

#### AREAS OF PRACTICE

#### Personal Injury Law

- Auto Accidents
- Motorcycle Accidents Wrongful Death

Medical Malpractice

- 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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This newsletter is intended for current and former clients of Marasco & Nesselbush. We thank you for your many kind referrals and for placing your trust and confidence in our firm.

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

## MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Botched Cancer Surgery Leads to Million Dollar Recovery

s a firm we remain humbled by the strength, courage and perseverance of our Medical Malpractice clients. In a case that spanned nearly five years, we recently achieved a million dollar policy limit award and vindication for our client and his wife.

Our client sustained life changing injuries and a recurrence of rectal cancer due to a general surgeon's failure to exercise reasonable care in the performance of a simple colon surgery. The defendant doctor failed to accept responsibility and suggested that the surgical technique was within the "standard of care". He further denied that our client's permanent colostomy and cancer recurrence was due to the manner in which the surgery was performed. Incensed, by the doctor and the result of the surgery, our client sought our legal help.

As is often the case, the insurer for the doctor chose to deny and defend the case resulting in protracted litigation. The doctor and his insurance company chose to settle the case only after dozens of depositions and a series of extremely well qualified experts were retained. The case, litigated by associate attorney Jane Duket and partner Joe Marasco, exemplifies the determination of our clients to achieve justice. Although the financial recovery was obviously substantial, our clients were primarily motivated by a desire to hold the doctor accountable for his actions with the hope that others will not suffer the same fate.

## Super Lawyers Honors Marasco & Nesselbush Attorneys

Super Lawyers

2016



Pictured from left to right: Joseph Marasco, Donna Nesselbush, Mark Grimm (Super Lawyers) and Jennifer Belanger (Rising Star).

e are proud to announce that four of our attorneys – Joseph Marasco, Donna Nesselbush, Mark Grimm and Jennifer Belanger – have been honored with inclusion on the 2016 list of Rhode Island Super Lawyers. To be ranked by Super Lawyers, an attorney must attain the highest level of professional achievement and be evaluated in a process that involves a statewide survey of lawyers, nominations and peer review by practice area. Only five percent of attorneys in Rhode Island are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers. We congratulate Joe, Donna, Mark and Jennifer on their achievement!

## HEATHER JENNISON Honored as 2016 Employee of Year



Pictured left to right: Joe Marasco, Heather Jennison and Donna Nesselbush.

arasco & Nesselbush is proud to honor an Employee of the Year whose work and dedication reflects the firm's reputation for outstanding client satisfaction and exceptional, trusted legal care. This honor comes shortly after Heather was promoted to a Paralegal position in our Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Practice Group. In 2013, Heather joined our team as a Legal Assistant with over a decade of experience. Her interest in law was peaked after taking a youth and law course in high school, which launched her legal career. Today, Heather continues to be an integral part of our team and a resource to her colleagues. Joseph Marasco, co-founder of Marasco & Nesselbush, describes Heather as "loved by her clients and an incredibly dedicated and loyal paralegal". Heather Jennison resides in West Warwick, RI with her husband and two-year-old daughter. When Heather is not working, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends while boating and waterskiing. We congratulate Heather on her achievements and give thanks for her continued loyalty to our firm.

# Marasco & Nesselbush ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

e are excited to share that our talented and dedicated legal team has grown once again with the addition of Ryan Kelley in our Personal Injury Department and Noah Zimmerman in our Social Security Department. Marasco & Nesselbush prides itself on providing all clients with the utmost care and respect while achieving extraordinary results. We cannot do this without a talented legal team.



### RYAN P. KELLEY

Ryan P. Kelley, a graduate of Suffolk University Law School, is admitted to practice law in three states – Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Ryan is a resident of Foxboro, MA and enjoys soccer, basketball, skiing, tennis and spending time with his French Bulldog "Waffles".



### NOAH ZIMMERMAN

Noah Zimmerman is committed to helping those in need and advocates on behalf of clients seeking SSDI or SSI benefits. A graduate of Fordham University, Noah demonstrated his passion for helping the less fortunate right out of college when he worked as a staff member for an organization that financed and built affordable housing. Inspired to provide

struggling families with legal support, Noah enrolled at Northeastern University School of Law and now practices law in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Noah is a resident of East Greenwich, RI and enjoys traveling, cooking, running with his dog Rosie, snowboarding, kayaking, volunteering and spending as much time as possible in or near the ocean.





# Recent Achievements

Marasco & Nesselbush is honored to represent the injured and disabled throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We always strive to provide our clients with the utmost care and respect while also achieving extraordinary results and 2016 was no exception. Our legal team has more than 200 years of experience and we are proud of what we accomplished in 2016!

THOUSANDS OF LIVES CHANGED

### MILLIONS RECOVERED

#### A single mother of two awarded benefits after being Recovery of \$2 million on behalf of the family of a patient who met his demise due to negligent administration of diagnosed with rectal cancer and follicular lymphoma. anesthesia. Secured a continuation of benefits on behalf of a cancer survivor with a cessation case. Wrongful Death Recovery of \$1.5 million due to an undiagnosed brain injury in the emergency room. A middle-aged gentleman with severe spinal injuries due to work injury was able to have a fully favorable hearing before Recovery of \$1.25 million on behalf of an adolescent who sustained a traumatic brain injury when hit by a drunk rejudgment. driver who was negligently served alcohol in a local bar. Older gentleman awarded benefits after losing his business due to suffering from physical limitations. Wrongful Death Recovery of \$1.05 million for the family of a man killed in a commercial trucking accident. Young woman with a highly unusual condition causing vision loss obtained SSDI benefits requiring aggressive Recovery of \$925,000 for automobile accident victim medical expert cross examination and extensive medical who sustained fractures to his pelvis and leg. evidence. \$900,000 medical malpractice recovery on behalf of a woman who suffered from obstetrical negligence. Young woman suffering from severe liver disease and in need of a liver transplant awarded benefits at initial stage. Settlement of \$850,000 for the death of an unborn child due to a physician's failure to diagnose and treat the Single father awarded benefits after daughter takes her own mother's pre-eclampsia. life, allowing him to support his other children. 30 years of past-due social security benefits awarded to the \$800,000 recovery for Rhode Island woman who widow of a veteran. sustained serious orthopedic injuries in a Connecticut car crash. A former teacher struggling from psychological impairments Recovery of \$315,000 on behalf of a man who sustained receives SSDI allowing her to work on her treatment goals and get back on her feet. fractures and permanent impairment to his leg when his foot became lodged in a parking lot hole. Breast cancer survivor awarded benefits after closed period. \$250,000 recovery for Rhode Island man who sustained a significant spinal injury requiring lumbar fusion surgery After losing her home, a young woman turns her life around after he was broadsided by a person who ran a red light. after disability award.

IF YOU CAN'T FLY, THEN RUN, IF YOU CAN'T RUN, THEN WALK, IF YOU CANT WALK, THEN CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD. ~ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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