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Summer is here and warmer days are just ahead. Marasco & Nesselbush is pleased to offer a free tote bag to our past and present clients, and friends of the firm. These tote bags are perfect for summer beach trips and other outdoor activities.

This is just 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 11AM and 3PM, Monday-Friday to pick up your tote bag.



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.



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

SIX CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

PROVIDENCE, RI: (401) 274-7400
685 Westminster Street

WAKEFIELD, RI: (401) 783-0000
231 Old Tower Hill Road, Suite 206

WARWICK, RI: (401) 738-7700
51 Jefferson Boulevard, 3rd floor

WOONSOCKET, RI: (401) 762-9800
603 Park Avenue, 2nd floor

QUINCY, MA: (617) 773-8700
20 Whitney Road

NEW LONDON, CT: (860) 443-7734
21 Montauk Avenue, Suite G04

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MARASCO & NESSELBUSH

Celebrates 20 Years in Service!

This year Marasco & Nesselbush proudly celebrated its 20th anniversary as New England's trusted Personal Injury and Social Security Disability law firm. To date, the firm has served more than 17,000 clients and prides itself on providing exceptional legal services to the injured and disabled.

In April 1999, two law school friends, Joe Marasco and Donna Nesselbush, joined together as partners to form Marasco & Nesselbush, LLP. The law firm was established on the foundation of old-fashioned hard work, attention to detail, integrity, and a true passion for justice.

"We are a special kind of law firm at Marasco & Nesselbush. We pride ourselves on placing people above profit – always, and where all of our lawyers and bi-cultural staff are relentless in the pursuit of justice for our clients," stated Donna Nesselbush, Partner at Marasco & Nesselbush.

Blessed with success and many referrals from satisfied clients, within a year Joe and Donna hired the first of many additional attorneys to help handle the caseload. Within two years, they had opened a second office in Wakefield with additional office locations to follow. In 2012, the firm expanded into Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Today, Marasco & Nesselbush, has a legal team of more than 60 professionals including 12 accomplished attorneys. The firm has six office locations in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut and serves clients throughout southern New England.

After 20 years, the same unwavering commitment to quality legal work and strong values propels the law firm into the 21st century.



"Donna and I could not be prouder of the extraordinary character of our team and the legal results they achieve," noted Joe Marasco, Partner at Marasco & Nesselbush.



A "Best Place" to Work in Rhode Island

We are honored, once again, to be named a Best Place to Work in Rhode Island for the fourth consecutive year by Providence Business News. Marasco & Nesselbush was one of only four law firms to receive this prestigious award. We are extremely proud and thank everyone who contributed by providing their feedback! It is a true testament to our culture, which is the key to providing our clients with exceptional client service, while creating a highly supportive environment for employees to learn, grow and thrive in their careers!



"We are so thankful that our attorneys and staff think so highly of their experience at Marasco & Nesselbush."

— Donna M. Nesselbush,
Partner at Marasco & Nesselbush

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Multi-Million Dollar Settlement for Medical Malpractice

Senior Trial Counsel Mark H. Grimm and Attorneys Tim Lynch and Tom Moran, recently achieved a multi-million-dollar settlement in a medical negligence case involving the tragic death of an infant.

The parents believed that there was a failure to timely and properly treat their child who was in respiratory distress and that, as a result, the child suffered severe brain damage and died thereafter.

Defendants strongly denied liability. However, after an extensive work up through the litigation process, which included depositions of numerous medical providers, research, and preparation of experts in the field, the matter was resolved shortly before what was expected to be a lengthy trial.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

Can Social Media Affect Your Disability Benefits?

Can a selfie really be dangerous? If you are on social media and applying for or receiving Social Security Disability benefits, it just might be. The Social Security Administration is working on a plan to check on what disability claimants post on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. This is the latest tactic in their attempt to crack down on disability fraud. While many fraud protection measures are already in place, current administrators want online presence to be a factor in whether a person is eligible for disability insurance.

