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Jim Humphreys received the coveted AV rating representing the highest possible standing for both legal ability and integrity when judged by fellow lawyers and judges and was named by his peers as a "Super Lawyer" in another survey. Humphreys and Associates was recognized as among the top 75 plaintiffs firms in the entire United States in a survey conducted among defense law firms. Jim Humphreys has also been named among the top 100 lawyers in West Virginia.



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At Marc J. Bern & Partners LLP, the firm's trial-tested lawyers enjoy a reputation for their willingness to take on well-funded defendants, and with good reason: they have been part of legal teams which have achieved more than \$3 billion in recoveries since 2000.

The firm currently represents thousands of claimants in mass torts relating to defective drugs and devices, such as the Bard and Cook IVC Filter, Xarelto, Plavix and Zostavax. It also handles Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) lawsuits nationwide on behalf of railroad workers suffering from cancers caused by job-related exposures, and has represented thousands of claimants seeking compensation under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

Founding partner Marc J. Bern has been a tort litigation trailblazer for more than 40 years. He has broken ground again in 2017 by representing more than 4,000 plaintiffs in an ongoing action against Merck, alleging that its Shingles vaccine, Zostavax, is defective and causes harmful side effects. He also continues to represent the families and children of Flint, Michigan who have been victims of the city's unsafe water crisis. With his previous firm, he proudly represented more than 10,000 heroic men and women in the World Trade Center Disaster Site Litigation. Bern was intimately involved in the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010. His accolades include 20-plus years with an AV Preeminent® rating by Martindale-Hubbell®, 12 annual honors in Super Lawyers, and membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum. National media outlets often quote and source him on notable cases.

Senior partner Joseph Cappelli heads the firm's Philadelphia office and has successfully tried cases in more than 20 states, garnering him widespread recognition in and out of the courtroom. A sought-after authority on FELA railroad litigation, Cappelli also has extensive knowledge of many occupational-related diseases, such as asbestos-related cancer and mesothelioma. He is well-versed in identifying railroad industry workplace hazards involving exposure to asbestos and other cancer-causing chemicals. Cappelli also champions the cause on behalf of our nation's bravest, representing firefighters nationwide who've suffered noise-induced hearing loss.

Edward L. C. Marcowitz, the firm's managing partner, has secured millions of dollars in settlements for thousands of 9/11 victims and recovery workers through his work with the original VCF and the current, reauthorized Zadroga Act. He worked on many pro bono projects after the September 11th attacks including as a member of Trial Lawyers Care. The Association of Trial Lawyers of America publicly acknowledged those tireless efforts in 2004. In another pro bono effort related to the 9/11 attacks, Marcowitz achieved ground-breaking pension decisions on behalf of New York City firefighters who suffered career-ending illnesses as a result of their heroic efforts. He has been named to the National Association of Distinguished Counsel and included in Super Lawyers for the past six consecutive years. He also proudly serves as the personal attorney to the Zadroga Family.

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from left to right: Joseph J. Cappelli, Marc J. Bern, Edward L.C. Marcowitz



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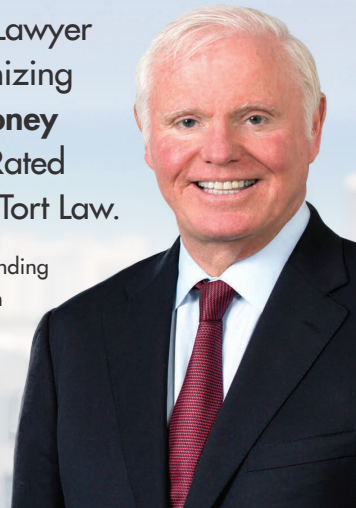
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