

# RECENT CASE RESULTS

## \$775,000 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Our client, a Port Jervis, New York resident, was driving past a Greenville, New York bar when he was involved in an automobile accident. An intoxicated bar patron exited the establishment's parking lot into the path of his car, resulting in a serious crash. Our client was airlifted to Westchester Medical Center where he was treated for a fractured femur and a cut on his right hand. His leg required surgery in which a rod and screws were installed, and his hand has minor scarring. The defendant was arrested at the scene for

DWI and felony vehicular assault. Our attorneys also brought an action against the bar where the defendant had been drinking. The insurance for the car was offered by the defendant's attorney less than a month after depositions were held. The remaining award was issued against the bar by an Orange County Supreme Court Justice after testimony.

## \$775,000 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Our client was a 52 year old legally blind and disabled Manhattan resident who was crossing 125th Street in New York City when she was struck by a truck whose Connecticut driver was checking his mirror rather than looking where he was going. Our unconscious client was taken by ambulance to Harlem Hospital where she spent several weeks being treated for her injuries, which consisted of a severe laceration in her thigh and several broken ribs, along with a chest injury that required a tube to be inserted for drainage. The laceration on her thigh took six months to heal and required re-opening for drainage on a regular basis. This case settled before trial.

## \$175,000 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Our client, a Staten Island resident, was attending Ithaca College in Tioga County,

New York, when he was involved in an automobile crash. While driving on route 96B in Candor, N.Y., a tractor towing a manure spreader turned left into the path of his vehicle. The collision crushed his foot, and required two surgeries to repair. Although he was the football team's captain, he was only able to play foot ball for a portion of the following season due to his injury. Our attorney settled this case before trial.

## \$90,000 ON THE JOB MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Our client is a 31 year old Peruvian native currently living in Stamford, Connecticut. He was operating a truck in the course of his employment when he was involved in a rear-end collision on the Queensboro Bridge in New York City. The vehicle that struck him was also a work truck registered to a Farmingdale, Long Island company and driven by a Bronx resident. Our client suffered back and neck injuries and eventually underwent knee surgery. This case was handled by some of our Spanish speaking team members, including attorneys Gustavo Alzugaray and Edward Steves. His Worker's Compensation case was also handled by an attorney from our sister firm, Fine, Olin and Anderman. This case settled prior to depositions.

## JACOBY & MEYERS ATTORNEYS PARTICIPATE IN DR. E ALMA FLAGG SCHOOL'S CAREER WEEK



Fifth grade students at Dr. E Alma Flagg School in Newark, NJ pose with Newark attorneys Cynthia Maurer and Joshua Kleinman. Our attorneys volunteered their time as part of the school's career week, and spoke about what it takes to have a career as an attorney.

## Tenants Who Win in Evictions Can Now Collect Legal Fees

The State Court of Appeals decided unanimously on Thursday, February 19th that tenants who successfully fight eviction efforts in holdover proceedings are now entitled to recoup the attorney fees that are incurred during the process. The decision was written by Judge Jenny Rivera. If you feel as if you've been wrongfully evicted, contact us today, 1-877-494-1547.



## 17 JACOBY & MEYERS ATTORNEYS NAMED TO THE 2015 SUPER LAWYERS AND RISING STAR LISTS!

13 of our Lawyers have been named to the 2015 Super Lawyers list and 4 have been named as Rising Stars. This year, the following attorneys were nominated and named:

**Andrew Finkelstein, also 2015 Top Upstate New York Super Lawyers**

## Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>

2015

- Nancy Morgan
- Eleanor Polimeni
- Ron Rosenkranz
- Sharon Scanlan
- Tom Yatto
- Tom Pronti
- Ken Fromson
- Victoria Lightcap
- Michael Feldman
- Greg Blankinship
- Jeremiah Frei-Pearson
- Todd S. Garber

### Rising Star:

- Melody Gregory
- Nicholas Maiorano
- Elizabeth Wolff, Shin Y. Hahn

## Faster, Safer Trains?



U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Richard Blumenthal introduced legislation that would require passenger and freight railroads to install positive train control safety systems, advanced technology that predicts and prevents some accidents, by 2018.

The legislation is a direct response to a bill approved by a Senate panel in March, which would extend the deadline to integrate new technology to 2020.

Numerous train crashes prompted the initial push for safer railroads. "Each and every day, millions of people put their lives in the hands of railroads in the hands of the railroads and that's why this plan needs to get fast tracked and implemented. We cannot allow for extension after extension when we have the means to get this done," said Shumer.

If you or a loved one has been hurt in a train accident, contact us today.

1-877-494-1547

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# FIRM AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## ANN BLOOM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS



Ann and Andrew Finkelstein celebrate her anniversary

Ann Bloom celebrated her 30th anniversary as an employee at the firm this year.

Ann's career began in 1985 in the firm's original Robinson Avenue office. In her 30 years at the firm, she has watched the firm grow and evolve from a 100 person operation in the Robinson Ave office, to well over 300 people in 17 locations.

She is currently the "Senior First Impression Specialist" located at the firm's headquarters, 1279 Route 300 in Newburgh. Managing Partner, Andrew Finkelstein applauded Ann for her consistency day in and day out; clients and employees alike know when they walk into the firm they will be warmly greeted by Ann.

## SALLY PERKINS RETIRES

Sally Perkins, an Adjuster who has been with the firm for 22 years retired this spring. Colleagues joined together to wish her well.



