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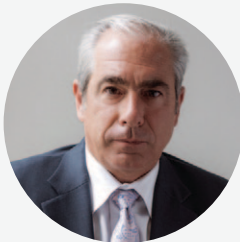
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Napoli Shkolnik PLLC has enjoyed tremendous success for its clients over the past year, notably being appointed to numerous multi-district litigations, including: Co-Lead Counsel in the *In Re Daily Fantasy Sports Litigation*; Plaintiffs' Steering Committee appointment *In Re: Taxotere (Docetaxel) Products Liability Litigation*; Plaintiffs' Executive Committee appointment in *In Re: Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices And Products Liability Litigation*; Plaintiffs' Steering Committee appointment to *In Re: Viagra Products Liability Litigation* and Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Co-Lead of Science and Expert Committee in *In Re:*

Abilify (Aripiprazole) Products Liability Litigation.

Additionally, Napoli Shkolnik attorneys have continued to aggressively pursue numerous class actions against UBER in federal courts across the country on behalf of drivers who claim to be underpaid and denied benefits; have filed a ground breaking class action along with the NAACP in Flint, Michigan on behalf of its citizens of Flint who are seeking help arising from lead poisoning of their water; continue to help clients seriously injured as a result of toxic exposures following the 9/11 disaster, have been retained and have filed class actions across the country on behalf of thousands of people and communities poisoned by PFOA containing firefighting foam and other perfluorinated compounds; and, through our newly organized innocence project team, helped secure the release of client who was imprisoned for 11 years after a judge tossed out a double murder conviction.

These RESULTS speak for themselves, however an overall positive client experience is of the utmost importance to us. We continue to review and improve our internal processes to ensure the best possible case management for everyone.

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Marc J. Bern is the founding partner of Marc J. Bern & Partners LLP, a law firm headquartered in New York City that handles complex litigation across the United States. Mr. Bern focuses his practice on representing plaintiffs in mass tort cases, FELA railroad litigation, personal injury cases, product liability cases (including pharmaceutical and medical device injury cases), environmental litigation, and a wide variety of other types of cases involving catastrophic harm or property damage. With more than 35 years of experience as a litigator, Mr. Bern has led over 100 cases to a jury verdict. In addition, he has a successful record of achieving settlements of over \$1 million in hundreds of cases.

As a litigator, Mr. Bern advocates forcefully for his clients, achieving success for them with his experience and tenacity in the courtroom. He is a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum and has been featured in Who’s Who in American Law. Martindale-Hubbell has awarded Mr. Bern its pre-eminent AV rating: “Highest Rating in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards,” for over 20 consecutive years. In 2007, Lawdragon included him among its ranking of the Top 500 Plaintiff Lawyers in America.

Mr. Bern has been designated a New York Super Lawyer® every year since 2006. In 2007, he was honored to become a charter member of the Litigation Counsel of America. Mr. Bern has been selected as one of “America’s Premier Lawyers” by Fortune Magazine and has been named one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers. Mr. Bern also sits on the prestigious Board of Trustees of the New York City Police Museum.

Mr. Bern graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Prior to attending law school, he graduated with distinction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is admitted to practice before state courts in New York and Wisconsin and before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. He has tried cases and has argued legal issues in courtrooms across the United States.

Mr. Bern has been invited to speak to a wide variety of organizations, including the Wisconsin Association for Justice, the New York County Lawyers Association, the Practising Law Institute, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America on several environmental law topics. He has appeared as a well-recognized legal authority on Court TV, ABC, NBC and CBS, and he has also been interviewed for publications including the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and Forbes Magazine.



