



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

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### Personal Injury Law

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

### Social Security Disability Law

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

### Workers' Compensation Law

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## PERSONAL INJURY

### *Million Dollar Recovery Arising out of Disputed Claim for Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress*

One fall afternoon, our client and his coworker stepped outside their workplace for a brief mid-day break. The two were standing inches away from one another, having a casual conversation next to their building, when out of nowhere the coworker was struck and killed by a reckless driver. Our client, fortunate to escape with his life and without direct physical harm, would go on to suffer tremendously from significant mental and emotional injuries. He required years of psychiatric and psychological treatment, was affected deeply in his personal life and would lose his livelihood. He came to Marasco & Nesselbush to see what recourse was available to him. Attorney Tim Lynch was hired to represent him. Tim worked contemporaneously with a criminal investigation and a private investigator, gathering evidence and preparing the client's civil case. Complicated legal issues arose which prevented the client from recovering directly from the individual that was directly responsible for the tragedy. Attorney Lynch raised a claim with the

client's own insurance company pursuant to the client's uninsured motorist bodily injury coverage. This claim was initially denied as the insurance company vehemently declined to offer any compensation to the client. The insurance company argued that the client did not have a viable claim under Rhode Island tort law due to the nature of the relationship between the client and the coworker, and the fact that the client had not been physically struck by the motor vehicle. Undeterred, and confident that the law was on their side, Attorney Lynch filed a lawsuit on the client's behalf, alleging breach of contract and bad faith against the insurance company. The case was litigated, and experts were retained. As the case approached trial, the insurance company, for the first time, began looking to settle. Ultimately, the client recovered the entire value of all applicable insurance coverage, \$1,000,000. These funds have helped him rebuild his life and to provide financial stability for his future.

### *Surgical Negligence Results in \$1.4 Million Award*

Attorneys Mark H. Grimm and Timothy Lynch recently achieved a 1.4-million-dollar settlement on behalf of a patient. The patient, who underwent a recommended surgery, claimed that the surgeon negligently damaged a nerve during the surgery, causing permanent injuries.

Defendants strongly denied that the nerve was injured and asserted that the

patient's complaints and condition were the result of other diagnosed medical conditions. After extensive work up and preparation, including multiple depositions and medical research, and after engaging and preparing top experts in the field, the matter was resolved shortly before what was expected to be a lengthy trial.

## ARIANA BA

### *Honored as Employee of the Year 2018*



Congratulations to Ariana Ba, who was named Marasco & Nesselbush 2018 Employee of the Year.

Ariana (Ari) joined Marasco & Nesselbush as a Hearing Assistant back in 2010. These days, Ariana is the Team Leader for our Social Security Disability group and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College.

"Ari is a well-deserved recipient of our Employee of the Year award. Ari has been recognized by her

peers and management as exemplifying our firm's core values: diligence, honesty, intelligence, and integrity. She is always willing to go the extra mile for our clients and continually maintains a can-do attitude. Ari constantly strives to improve how things are done and strengthens the team around her in the process. Congratulations to Ariana for a job well done", said partner Donna Nesselbush.

"I love the work I do. I am a people person", says Ariana. "Working at Marasco & Nesselbush allows me to meet many interesting and wonderful individuals from all walks of life. I meet someone new every day and most importantly help someone new every day! The work I do is incredibly fulfilling and reminds me of how lucky I am to have my health. Working at Marasco & Nesselbush reminds me to be grateful and appreciate the life I have".

Ariana enjoys volleyball, salsa dancing, and walking along the beach. But mostly she loves spending time with her family and her one-year old son. When asked, 'what is the one thing she could not do without', Ari replied, "It's a tie between high heels and chocolate".

## LISA HANLON

### *Honored as 2018 Employee of the Quarter*

Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize Lisa Hanlon as our Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2018.

Lisa Hanlon joined Marasco & Nesselbush in 2014 and manages all the firm's medical malpractice files. A graduate of Roger Williams University with a Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal Studies, Lisa has been in the legal profession for over 25 years.

Asked what she likes most about working at Marasco & Nesselbush Lisa said, "I really like how we all work together as a team. But what I mostly love about my job, is the way our firm cares so much about its clients and staff, and how M&N gives back to the community".

In her spare time, Lisa enjoys, crafts, cooking, the outdoors, spending time with her two children, and a good cup of coffee.

"At Marasco & Nesselbush, we pride ourselves on the fact that our employees always demonstrate compassion, kindness, and a willingness to go above and beyond for our clients, and Lisa is no exception. We are very grateful to have Lisa on our team", stated partner Joseph Marasco.



Partner

**DONNA  
NESSELBUSH**

### *Receives 2019 Extraordinary Woman's Award*

Congratulations Donna, on being included among the women chosen as this year's recipients of the Woman's Development Institute – Extraordinary Woman Award. Since 2001, the Woman's Development Institute has recognized distinguished women in Rhode Island with the Extraordinary Woman Award in recognition of their dedication, hard work, and leadership. This year's Extraordinary Woman Award Dinner and International Woman's Day celebration took place on March 8th, at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. Proceeds from the event supported programs founded by the Woman's Development Institute with support from community leaders.



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

-Anne Frank



## Marasco & Nesselbush has Once Again Been Recognized by U.S. News - Best Lawyers "Best Law Firm"

We are proud to announce that Marasco & Nesselbush has been named one of the 2019 "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. Firms included in the 2019 "Best Law Firms" list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise. The Best Lawyers in America, recognizes the top four percent of practicing attorneys in the U.S. Both partners, Donna Nesselbush and Joseph Marasco, as well as attorney Mark Grimm have been 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.



In addition to being committed to providing extraordinary legal care to our clients, our mission at Marasco & Nesselbush includes serving our community. Toward that end, Marasco & Nesselbush established the Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation.

Funded by the attorneys and staff of the firm, the Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation has raised over \$75,000 for non-profit organizations across Rhode Island. We are proud to announce that in 2018, the following organizations were selected to receive a total of \$22,850:



Ararat Association  
The Providence Center



Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation • Rainbow Fund  
MS DreamCenter alzheimer's association

If you know of a local agency doing great things in the community, let us know about them. Feel free to nominate them to receive a contribution from the Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation. Contact us at 401.274.7400 or visit us online:  
[www.m-n-law.com](http://www.m-n-law.com).



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## WHAT TO DO If You Are In An Auto Accident



Call 911 right away.  
Do NOT move your vehicle until a police officer says it's OK, unless it's necessary for safety reasons.



If you or your passengers are hurt, get medical help right away. If paramedics, EMTs, or police officers advise you or your passengers to take an ambulance to an emergency room, do it.



Get the names, addresses, and phone numbers of everyone who saw the accident happen (including other drivers and people walking on the street).



Get the names, addresses, drivers' license numbers and insurance information from all the other drivers involved in the accident.



If the person who hit you flees the scene before the police arrive, try to get the license plate number. Write down the plate number, state, color and model of car, if possible.



If possible, take pictures of the accident scene and damage to all vehicles with a camera or cell phone.



Never talk with an insurance company (even your own) before you talk with your attorney.

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*Happy Spring!*

## SPRING GIVEAWAY



Spring is just around the corner and warmer days are just ahead. Marasco & Nesselbush is pleased to offer a free insulated cooler bag to our past and present clients, and friends of the firm. These cooler bags are ideal for the office, job site, and school. It's another small way we can say thank you for your many years of support, kind referrals, and friendship. Quantities are limited! So please stop by our Providence office any time between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday-Friday to pick up your cooler.

*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.