Sally Perkins cuts into her cake at her retirement

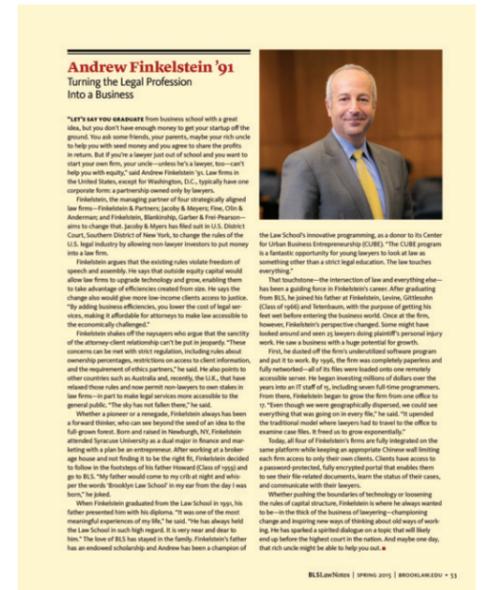
*"I have been so privileged to have been able to work for this firm and have met so many wonderful people during my career here. It was such a wonderful send off with delicious cake and seeing everyone at the retirement event. Thank you for this experience and now onto the next chapter in life. I will miss everyone!"*  
"- Sally Perkins"

## BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL PUBLICATION FEATURES MANAGING PARTNER ANDREW FINKELSTEIN

Brooklyn Law School's 2015 Spring Publication features Managing Partner, and BLS alumnus, Andrew Finkelstein. The article touches on Andrew's efforts to change the rules of the U.S. legal industry, and to continue to grow the firm his father, Howard, also a BLS graduate, founded.

"Whether pushing the boundaries of technology or loosening the rules of

capital structure, Finkelstein is where he always wanted to be - in the thick of the business of lawyering - championing change and inspiring new ways of thinking about old ways of working. He has sparked a spirited dialogue on a topic that will likely end up before the highest court in the nation."



## OUR CLIENTS ARE TALKING

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**Mary J.** "Thank you for such courteous phone calls and messages always. Thank you for reasonable fees. Thank you for understanding my injuries and pain. God bless you!"

**Estrella M.** "I am glad you took the time to help me. All of you were so refreshing to deal with in such upside down time in my life. Again thanks"

**Dora C.** "This past week my personal injury case went to trial, after an attempt at mediation to recover damages and after a rescheduling of the trial date 13 times at the request of the courts. I suffered very terrible injuries and underwent surgery due to procrastination and lack of maintenance and repair on a damaged degraded curb along the crosswalk entrance into and out of the business.

Due to the performance and professionalism of Trial Attorney Kenneth Cohen I was compelled to seek out your name and to write you this communication. As I mentioned above at the request of the courts 13 postponements of trial dates were granted. Ken patiently rescheduled and calmed me with regard to this delay throughout the process.

During the mediation process Ken was very informative to me as a client. He kept me apprised of the process and advised me that the number was low. Additionally, he explained the defendant did not agree

to offer the number suggested therefore guiding my case into a trial. With regard to Ken's trial performance, it was nothing less than completely exceptional. I do not say this because we prevailed, I simply remark on this because of his performance. He was courteous and professional to the Judge, opposing counsel, jury members, staff and myself. His ability to use and incorporate technology into the trial was excellent and by far outweighed the opponent. His ability to comfort and confront witnesses to extrapolate facts and note them for the record and witness retention was flawless. His organization in presenting materials allowed for easy viewing, allowed for organization of evidence for the jurors and judge and allowed for a more expedient and favorable trial. His summation was pointed and well written and presented with a direct impact on the jury.

The night before the trial I was talking to my daughter about the experience of trial. The one thing I said to her, is that regardless win or loss I can honestly say that there is not one thing I could think of that my Attorney could have done better and at this point it's up to the jury, as there was no stone unturned.

Because of my experience with Ken's performance I would recommend Jacoby & Meyers first and foremost to anyone I come across that is in need of an attorney. Thank you for such fine representation."

## YOU SHOULD KNOW THE TAKATA RECALL



The Takata Corporation, a Japanese airbag manufacturer that provides airbags for big names like Ford, BMW, and Toyota has declared 33.8 million vehicle airbags defective. This is one of the largest auto recalls in US history.

The faulty airbags have already resulted in six deaths and more than 100 injuries. Not all, but some of the airbags have the capability of exploding, shooting out dangerous metal fragments. Officials say those in high humidity areas have a higher risk of airbag default—those who live in areas with seasonal humidity are at lower risk but should still follow recall protocols.

If you or a loved one has been hurt by a defective product, contact us today. 1-877-483-9889 Read our blog to learn more [jmlawyer.com/blog](http://jmlawyer.com/blog).

## TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY MICHAEL FELDMAN CHAIRS SEMINAR

Jacoby & Meyers attorney, Michael Feldman was selected to chair the New York State Trial Attorneys Association's annual Traumatic Brain Injury Seminar this past June. "The mission of the New York State Trial Lawyers is to promote a safer and healthier society, to assure access to the civil justice system by those who are wrongfully injured and to advance representation of the public by ethical, well-trained lawyers. (source: NYSTLA.com)"

Mr. Feldman was a likely candidate having spent years representing victims of Traumatic Brain Injuries. Injuries to the brain can be exceptionally complex. The TBI seminar helped to educate attorneys on the unique needs and challenges victims face in their recovery, and in the court room.

If you or a loved one has suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury, it's important to contact an attorney to discuss your options. Our Traumatic Brain Injury team at Jacoby & Meyers may be able to help you.

