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## FIVE M&N LAWYERS IN TOP 5%



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# Marasco & Nesselbush Attorneys Earn Thomson Reuters Recognition as Rising Stars

**W**e are thrilled to announce that attorneys Jane Duket and Tim Lynch have earned the prestigious Rising Star designation from Thomson Reuters. Part of the Super Lawyers rating system, each “Rising Star” has attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area. Only 2.5% of Rhode Island attorneys earn this honor in any given year, and we are ecstatic that we have two of them working with us at Marasco & Nesselbush.

In talking with Attorney Lynch, it is easy to see why his clients and co-workers alike knew he was a rising star long before he was awarded the official designation. “I’ve always believed there is more to being an attorney than simply providing clients with quality legal services,” Lynch said “Our clients are generally going through trying times... and I’ve considered it equally important to be the best legal advocate I can be while also being patient and compassionate and helping to shoulder the burden of our clients problems.”

“Tim’s designation as a Rising Star is a welcome recognition of his excellence as an attorney,” founding partner Donna Nesselbush said “We couldn’t be prouder of our colleague.”

Attorney Lynch adds his Rising Star designation to an extensive list of credentials and honors he has accumulated in less than a decade of practice, including membership in the Rhode Island Association for Justice, the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and the American Association for Justice.

Attorney Lynch graduated cum laude from Northeastern University in 2007 and magna cum laude from New England School of Law in 2010. He is admitted to practice law in the United States District Court, as well as state court in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Attorney Duket’s sense of justice and compassion, which drives her practice, was instilled in her at a young age. “I was always taught to fight for those who may be unable to fight for themselves,” Duket said, “Seeking justice for an injured person is why I chose to practice personal injury and medical malpractice law.”


“This designation confirms what my partner Donna and I have known



about Jane since she joined our firm nearly a decade ago,” founding partner attorney Joseph Marasco said, “She is a tireless fighter for her clients and goes above and beyond in each case to secure justice for those impacted by injury or medical malpractice.”

A Boston College alumna who graduated cum laude from Roger Williams University School of Law in 2010, attorney Duket is admitted to the practice of law in the United States District Court, as well as the state courts in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. She is a member of both the Rhode Island Bar Association and Rhode Island Association for Justice.


“Earning the Rising Star designation is a nice affirmation from my peers about the success and impact I’m having as an attorney in the lives of my clients” Attorney Duket said.

Duket and Lynch are two of the five attorneys from Marasco & Nesselbush to earn Thomson Reuters recognition. Founding partners Joseph Marasco and Donna Nesselbush were named Super Lawyers for the seventh consecutive year, and long-standing member of the firm’s medical malpractice group Mark Grimm earned the designation for the fourth consecutive year. We here at Marasco & Nesselbush are incredibly proud to have had five of our attorneys earn such prestigious honors, and look forward to carrying on the tradition of providing exceptional legal care for all of our clients. 



## Charitable Foundation Spotlight

**I**n addition to being committed to providing extraordinary legal care to our clients, our mission at Marasco & Nesselbush includes serving our community. This quarter we are proud to have supported the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale, a great organization who works tirelessly to support those in need. Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale distributes food to hundreds of needy families each year. We are honored to have been able to assist them by sponsoring 4th of July BBQ packages that were distributed to over 200 families.

If you know a non-profit doing great things during these difficult times, please let us know. The Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation is proud to support many great organizations serving those in need. 

## M&N Wins \$4,500,000 Case for

### Brain Injury Survivor

Over the past two decades, Marasco & Nesselbush has developed a reputation for providing extraordinary legal care for those suffering from traumatic brain injuries. We have had the opportunity to work with many nationally recognized experts in the field, and have developed a deep understanding of the physical and psychological impact of brain injuries. Having mastered the presentation of the short-term and long-term impact in litigation, we achieve full compensation for our client's injuries.