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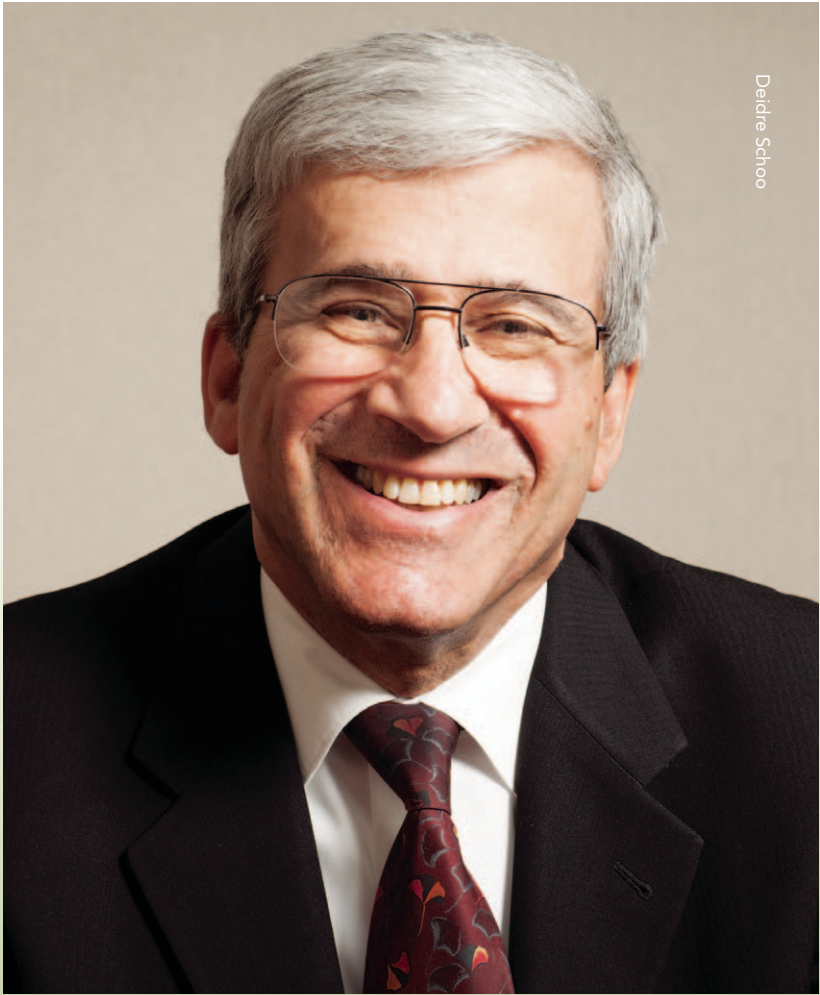
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Over the past three decades, Gary Zucker has distinguished himself as one of the most committed and professional personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys in New York City.

Mr. Zucker has been given an AV Preeminent® rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the organization’s highest rating for professional excellence, based on voting by his peers. In addition, Mr. Zucker has been selected to the 2015 and 2016 editions of New York Super Lawyers and the New York Law Journal Motor Vehicle Verdicts and Settlements Hall of Fame.

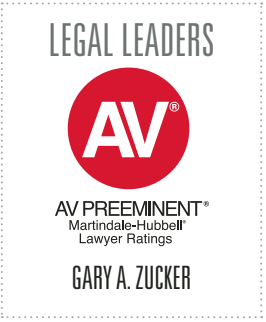
Mr. Zucker handles cases in all five boroughs of New York City, as well as in the surrounding counties. The firm has a track record of consistent success in wrongful death, medical malpractice, and personal injury cases, including those involving automobile accidents, premises liability, defective products and construction accidents.

Among its significant recoveries, the firm obtained a verdict of \$10.5 million for a child who suffered severe brain injury due to obstetrical malpractice. It also secured a \$6 million settlement for the death of a 32-year-old married plumber, which was the largest reported settlement in New York in 2014 for injury or death suffered by a passenger in a motor vehicle accident.



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KGG Partners Barry Kantrowitz, Paul Goldhamer and Gary Graifman, are all recognized as Super Lawyers honorees, and lead an AV rated®, multistate team of attorneys that includes talented litigators, authors, lecturers, and TV and radio hosts. The firm’s reputation as one of the premier firms in the northern New York City suburbs has grown to include national class actions and multistate litigation. The firm’s core practice of negligence and personal injury; divorce and family law; wills, trusts and estates; real estate; and corporate law now also includes employment law matters for both employers and employees.

