



Rhode Island's Trusted Personal Injury and Disability Law Firm

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Personal Injury Law

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

Social Security Disability Law

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

Workers' Compensation Law

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Traumatic Brain Injury Case Results in a Million Dollar Recovery

The Marasco & Nesselbush litigation team recently obtained a seven-figure settlement in a personal injury case involving a Rhode Island woman who was struck by a motor vehicle while walking along the side of a roadway. Our client suffered significant injuries, including a traumatic brain injury. Her head injury was so severe it required a craniotomy and initially left her in a coma. Soon after the accident, the family reached out to M&N and began their legal journey.

The insurance company involved acknowledged the catastrophic nature of our client's injuries; however, they denied that they were responsible for paying out a large insurance policy because of a coverage issue. Hiding behind their policy language, they offered a total of \$25,000 to compensate our client. The case was taken to court. From there, it was a litigation process filled with written discovery and depositions. The litigation team which included Partner Joe Marasco, Attorney Tim Lynch, Attorney Anthony Buglio, Paralegal Sara Nolasco and Legal Assistant Selena Fortes worked tirelessly in the pursuit of justice. Ultimately, the matter was heard in the Rhode Island Superior Court.

Attorney Lynch presented an argument to the judge that the insurance contract was misleading, ambiguous and that its ambiguous language should be interpreted in favor of, and not against our client. The judge ruled in our favor. Soon thereafter, the three-year legal battle came to an end, with a just policy limit resolution. Although the finest legal care could not erase our client's suffering, our team held the negligent operator accountable and obtained terrific financial security for our client and her family.

Helping a Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor Obtain Social Security Disability Benefits

The Marasco & Nesselbush Social Security disability team recently obtained a favorable decision after a hearing with the Social Security Administration involving a Traumatic Brain Injury survivor who was initially denied Social Security disability benefits.

Our client was in a horrific motorcycle accident during the summer of 2017. The crash left him with several broken bones, a brain bleed and a traumatic brain injury. After being induced into a coma, our client spent two weeks in the hospital then four weeks in a skilled nursing facility.

Once discharged, he continued to suffer from physical injuries and cognitive deficits which greatly impacted his daily life and ability to work. The physical injuries made it difficult for him to walk and participate in activities that required standing or moving for extended periods of time. The cognitive deficits, including delayed speech, mind fog and stuttering, made it hard for him to concentrate and communicate in a working environment.

Our client contacted M&N after being denied Social Security disability benefits at the initial application stage. Attorney Nicklyn Dolphin and our disability team took immediate action and gathered our client's work history, medical records and cognitive evaluations. The team built a case file, then presented our client's case at a hearing. The outcome of the hearing was a favorable decision, and our client now receives the Social Security disability benefits he deserves.

Attorney Spotlight: Tim Lynch



Attorney Timothy P. Lynch joined the firm in 2010 after graduating magna cum laude from New England School of Law, where he served as an editor for the New England Law Review. Prior to joining Marasco & Nesselbush, Attorney Lynch served as a judicial intern for the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Thereafter, he entered the field of civil litigation.

Attorney Lynch decided to become a lawyer so that he could advocate on behalf of victims and people that might not otherwise be able to advocate for themselves. Attorney Lynch is a member of the Rhode Island Association for Justice and the American Association for Justice. He is also a member of the Top Trial Lawyers in America Million Dollar Advocates Forum, an honor bestowed on those whose litigation skills have resulted in million-dollar recoveries.

When not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing softball, cycling, traveling and supporting Boston sports teams.

HEATHER JENNISON

*Honored as 2019
Employee of the Year*



(l-r) Donna Nesselbush, Heather Jennison and Joe Marasco

Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize Heather Jennison as our 2019 Employee of the Year. Heather is a Paralegal and mentor for the Personal Injury Department and has been working at Marasco & Nesselbush for six years. When asked what she likes most about working at M&N Heather said, "The culture for the staff and clients is my favorite part."

Heather loves spending time with her husband of almost eight years and their three small children. They enjoy the summer months when they can be out on the water here in the Ocean State. When she has some spare time, Heather enjoys playing volleyball!

SARAH NOLASCO

*Honored as 2019
Employee of the Quarter*



(l-r) Donna Nesselbush, Sarah Nolasco and Joe Marasco

Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize Sara Nolasco as our Employee of the Quarter! Sara is a Paralegal and mentor for the personal injury team and will soon celebrate her seventh anniversary with the firm. When asked what she likes most about working at M&N, Sara said, "I like how much we contribute to helping others through our charity and client service. Also, our family environment within the office is something to be admired."

In her spare time, Sara enjoys spending time with her husband, dog Benji and cat Persia. She also enjoys traveling, exploring new places and trying new foods.

CHARITABLE
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SPOTLIGHT



BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
OF RHODE ISLAND (BIARI)

Did you know that March is Brain Injury Awareness month? A Traumatic brain injury is defined as a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the function of the brain. A Traumatic Brain Injury can have short or long-term consequences. The Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island is dedicated to increasing awareness, providing education and enhancing the quality of life for those affected by the consequences of brain injury.

The M&N Charitable Foundation is proud to sponsor this great Rhode Island organization. On March 27, 2020 from 8am-4pm the BIARI is hosting its 19th Annual Statewide Brain Injury Education Conference. The conference will focus on traumatic brain injuries as well as brain diseases and how they relate to brain injury. Go to www.biari.org for additional information.



No Winter lasts forever.

No Spring skips its turn.

April is a promise that

May is bound to keep,

and we know it.

~ Hal Borland, author, *Sundial of the Seasons*

RECENT SETTLEMENTS

Millions Recovered. Thousands of Lives Changed.

We pride ourselves on providing exceptional client service while obtaining extraordinary legal results for our clients. The following are recent results achieved by the Marasco & Nesselbush team.

\$3,000,000

Settlement for a victim of medical negligence

\$2,000,000

Recovery on behalf of the family of a patient who met his demise due to negligent administration and monitoring of anesthesia during a "routine procedure"

\$1,500,000

Recovery for wrongful death due to undiagnosed brain injury in the emergency room

\$1,425,000

Recovery for wrongful death award secured for family of adolescent automobile accident victim

\$1,400,000

Recovery on behalf of a medical negligence victim

\$1,325,000

Policy limit recovery for a pedestrian hit by a vehicle resulting in a Traumatic Brain Injury

\$1,250,000

Recovery on behalf of an adolescent who sustained traumatic brain injury and orthopedic injuries when hit by a drunk driver who had been negligently served alcohol in a local bar

\$1,100,000

Recovery for wrongful death for the family of a man killed in a commercial trucking accident

\$1,000,000

Recovery for a brain injury victim after a car accident

\$1,000,000

Recovery for negligent infliction of emotional distress victim after an auto accident

\$1,000,000

Settlement for a client who sustained a traumatic brain injury in a fall from a second-floor window

If you or a loved one has suffered from a Traumatic Brain Injury and would like legal care, give us a call today.

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In addition to being committed to providing extraordinary legal care to our clients, our mission includes serving our community. Marasco & Nesselbush, along with the Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation have donated more than \$500,000 to local non-profit organizations across Rhode Island.

If you know of a local non-profit organization 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. To nominate an organization, send a message to JoeAndDonna@m-n-law.com and include the name of the organization and reason for nominating them. We hope to hear from you.

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.