



## Happy Holidays From Our Family to Yours!



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## Marasco & Nesselbush is Named to the Best Places to Work in Rhode Island List for the Fifth Consecutive Year


We are very proud to be the top ranked law firm on Providence Business News' 2020 list of Best Places to Work in Rhode Island. Hard work, honesty, intelligence, and integrity are the hallmarks of our firm. We truly enjoy serving our clients and working with each other. It is a great honor to be named one of the Best Places to Work in Rhode Island for a fifth straight year.

During these unprecedented times of COVID-19, our staff has gone above and beyond working from home, adapting to many changes, and still treating our clients with dignity, respect, kindness, and compassion. Dennis Cesana, Chief Operating Officer stated, "Our staff has embraced the challenges of working remotely. They support each other, and we recognize they have all gone above and beyond." Said Joseph Marasco, partner at Marasco & Nesselbush, "We are so thankful that our attorneys and staff think so highly of their experience at Marasco & Nesselbush. Through the years we have sought to build a supportive culture rooted in respect and appreciation."

The Best Places to Work in Rhode Island award winners were judged based on confidential surveys of employees and management reports compiled by Best Companies Group. These surveys included the evaluation



of employee treatment, benefits and policies, and work life satisfaction.

"I'm thrilled by the news," says Marasco & Nesselbush partner, Donna Nesselbush. "We are a tight knit group of people who love working together and we strive every day to inspire each other in our common mission to obtain extraordinary legal results for our clients." To learn more, visit [www.pbn.com/event/2020-best-places-to-work](http://www.pbn.com/event/2020-best-places-to-work). 

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## M&N Achieves a \$5.1 Million Settlement for a Victim of Medical Negligence



The Marasco & Nesselbush litigation team recently achieved a \$5,100,000 recovery on behalf of the estate of a woman who passed away due to medical negligence.

Our client had a laparoscopic gall bladder removal during which the surgeon nicked her bowel with a surgical instrument. Just hours after the surgery, she began to develop signs of infection. Diagnostic imaging demonstrated that the injured colon was leaking feces into her abdomen. Regrettably, the evidence of the injury and infectious process was largely ignored, and the patient's condition worsened. Ultimately, she suffered septic shock and emergency surgery was required. She fought valiantly for more than a year with her family by her side before succumbing to her injuries.

Her family was referred to us by a friend of the firm. Many months


after the surgery, while she was hospitalized, the family reached out to us to discuss a potential medical negligence claim.

Immediately after hearing her story the M&N litigation team including partner Joseph Marasco, Senior Trial Counsel Mark Grimm, attorney Tom Moran, and paralegal Heather Jennison went to work to gather all the client's medical records and build a case file.

The defendant argued that the patient's passing was a result of risks associated with the surgery and the patient's pre-existing conditions. A nicked colon is a known associated risk or complication and, in fact, the client's pre-existing conditions made the surgery more difficult.

However, our team was able to establish that the way the surgery was performed increased the likelihood of the complication. In addition, we were able to establish through well qualified experts that the post-surgical care fell below accepted standards. The surgeon had direct evidence of the intra-surgical injury and failed to effectively evaluate and treat his patient for many hours.

The case was settled after the Marasco & Nesselbush litigation team had gathered overwhelming evidence and experts to demonstrate that the procedure was performed negligently and that the follow-up medical attention did not meet accepted standards.

No amount of money can compensate a family for the loss of a loved one. It is our hope that by achieving these results we are holding individuals and organizations accountable for their actions. We believe that our vigilance on behalf of injured clients will lead to a safer and more accountable health care system. If you or a loved one may be a victim of medical negligence, please contact us for a free confidential consultation. 

# The Providence Center Honors Marasco & Nesselbush

The Providence Center honored Joseph P. Marasco, Donna M. Nesselbush, and the Marasco & Nesselbush team at their annual Circle of Stars fundraising event held virtually for the first time.

"When The Providence Center was responding to children and adults impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the team at Marasco & Nesselbush was there, and we could not be more grateful for your dedication and your generosity," stated Lisa Desbiens, Philanthropy Officer at The Providence Center.

The Providence Center's mission is to help adults, adolescents, and children affected by psychiatric illness, emotional problems, and addiction by providing treatment and supportive services within a community setting. Since COVID-19, many Rhode Islanders have struggled with depression, anxiety, and addiction. The proceeds of the Circle of Stars event supported the COVID-19 emergency fund that cares for low-

income patients in our community during this crisis and helps aid with urgent needs such as increased access to emergency and telehealth services.

"From the bottom of my heart,

I want to thank The Providence Center for choosing Marasco & Nesselbush as the honoree for this year's Circle of Stars event. I hold this honor 'near and dear' because I always hold The Providence Center 'near and dear,'" states co-founder, Donna Nesselbush. Co-founder Joseph Marasco adds, "We are very proud to support the life-changing work of The Providence Center."



## JANE DUKET Employee of the Quarter



Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize attorney Jane Duket as the Employee of the Quarter for Q3 2020. Attorney Duket advocates tirelessly for her clients in each case to secure justice for those impacted by injury or medical negligence. "I was always taught to fight for those who may be unable to fight for themselves. For me, that is the meaning of justice and why I chose to practice law at Marasco & Nesselbush," said Duket.

In her spare time, Attorney Duket enjoys being by the water with her family, sharing a good meal with friends, watching football, and taking walks with her dog, Barney.

## 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.*

**\$6,200,000** awarded to a client who sustained serious injuries in a rollover crash caused by a distracted driver.

**\$5,100,000** recovered for the estate of a woman who passed as a result of surgical negligence.

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

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

**\$2,050,000** recovered for the family of a man who tragically died due to negligent anesthesia administration.

**\$2,000,000** awarded to the family of a woman who died as a result of negligent monitoring in a local hospital.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**If you or a loved one has suffered from an injury and is in need of legal care, give us a call today.**





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## Using Advanced Technology to Provide Trusted Legal Care in the COVID Era



**W**hen our firm was founded, we made a commitment to our clients and community to provide trusted legal care. While so much has changed in our world, this commitment has remained the same.

We were timely in making changes to ensure the health and safety of the Marasco & Nesselbush team. We also invested in new and unique technology to allow all 63 members of our team to diligently advance cases remotely with no interruption in client care.

For the health and safety of our clients, we now build and maintain relationships while providing trusted legal care through video conferencing. Our clients and potential new clients can receive legal care and develop and maintain relationships with their legal team without the risks associated with coming into the office. Please know that we are here for you and we are available should you wish to schedule a video conference with your legal team. 📺

## A Gift from M&N



## Marasco & Nesselbush is pleased to offer...

...a complimentary fleece blanket to our past and present clients, and friends of the firm. These blankets are ideal for the home, office, car, travel, and all types of outdoor sporting events. It is another small way we can say thank you for your many years of support, kind referrals, and friendship.

**To receive your blanket, please e-mail:**

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