RESULTS-ORIENTED For more than 40 years, the firm’s dedicated attorneys have fought for the best possible results for clients. Outstanding recoveries—including a 2015 jury verdict of \$1.4 million for podiatric malpractice—and nationwide class action settlements against vehicle manufacturers for defective products demonstrate the firm’s commitment to its clients that “We Don’t Back Down.” Due to the firm’s size and location, clients benefit from outstanding experience and skill, often at fees lower than the firm’s Manhattan counterparts.



From Left: Barry S. Kantrowitz, Randy J. Perlmutter, Paul B. Goldhamer
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Goldstein, Rikon, Rikon & Houghton, P.C. and its predecessors have been at the forefront of protecting property owners’ constitutional rights in eminent domain proceedings since 1923. It is the only law firm in the state of New York that limits its practice to eminent domain law.

“Eminent domain represents a drastic operation of the law,” notes partner Michael Rikon, the New York State-designated attorney for the Owners Counsel of America, a national network of experienced eminent domain lawyers. “You only get one opportunity to litigate these cases; and because of that, they required tremendous vigilance by a knowledgeable, trial-experienced attorney,” he adds.

By limiting their practice to eminent domain law, the attorneys at Goldstein, Rikon, Rikon & Houghton have become authorities in this area of the law, securing significant awards for their clients. For example, Jonathan M. Houghton recovered a \$67 million award for CSX Railroad in the Appellate Division (appeal pending). Michael Rikon recovered an award in excess of \$47 million for the taking of self-storage facilities in the eminent domain proceeding relating to the expansion of Columbia University.

The partners of Goldstein, Rikon, Rikon & Houghton frequently lecture and write articles on eminent domain law. Michael Rikon has authored a column in the New York Law Journal for the past 26 years.



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Jonathan Wilkofsky and the firm he has lead for 30 years are recognized as the premier advocates for victims of insurance company misconduct.


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Wilkofsky, who has never lost a jury verdict in more than 32 years of litigation is also the author of *The Law and Procedure of Insurance Appraisal*, which won the Cordish Writing Award from the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters an organization that also named Wilkofsky "Person of the Year." He also lectures nationally on trial tactics and the insurance claims process.

Mr. Wilkofsky was named to the Superlawyer's annual list of top attorneys in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 and was also voted in top 100 trial lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association.

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From the outset, Ronald Fatoullah has always focused on helping others. He has personally handled some of the most complex and high profile estates in New York, and yet, despite all of his achievements and recognition, he remains humble and innately patient. However, when it comes to his clients rights, make no mistake; he is a fierce and effective advocate.



Perhaps more than anyone else in the field of elder law today, Ronald Fatoullah knows what it takes to face the challenges of aging, both legally and financially. To say that he is passionate about what he does would be a gross understatement. He has five offices across New York, and has accomplished a great deal in his decades of experience as elder law and trusts & estates attorney.

Attorney Fatoullah and his firm are renowned for their cutting edge knowledge and endless dedication. The firm adheres to the highest form of professional and ethical standards and handles everything for their clients in cases involving Medicaid eligibility, estate planning and estate litigation, special needs planning, preparing wills & trusts, probate and guardianships.

In addition to his law practice, Fatoullah is a partner with AdvicePeriod, a leading wealth management company in Los Angeles, where he delivers planning-based advice to his clients. Prior to AdvicePeriod, Ron founded J. R. Wealth Advisors with his son Josh. Ron is registered with the NFL Players Association as an NFLPA Registered Player Financial Advisor.

Ron’s distinguished reputation is based on his contributions to the senior citizen community and his ten year inclusion as one of the New York’s Areas “Best Lawyers”® and as a Super Lawyer.

He was elected Co-Chair of the Financial Planning and Investments Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), serves as co-chair of the of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Alzheimer’s Association and chairs their legal committee, and he also serves on the Executive Council of AARP.

Ron is a Partner with Advice Period where he focuses on delivering planning based advice and exemplary service to his clients. For more than 30 years, Ron has been a thought leader in the wealth planning community. He is committed to delivering the ultimate client experience by staying true to his values of integrity, honesty and excellence.