The Social Security Administration is already using social media when a fraud investigation is ongoing. They stated in a recent report that since 2018, "Agency adjudicators use social media information to evaluate a beneficiary's symptoms." For now, the agency selectively reviews social media feeds only if investigators suspect someone is fraudulently collecting benefits and they are looking for corroboration. However, the agency has stated that they want to expand the use of social media to include "assessing the consistency and supportability of evidence in a claimant's case file."

How could this affect you? Imagine you receive SSDI benefits for a debilitating back injury. This injury causes you to be in pain every day and doesn't allow you to work. A special occasion arises, and you are asked to go to a golf outing or to attend a sports event. You attend, although in pain, and manage to

participate very briefly in the activity. If you then posted a photo of yourself playing golf or doing physical activity, your benefits may be at risk.

In a recent article by the New York Times, the Social Security Administration is reported to be working on furthering the use of social media to determine disability eligibility. They believe that social media platforms could be a "treasure trove" of information about those applying for or receiving disability. This fails to take into account that disabled people may be able to lead relatively normal lives, or may post old photos, from before they were disabled. Eric Buehlmann, deputy executive director of public policy at the National Disability Rights Network told AARP, "This proposal starts with the discriminatory assumption that people with disabilities do nothing socially in the community, or have lives, so that anything the person does on social media can be classified as some form of fraud." Suppose you post a photo of yourself out with friends or family who are doing a physical activity. Does this mean that you shouldn't receive the disability benefits you need?

If you are concerned about your disability benefits relating to your use of social media, contact us today. Marasco & Nesselbush is one of New England's largest and most successful social security disability law firms.



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 for the first quarter of 2019, the following organizations were selected to receive a total of \$7,750.



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



HOW TO PREPARE FOR Storms in New England

*Summer is finally here,
and while that means fun in the sun,
it can also bring the threat of dangerous storms.
So, it is always a good idea to
examine your family emergency plan.*

Do you have a communication plan and survival kit for each family member and your pets? Are your important documents saved someplace safe and accessible? What does your insurance cover? If not, or you are not sure, check out our Storm Preparedness Best Practices Checklist. We hope you never have to use your survival kit or insurance, but we'd rather you be ready.



Compile an

INSURANCE GUIDE

- ▷ Take pictures and video of your valuables and possessions prior to the storm's arrival.
- ▷ Review existing policies to understand the extent of your coverage.
- ▷ Earthquake, flood and hurricane insurance is not covered by standard homeowners' insurance.
- ▷ Beware: It can take as long as 30 days before insurance companies pay out.
- ▷ Create a one-page document with insurance policy and account numbers.
- ▷ Store important documents in a safe place such as a safety deposit box and make copies.



Create a

FAMILY EMERGENCY & COMMUNICATION PLAN

- ▷ How will you contact each other?
- ▷ Where will you meet for safety in case of evacuation?
- ▷ Where are the closest hospitals?
- ▷ Where is the survival kit?



Prepare a SURVIVAL KIT

with 3-5 days worth of supplies

Medical

- ▷ Medicine (7 day supply)
- ▷ First Aid Kit

Food and Water

- ▷ Water (1 gallon/person/day)
- ▷ Can Opener and Utensils
- ▷ Nonperishable foods
- ▷ Baby food and supplies
- ▷ Pet food and supplies

Sanitation and Hygiene

- ▷ Sanitation and toiletry items
- ▷ Durable, water-resistant portable container

Shelter, Safety and Comfort

- ▷ Blankets and/or sleeping bags
- ▷ Map of area and evacuation route
- ▷ Hand and body warm packs
- ▷ Flashlight and head lamp
- ▷ Extra Clothes/Shoes
- ▷ Smart phone back-up charger
- ▷ Matches
- ▷ Batteries
- ▷ Whistle
- ▷ Weather Radio

Other

- ▷ Cash
- ▷ Important Documents
- ▷ Emergency phone numbers

Resources: fema.gov; ready.gov



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