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New England's Trusted Personal Injury & Social Security Disability Law Firm

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- Auto Accidents
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Uninsured Motorist
- Alcohol Related Accidents
- Medical Malpractice
- Wrongful Death
- Premises Liability

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- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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MARASCO & NESSELBUSH

Named a Tier 1, U.S. News Best Law Firm

We are pleased and proud to announce that Marasco and Nesselbush has been named one of the 2018 “Best Law Firms” by US News & World Report and Best Lawyers®. The recognition, in Plaintiff’s Personal Injury Litigation, speaks to the firm’s reputation in the legal community. We are proud to receive this prestigious honor and thank our peers for recognizing our achievements and our clients for providing us with the opportunity to serve you. U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers® publicly announced the “Best Law Firms”. Firms included in the 2018 “Best Law Firms” list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers.



“U.S. News is the global authority in rankings,” says Tim Smart, executive editor of U.S. News & World Report. “Evaluating law firms is a natural extension of what we do best.”

To be eligible for a ranking, a firm must have a lawyer listed in The Best Lawyers in America, which recognizes the top four percent of practicing attorneys in the U.S. Both partners, Donna Nesselbush and Joseph Marasco, are recognized in the list of “Best Lawyers in America” making the firm eligible for inclusion. Over 10,000 attorneys provided more than 800,000 law firm assessments, and over 10,000 clients provided more than 90,000 evaluations in the review process.

PERSONAL INJURY

Firm's Experience Results in Multiple Wrongful Death Recoveries

In 2017, our firm’s reputation for handling serious injury, wrongful death and medical negligence claims continued to cultivate. Our personal injury team achieved outstanding results in numerous cases over the last year. Partner Joseph Marasco, Senior Litigation Attorney Mark H. Grimm, and Senior Associate Attorney Anthony Buglio, who together have nearly 100 years of legal experience, spearheaded wrongful death litigation on numerous medical malpractice claims.

One case involved the tragic death of an elderly patient, wherein our client successfully battled cancer surgery only to develop a post-surgical infection and

abscess which went untreated, ultimately resulting in his untimely demise. After assembling an extraordinary team of expert witnesses and years of litigation, the responsible parties were held accountable through a confidential settlement.

In another tragic and complex case, Marasco & Nesselbush attorneys proved that our client met his untimely demise due to a failure to timely diagnose lung cancer. The failure to diagnose and treat cancer is a difficult and often litigated area of medical malpractice law. In this case, medical imaging demonstrated an abnormality which went without further investigation,

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MARYELLEN SQUILLANTE

Social Security Specialist

Honored as Employee of the Year



From left to right: Donna Nesselbush, Maryellen Squillante and Joseph Marasco

Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize Maryellen Squillante as our 2017 Employee of the Year. Maryellen joined Marasco & Nesselbush in 2011, after 35 years of being a Claims Representative for the Social Security Administration. Maryellen serves the firm as a Social Security Specialist, assisting clients through the various phases of the disability process.

Maryellen describes the most rewarding part of her job as “helping people and seeing the relief on their faces when we win their case, and their worries wash away.”

Partner Donna Nesselbush says, “Maryellen is a rare gem. She is infinitely knowledgeable about Social Security disability, but as importantly, she is kind, compassionate, and has an amazing work ethic. She is a gift to our clients and our firm.”

When Maryellen is not working, she enjoys quilting, face-timing her daughters and grandchildren, spending time with her husband and traveling.

ANTHONY BUGLIO

Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Attorney

Honored as Employee of the Quarter



Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize Anthony Buglio as our Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2017. Buglio has nearly three decades of extensive trial experience practicing before the Rhode Island Superior and District

Courts. Buglio’s dedication to his clients reflects the firm’s values and reputation for the commitment to obtaining extraordinary legal results for each and every client.

Partner Joe Marasco speaks highly of Buglio, saying, “We are so blessed to have Anthony as part of our legal team. He is always professional, kind, and committed to achieving great legal results for his clients.”

When Buglio is not working, he enjoys cycling and riding about 1,500 to 2,000 miles per year.

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leading to a delayed diagnosis. Attorneys Marasco, Grimm and Buglio, established that the delayed diagnosis and treatment led to metastatic cancer of the brain, and our client’s subsequent demise. After extended litigation, the matter was resolved by the defendant’s insurance carrier.

A third recent and tragic case related to the death of a minor child due to a pediatrician’s failure to diagnose and treat a serious infection. After the

disclosure of expert opinions obtained by Marasco & Nesselbush attorneys, the defendant’s insurance carrier chose to avoid further litigation by extending a policy limit offer of settlement.

While no amount of compensation can ever replace the loss of a loved one, the resolution of these cases eased the financial burden of those left behind, ensured that medical providers are held accountable, and will hopefully lead the medical community to exercise greater care.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY



Partner Donna Nesselbush Lectures at the Rhode Island Bar Association

Partner Donna Nesselbush and Senior Attorney Mariam Lavoie provided members of the Rhode Island Bar with a seminar on Social Security disability law. The CLE seminar discussed topics such as the difference between Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, eligibility requirements, and benefits of both SSDI and SSI.

Nesselbush and Lavoie also provided instruction to the attorneys attending regarding the application process, the appeals process, and the five-step sequential analysis that the Social Security Administration uses to determine eligibility for disability benefits.

Rhode Island Woman's Benefits Restored After SSI Fraud Scare

“Mary” is a 56 year old woman who was initially awarded social security benefits in May 2016. She later learned that someone was using her Social Security Number illegally. The Social Security Administration in Pawtucket confirmed that Mary was an innocent bystander in a large Social Security fraud, rooted in Puerto Rico and New York. This fraud claim paused her benefits before she was even receiving them.

The issue was resolved when the supervisor at the SSA in Pawtucket issued Mary a new Social Security Number, and transferred her earnings under the original Social Security number to the new one. Mary received all of her retroactive benefits and will continue to receive uninterrupted Social Security Benefits.

RWU Law Sponsorship



Marasco & Nesselbush was pleased to sponsor Roger Williams University School of Law's Champions for Justice event on Friday, January 26th at the Omni Hotel in Providence. This event benefited the social justice programs of RWU Law School, including Alternative Spring Break, the Pro Bono Collaborative, Public Interest Clinical Externships, Public Interest Summer Stipends, and RWU Law Clinics.

Your success and happiness lies in you.
Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

-Helen Keller



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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Marasco and Nesselbush's Charitable Foundation, funded by the attorneys and staff of the firm, has raised over \$50,000 for non-profits across Rhode Island. This past holiday season, attorneys and staff selected five organizations to receive funding from our Charitable Foundation. These organizations are: Friends Way, Higher Ground International, Operation Stand

Down, The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale, and Comprehensive Community Action Program. Each organization's donation amount was determined by the results of a social media campaign. Friends Way placed first in the social media campaign, receiving a \$2,500 donation from the Charitable Foundation. The remaining four organizations received a donation between \$500-\$1,500.



Operation Stand Down's Check Presentation



Higher Ground International's Check Presentation



Friends Way's Check Presentation



FLU SEASON TIPS

Here are some tips to prevent the flu and stay healthy this winter!



Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially before and after meals.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.



Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it!



Avoid any close contact with sick people.



Don't share drinks with anyone!



Stay hydrated all day long.

For more tips visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm>

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Thank You

For Your Kind Referrals and Friendship

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our many current and former clients, friends of the firm, fellow attorneys, doctors and other healthcare professionals who continue to refer their friends, family members, clients and patients to Marasco & Nesselbush for legal representation. We consider referrals to be the highest compliment.