Recently, our litigation team including Attorneys Joe Marasco, Mark Grimm and Tom Moran achieved a \$4,500,000 settlement in an accident case resulting in a traumatic brain injury. The Defendants strongly denied liability. After extensive discovery, including multiple depositions of witnesses and medical providers, research, and preparation of experts in the field, the matter was resolved shortly before what was expected to be a lengthy trial.

As a firm, we pride ourselves in having attorneys with the necessary experience to face and overcome the challenges presented by complex medical-legal issues. ⚖️



## M&N Carries Social Security Case

### All the Way to the Federal Courts

According to the Disability Benefits Center, less than one percent of Social Security applicants pursue their case in the Federal District Court, but nothing stands in the way of Marasco & Nesselbush's determination. Our Social Security team led by Attorney Noah Zimmerman tried our client's case all the way to the Federal District Court and won. Our client applied for disability benefits based on debilitating physical and psychological ailments. The government rejected her claims at both the initial and reconsideration level. We appealed, but the Administrative Law Judge upheld the government's prior decisions.

We argued that the judge's decision was based on his misinterpretation of the evidence presented at the hearing. Documentation of our client's pain was largely ignored by the judge who ruled that the pain and associated disabilities did not preclude our client from working. The judge's decision was affirmed by the appeals council.

Seeing injustice, Attorney Zimmerman sought a review by the United States Federal District Court. Ultimately, the Federal Magistrate Judge agreed with our position and ruled that the hearing judge had misconstrued the evidence. The lower court ruling was overturned, and our client will now have the opportunity for a new hearing. ⚖️

## 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.*

**\$4,500,000** recovered for a client who sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in a car crash

**\$3,000,000** recovered for a family of an infant who died as a result of medical negligence

**\$2,050,000** recovered for a family whose husband and father tragically died due to negligent anesthesia administration

**\$2,000,000** awarded to the family of a woman who died as a result of hospital negligence

**\$1,500,000** secured for a family after a hospital was found liable for a wrongful death due to undiagnosed brain injury

**\$1,400,000** awarded to a client who suffers permanent injuries after a surgeon negligently damaged a nerve

**\$1,400,000** won for a family whose son passed away due to a TBI sustained in a high-speed car accident

**\$1,250,000** recovered on behalf of a young woman injured as a passenger in a recklessly operated vehicle

**\$1,025,000** pre-trial award for a brain injury survivor who was struck by a vehicle while walking

**\$1,000,000** recovered to compensate a client for emotional distress after witnessing a tragic car accident

**\$1,000,000** achieved for a family once M&N's investigation revealed the truth about a truck accident resulting in a wrongful death

**\$1,000,000** settlement achieved after a five-year legal battle for a cancer survivor and victim of medical negligence

**\$1,000,000** awarded to a youth who sustained a TBI after being struck by a drunk driver

**\$1,000,000** recovered for a child who fell from a window due to landlord's failure to maintain the premises



## ROBIN VELIU Employee of the Quarter



**M**arasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize Robin Veliu as our Employee of the Quarter! Robin has been our bookkeeper playing an integral role in all that we do for over five years. When asked what she likes most about working at M&N, Robin said “I love the people at M&N; they are like family to me. So kind and generous. Everyone is always so willing to help each other.”

In her spare time, Robin enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and fishing with her husband. We congratulate Robin on her achievement and give thanks for her loyalty and commitment to Marasco & Nesselbush. ⚖️

## Legal News

**J**ohnson & Johnson, the world’s largest pharmaceutical company, has been sued repeatedly in recent years for releasing unsafe products. Recent lawsuits have been focusing on Johnson & Johnson’s talcum powder products which are believed to cause ovarian cancer. Across the country, verdicts have been achieved in the favor of victims; some as large as \$4.69 billion. “These decisions are a good sign for our clients impacted by Johnson & Johnson’s talc products,” said Partner Joe Marasco. “Ultimately, the corporation will be held accountable and those injured, or their loved ones, will be compensated for the devastating harm suffered.” ⚖️

## A Gift from M&N



## 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, school and all types of occasions. It’s another small way we can say thank you for your many years of support, kind referrals, and friendship.

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