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

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

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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.*

## SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

### *Senator Whitehouse and Representative Langevin Tap Marasco & Nesselbush for Press Conference*

Marasco & Nesselbush was pleased to participate in a press conference called by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse to discuss the future of the Social Security disability programs. As Rhode Island's premier Social Security disability law firm, helping thousands of Rhode Islanders obtain Social Security disability benefits, lawmakers gave us a seat at the table to voice our concerns about SSDI and SSI, vital programs that are part of America's safety net.

Attorney Donna Nesselbush joined Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Representative James Langevin, representatives from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and community activists at the event which took place at the Providence Community Action Program on March 23, 2015. The Social Security Administration (SSA) predicts that the Disability Insurance Trust Fund will go broke by the end of 2016, at which point recipients could see a 20% decrease in benefits, unless something is done.

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## PERSONAL INJURY

### *Confidential Wrongful Death Settlement*

Marasco and Nesselbush senior litigation counsel Mark Grim achieved a confidential wrongful death settlement in a complex medical malpractice case alleging the negligent failure to timely diagnose breast cancer.

Marasco and Nesselbush represented the family of a woman who died as a result of the alleged negligence. Our client had appropriately attended a mammography because of a lump she felt in her breast. The doctors recommended a biopsy to insure that the 'lump' was not cancerous. The pathology from the biopsy was "suspicious" for cancer. Unfortunately, the results of the pathology were not conveyed to our client and no follow up was recommended or performed.

Nine months later our client was diagnosed as suffering from an aggressive cancer which had spread. She underwent a mastectomy, chemo-therapy and radiation. Unfortunately, all these treatments were unsuccessful and she passed away approximately one year later leaving behind her husband and children.

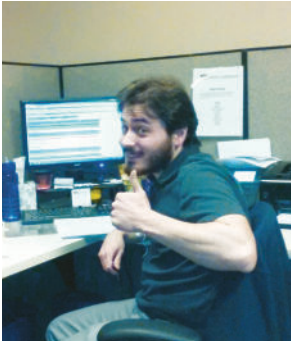
As is often the case the defendants denied fault and litigation was commenced. Although the defendants suggested that the pathologist who read biopsy met the standard of care,

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## BILLY KING

*Honored as Employee of the Quarter*



In 2011 Marasco & Nesselbush created the “Client Service Initiative” to acknowledge and reward extraordinary client service. The mission of the CSI program is to ensure that every client is treated with the highest respect, dignity and care with the ultimate goal of obtaining extraordinary results for each client.

Since the initiative was launched, employees have been recognized for their hard work, exemplary client care, innovative ideas to improve client service, and participation in community activities.

Billy King began working with Marasco & Nesselbush in 2011 on a temporary, part-time basis, and quickly became part of our permanent team. The consummate team player, Billy, continues to impress his managers and team members by constantly lending a helping hand or volunteering for tasks, always with a smile on his face.

During his time at Marasco & Nesselbush, Billy has demonstrated the traits that exemplify the mission of Marasco & Nesselbush that Joe and Donna established more than 15 years ago. We are proud to name Billy King “Employee of the Quarter”.

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when faced with the overwhelming weight of the evidence produced by the plaintiff’s experts they agreed to resolve the matter.

Litigation of this nature can not truly right the wrong, but it can provide closure and a sense of vindication for the family. In addition, in this case we were able to achieve economic support for the family, most notably a substantial annuity has been established for the benefit of our client’s minor child.

Medical malpractice cases are also important for our society. They insure that doctors listen to their patients and are careful when rendering a diagnosis and providing treatment. If you have questions about medical care you or a loved one has received please feel free to contact our office for a free, no obligation consultation.

## IN THE NAME OF LOVE

“In the Name of Love,” Marasco & Nesselbush celebrated Valentine’s Day 2015 by sponsoring two events that benefited the American Heart Association!

On Saturday, February 7, 2015 clients and friends enjoyed an afternoon of free giveaways, fun and learning at the principal office of Marasco & Nesselbush, 685 Westminster Street, Providence. That same day, Marasco & Nesselbush joined Crossfit Providence to celebrate Heart Awareness month by co-sponsoring a “Work Out with Heart.” More than 50 “Crossfitters” formed teams and competed to win prizes while also celebrating heart-healthy lifestyles.

