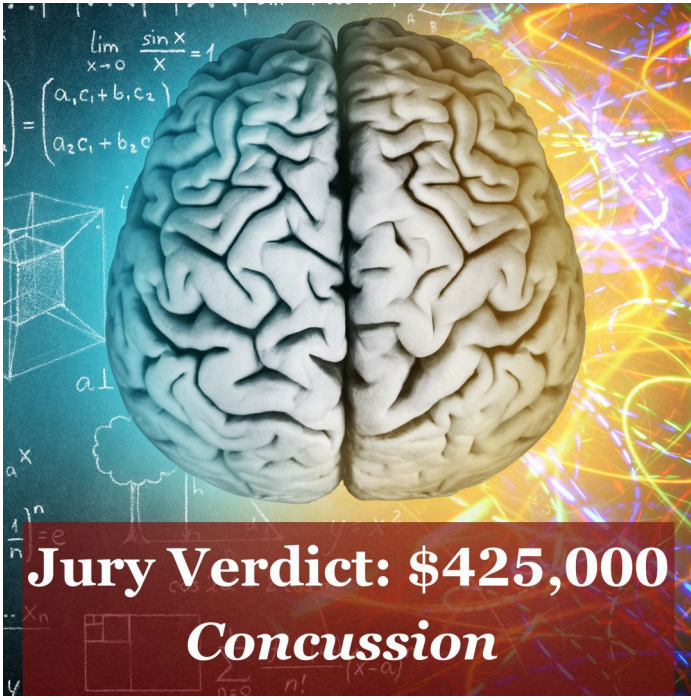
Gather Information: Take photos of the scene, damage, and any visible injuries. Exchange contact and insurance details with other parties involved, and gather witness information if available.

Notify Your Insurance Company: Inform your insurer about the crash, but avoid making detailed statements until you speak with an attorney. Understand your policy and coverage.

Seek Legal Advice: Motorcycle crashes can lead to complex legal issues. Contact Basch & Keegan for expert guidance on your rights and options.

Remember, we are Here to Help you through this challenging time. If you need legal assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities.

John A. DeGasperis Triumphs in Trial



A Basch & Keegan client recently went to trial seeking justice for a concussion that she suffered after a car crash. After a week-long trial, an Ulster County jury rendered a favorable verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of \$425,000.

A concussion is a form of a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). These types of cases present significant challenges. They are harder to settle and bring to trial because TBI is hard to prove.

“The insurance company thought they were going to fool the jury,” said trial attorney John A. DeGasperis in a post-trial interview. “They were wrong. My client suffered a legitimate head injury.”

“I see TBI cases differently than most lawyers,” explains John. “Personal injury lawyers want easy cases with broken bones. Those cases are easy because diagnostic imaging proves the injury. Most closed head injury cases are not supported by diagnostic imaging. The lawyer must prove an invisible injury.”

John understands the struggles associated with TBI more than the average personal injury lawyer because his late father was a victim of a brain injury after a stroke. He witnessed firsthand the struggles suffered by brain injury victims and their families.

John took this case to trial because he believed his client’s struggle with post-concussion syndrome was real. Post-concussion syndrome occurs when symptoms of mild traumatic brain injury last longer than expected after an injury. These symptoms may include headaches, dizziness, and problems with concentration and memory. The symptoms can last weeks to months.

The jury clearly agreed with the plaintiff since they returned a verdict six times the settlement offer. Partner John A. DeGasperis and trial paralegal Katherine R. Farley handled the matter. Basch & Keegan, Here to Help.

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Our firm is nominated in THREE amazing categories for the 2024 Chronogrammmies Reader Choice Award.

1. Best Law Firm - Basch & Keegan, Here to Help.
2. Best Lawyer - Partner, Derek J. Spada!
3. Best Regional Podcast - Upstate & Litigate.

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LEARN YOUR CYCLING RIGHTS

at the
YMCA Repair Clinic
YMCA Parking Lot • 507 Broadway, Kingston

May 21st:
3pm–6pm

June 15th:
9am–12pm

July 16th:
3pm–6pm

(Rain dates the following day at the same time)

Bring your bike for a repair by the YMCA!

Basch & Keegan personal injury law firm will be offering free legal advice regarding bicycle safety and legal rights. Ask an attorney about any legal issue on your mind.

**PLUS free bicycle bells,
lights & reflective vests**
(while supplies last)



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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, held on May 21st from 3-6 PM, June 15th from 9 AM-12 PM, 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!

Upstate & Litigate, Episode 16: Workers Compensation & Personal Injury Law, with Guest Ralph Kirk, Esq.



This month partners Derek Spada & John DeGasperi invite local workers compensation attorney Ralph Kirk onto Upstate & Litigate! The three lawyers discuss how workers compensation claims intersect with personal injury claims. Watch the full episode of Upstate & Litigate on YouTube or listen to the show on Spotify or Apple Podcast. New episodes of Upstate & Litigate are released the first Tuesday of every month.



Basch & Keegan is Here to Help the Community.

Here is a List of Upcoming Sponsorships:

- **2nd Annual Hudson Valley Marathon**
 - *May 4th, 3pm - 6pm:* Pre-Race Party at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum in Poughkeepsie - Grab a free Reflective Vest and other materials from the Basch & Keegan booth!
 - *May 5th:* Race Day, Walkway Over the Hudson.
- **Benedictine Health Foundation's Family Feud:** May 8th, Diamond Mills in Saugerties, 5:30pm.
- **The Children's Home of Kingston 4th Annual Community Dinner:** May 16thm Wiltwyck Golf Club, 6pm.
- **CCE Annual Recital and Fundraiser "Puttin' on the Ritz":** May 18th, Ulster Performing Arts Center, 6pm - 8pm.
- **YMCA Bike Clinic - Legal Wheelhouse: Learn About Your Cycling Rights:** May 21st, YMCA Parking Lot, 507 Broadway in Kingston, 3pm - 6pm.

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