



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

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Personal Injury Law:

- Auto Accidents
- Medical Malpractice
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Wrongful Death
- 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.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Marasco & Nesselbush is Safeguarding your Right to Benefits

Everyone seems to be worried about the solvency of our Social Security disability and retirement funds. If you are on disability or retirement benefits, you may be afraid of a reduction in your monthly benefit. Maybe you are concerned that the fund will suddenly “dry up” and your check will stop altogether. If you are working, you may be distressed by the thought that the disability or retirement trust funds will be “exhausted” by the time you need them.

Marasco & Nesselbush shares your concern. Our firm is proud to represent deserving men, women and children in their fight for Social Security benefits, and that's why we have joined hands with attorneys from across the nation to safeguard your benefits and the reservoirs that fund them. All Marasco & Nesselbush attorneys are active members of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (“NOSSCR”), an influential organization dedicated to defending the laws that protect the disabled. We also work closely with our Congressional delegation to support their efforts to protect your benefits.

Here are the facts: Congress recently passed the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015,” which extended the solvency of the Disability Insurance Trust Fund through 2022. The Act

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PERSONAL INJURY

Single Father Purchases Home from Motorcycle Accident Proceeds

Marasco & Nesselbush Associate Attorney Tim Lynch achieved a large confidential settlement on behalf of a client who sustained significant bodily injuries as a result of a motorcycle accident that occurred in Massachusetts. The client is a dedicated single father of two minor children. At the time of the accident, he had been on his way home from work to be with his family.

Our client was operating his motorcycle on a stretch of roadway adjacent to Interstate 195. The accident occurred when a negligent motorist attempted a left-hand turn at the end of an exit ramp when it was unsafe to proceed. The negligent driver cut across our client's lane of travel, colliding with his motorcycle nearly head on. Our client's injuries included a fracture, which required surgery and the installation of hardware. He remained hospitalized for several days before being discharged home where he began a long and arduous road to recovery. Over the next few months, our client was cared for at home by visiting nurses and eventually transitioned to a more rigorous outpatient physical therapy program. During his rehabilitation effort, he gradually progressed from using a rolling walker, to crutches, to a cane. Presently, he is doing much better.

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Commitment to Breast Cancer Awareness and Education

In January 2016, the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation recognized Marasco & Nesselbush for its commitment to breast cancer awareness and education. Pictured left to right: Joe Marasco, Miriam Plitt (breast cancer survivor), Maria Gemma Corcelli (Executive Director) of the Gemma Foundation, and Donna Nesselbush.



Super Lawyers

2015



MARASCO & NESSELBUSH

*Partners and Associate Attorney
Named Super Lawyers and Rising Star*

Marasco & Nesselbush Partners Joseph P. Marasco and Donna M. Nesselbush have again been named to the prestigious Thomson Reuters list of Super Lawyers in Rhode Island for 2015. In addition, Marasco & Nesselbush associate attorney Jennifer Belanger has been named a Rising Star.

Super Lawyers and Rising Star is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations. The honor of Super Lawyer is bestowed on only the top 5 percent of attorneys.

“PEOPLE TAKE DIFFERENT ROADS SEEKING FULFILLMENT AND HAPPINESS.
JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ON YOUR ROAD DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE LOST.”

~ Dalai Lama



WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS FREE Back-up Smartphone Charger

It is best to avoid snow-covered roads when possible; however, if you must drive on snow or ice, having a few helpful tools in your vehicle could help should you become stranded. Keep the following items in your trunk during winter months to better prepare for a snow emergency:

- * BACK-UP SMARTPHONE CHARGER
- * FLASHLIGHT
- * BLANKET OR EXTRA COAT
- * BOTTLED WATER & NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS
- * KITTY LITTER – pour under tires to gain traction should your car get stuck on ice
- * EMERGENCY VEHICLE KIT – include flares, jumper cables and simple tools to fix minor auto issues
- * COLLAPSIBLE SHOVEL AND ICE SCRAPER – to remove snow/ice from around your tires, on your windshield, mirrors and blind spots.

We at Marasco & Nesselbush want you to be safe! We are pleased to offer our friends and clients, past and present, a free back-up phone charger that is compatible with iPhones and other smartphones that charge through a micro USB connection. Call soon as quantities are limited!