Paws, the mascot of the Pawtucket Red Sox, was on hand at both events, while we all celebrated Heart Awareness Month, showcasing the many lifestyle changes that can keep us all “heart-healthy.” Marasco & Nesselbush (M&N) and CrossFit Providence (CFP) made a joint donation to the American Heart Association in the amount of \$1,500.

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**“Excellence is achieved by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly.**

**We are what we repeatedly do.**

**Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”**

~ARISTOTLE

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## MARASCO & NESSELBUSH *Launches A Brain Injury Prevention Scholarship Contest*

Marasco & Nesselbush is launching a Brain Injury Prevention Scholarship Contest. Student applicants will create and submit “Public Service Announcements” (PSAs) designed to raise awareness about brain injury. A representative from the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation will join attorney Donna Nesselbush to pick three \$1,000 and three \$500 winners. For more information, visit: [www.M-N-Law.com/scholarship](http://www.M-N-Law.com/scholarship)





## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES

**M**arasco & Nesselbush was founded in 1999 when Attorneys Joe Marasco & Donna Nesselbush joined hands in an effort to focus on and serve “the injured and disabled.” For years, we have helped thousands of people by obtaining outstanding legal results and providing exceptional client service to those with Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice and Social Security Disability claims.

By popular demand from our clients, we have now decided to continue our steadfast work for “the injured and disabled” by representing clients with Workers’ Compensation claims. “Workers are the backbone of our economy, our families and our society,” said partner Donna Nesselbush. “We want to be there to provide legal support in the event of a workplace injury.” added partner Joe Marasco.

If you, your family or friends ever need assistance with a Workers’ Compensation claim, feel free to turn to Marasco & Nesselbush for our customary world class service and outstanding legal results.

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“Government officials should not play politics with the disabled,” said Attorney Donna Nesselbush who represented Marasco & Nesselbush at the press conference. “These benefits are too important to the disabled. Senator Whitehouse has offered reasonable solutions that do not require benefit reductions to the most vulnerable and needy among us.”

Senator Whitehouse added, “[t]he Rhode Islanders I hear from count on SSDI to make ends meet, and they deserve to know that those benefits will be there for them in the years ahead.”

The Social Security programs are important social programs but they have also long been political footballs. Stay tuned as the battles play out, and rest assured that Marasco & Nesselbush will continue to speak out for the disabled, advocating for the disability programs on which our clients rely.

# MAY NATIONAL BIKE SAFETY MONTH



## Select Your FREE BIKE HELMETS

For You and Your Family

*Courtesy of Marasco & Nesselbush.*

**M**ore children ages 5-14 are seen in the emergency room for biking accidents than accidents related to any other sport. According to some studies, bicycle helmets can reduce the risk of serious brain injury by up to 88%. Through the years the attorneys at Marasco and Nesselbush have seen the devastating impact that bike accidents can have on riders and their families. Again this year we have chosen to do our small part in avoiding these potential injuries. We are offering free bicycle helmets to our clients and their families. The helmets are available in a variety of sizes and colors. Stop by our Providence office to select helmets for you and your family.

*Below Are Some Safety Tips Provided by Child Safe Worldwide:*

### TOP BIKING TIPS

- ✳️ “Use your head, wear a helmet.” It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle accidents.
- ✳️ Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.
- ✳️ Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.
- ✳️ When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It’s also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.
- ✳️ Actively supervise children until you’re comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own. See more at: <http://www.safekids.org/bike#sthash.FOuDSDqS.dpuf>



Please be sure to visit **Marasco And Nesselbush!**

## FREE PAWSOX TICKETS

*to Our Loyal Clients*



Once again M&N is a proud sponsor of the Pawtucket Redsox. To say "Thanks" to our many loyal clients, we have free tickets available for all home games. We have four great box seats for each game as well as general admission tickets for the entire season. Please call the office and we will set aside your free tickets today.

## Our Legal Assistants Team



We are very proud of our legal assistants and paralegals. We have chosen them because of their intelligence, skills and abilities, attention to detail, and ability to help win cases. If you are changing addresses, health insurers, doctors or phone numbers, or if you are going back to work, please contact your legal assistant. All of them can be reached at (401) 274-7400, or by email.

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