Prior to AdvicePeriod, Ron founded and ran Ronald Fatoullah & Associates, a law firm, and J.R. Wealth Advisors. As a leading practitioner in his field of Trust, Estate and Elder law, Ron was recognized by many organizations for his achievements and contributions to the senior citizen community and has an eight year inclusion as one of the “Best Lawyers”® in New York. Ron is a frequent speaker on estate planning and contributes articles to the New York Times, Newsday, The Wall Street Journal and various online publications.

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Mr. Kessler is a member of the Joint Rules Committee for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. The author of two highly acclaimed treatises on forfeiture, Mr. Kessler is widely quoted and cited in court decisions and media of legal and general circulation nationwide. A well-respected advocate in his field, Mr. Kessler has lectured at the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Conference of the Council of State Governments, and has testified before numerous Legislative committees on forfeiture-related issues.

A graduate of Cornell Law School, Mr. Kessler is a member of the the NACDL’s Forfeiture Abuse Task Force and is in his 23rd year as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School.

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GAIL B. SAUL, ESQ. is a partner of THE SAUL LAW FIRM, LLP. She strives to bring each one of her clients the highest level of dedication, service and professionalism. She works relentlessly on each legal matter she handles in order to achieve a successful outcome for her clients. Gail has over 21 years of experience handling matrimonial and family law cases. She also handles personal injury matters, residential real estate closings, Wills and Powers of Attorney. Gail graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton Phi Beta Kappa. She then attended Hofstra University School of Law where she was on the Hofstra Law Review and graduated with distinction. Gail opened her own practice, THE LAW OFFICE OF GAIL B SAUL, in December of 2007, and formed THE SAUL LAW FIRM, LLP, with her husband and partner, Richard D. Saul, Esq., in January of 2012. Gail is a member in good standing of the Nassau County Bar Association and the Matrimonial subcommittee of said bar association, as well as of the Women’s Bar Association. She is also a member of the New York State Bar Association, and serves as an Executive Board member of Yashar, the attorney’s and judge’s chapter of Hadassah. Gail is also a member of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court and the New York Family Law American Inn of Court, as well as a member of the Huntington Lawyer’s Club. Gail was admitted to practice in New York State in March, 1995, and to the United States District Court of the Eastern District of New York in April, 1996. Gail was also admitted to the United States Supreme Court in February of 2016. Gail was designated a Super Lawyer in Family Law for the New York Metro area in 2014, 2015 and 2016. She was AV rated by Martindale Hubbell in 2015 and 2016. Gail was also designated an Outstanding Woman in Family Law on April 5, 2016 by the Hofstra University School of Law Center for Children, Families and the Law. Gail was also certified as a Matrimonial Mediator in 2009.



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Mr. Cirrito is an "AV-Rated" Peer and Client-Reviewed attorney and began his law career as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County.

He has been lead counsel in numerous commercial and business-related lawsuits, including derivative actions, dissolution proceedings, restrictive covenant actions, and contract enforcement issues. He has been instrumental in obtaining variances and permits for Long Island developers and has successfully prosecuted many Article 78 Proceedings against municipalities and zoning boards.

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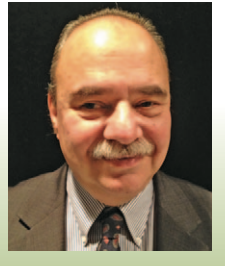
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Mr. Sands founded his practice sixteen years ago after serving as an assistant district attorney in the appeals, trial and major narcotics bureaus at the Kings County District Attorney's Office, and as a senior trial attorney for major liability insurance carriers. In addition to his own practice, he is often called upon by other attorneys to assist with the handling of their matters.

Mr. Sands graduated from Tulane University, and from Case Western Reserve School of Law in 1987, served in the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates, and holds an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer review rating for legal ability and ethical standards.



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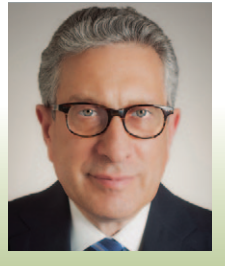
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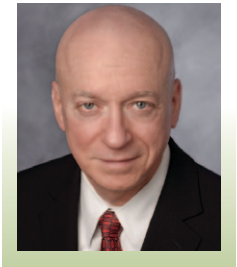
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