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Our client had contacted Marasco & Nesselbush soon after the accident, while still in the hospital. As our client fought to regain his physical strength and health, Attorney Lynch pressed his personal injury case forward. When the insurance company refused to pay the client what he deserved, Attorney Lynch filed a lawsuit and built a case so strong, that the insurance company decided to settle, paying the client much more than they had anticipated. Since receiving his settlement, our client is in the process of becoming a first-time homeowner. He plans to use the proceeds to purchase a home for his family of three and to better help his ailing father.

ATTORNEY ANTHONY BUGLIO

Honored as Employee of the Year

Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to recognize an Employee of the Year whose work and dedication reflects the firm's reputation for outstanding client satisfaction and exceptional, trusted legal care. Associate attorney Anthony Buglio has more than 30 years experience helping individuals through the practice of law. Anthony chose to become a lawyer because he had an ability to work with people and solve problems. While working his way through college and law school, he was employed as a restaurant waiter and learned to listen attentively to people in order to serve them better. That experience has served him well in his professional life. He joined Marasco & Nesselbush's Personal Injury Group in 2012 recognizing that Marasco & Nesselbush is distinguished from other law firms because "the overall mission embraced by everyone who works here is to be kind and assist others".



PEDRO CONTRERAS REYES

Legal Assistant Honored as Employee of the Quarter

In 2011, Marasco & Nesselbush created the Client Service Initiative ("CSI") 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. Our employees show compassion, kindness, innovation and a willingness to go above and beyond to make Marasco & Nesselbush a better place for our clients, their loved ones and our community.

We are proud to honor Pedro Contreras-Reyes as Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2015. Pedro first joined the Marasco & Nesselbush family on a temporary basis to assist with assembling records and reception. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to a Legal Assistant position and is now a valued member of our Personal Injury Group. During his time at Marasco & Nesselbush, Pedro has demonstrated the traits which exemplify the mission of Marasco & Nesselbush that Joe and Donna established more than 17 years ago. We congratulate Pedro on his achievement and thank him for his dedicated service.

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.

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removed the specter of a 19 percent benefit cut at the end of 2016 and avoided a significant increase in Medicare Part B premiums. However, the Act also contains anti-fraud provisions that are intended to protect the program from "mis-use." Every Social Security applicant and recipient should be aware of these provisions:

- Cooperative Disability Investigation ("CDI") units will be established in every state, Washington, DC, and U.S. Territories by October 2022. Rhode Island has a CDI unit that has been dedicated to "identifying and preventing Social Security disability fraud" throughout our state since the spring of 2015. The CDI brings together personnel from the Social Security Administration ("SSA"), its Office of Inspector General, State Disability Determination Services and local law enforcement agencies to analyze "suspicious or questionable" disability claims before benefits are paid. Rhode Island is now one of 31 States with a CDI unit.

- There is an increase of certain civil monetary penalties and creation of new penalties for those who abuse the program. The Act creates a new felony for conspiracy to commit Social Security fraud and increases civil penalties – and time in prison – for those who make "false statements or misrepresentations." Interestingly, these anti-fraud provisions may apply to a "claimant's representative, a translator, current or former SSA employees or a physician or other health care provider who makes a false statement or misrepresentation."

We will remain vigilant, working to protect our clients from changes in the law that could adversely impact them. We will continue to work tirelessly for our clients to preserve the Social Security programs that are vital to them and our nation. Social Security disability benefits provide modest financial support to those who cannot participate in the workforce due to illness. Retirement benefits provide a small return on a large investment involving decades of hard work. Marasco & Nesselbush is dedicated to safeguarding both.



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In addition to our quarterly newsletter, Marasco & Nesselbush is excited to be launching an email engagement program to enhance our ability to communicate with past and present clients and make it easier for them to communicate with us via email. Be on the lookout for informative and timely emails about legal matters and other topics that may be of interest.

If you have a new email address, or are not sure if Marasco & Nesselbush has an email address on file for you, please visit www.m-n-law.com/email and take a moment to share your current email address. If you register to join our mailing list by March 15, you will be entered to win a FREE iPad.

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Client Testimonial

“I don’t recall how I found your offices, but it was a huge blessing! ... I found all of you treated me as you would your family, with heartfelt care and concern for my health as well as representing me legally. Friendly, pleasant, kind, considerate, truly caring and wonderful people who work hard to do the best for their clients.” ~ Judi, 2016