

# RECENT CASE RESULTS

**\$1,100,000**

## PEDESTRIAN KNOCKDOWN

Our client, a 72 year old female pedestrian was struck by a car while she was walking in the marked crosswalk. She was rushed to the hospital where she had to undergo surgery to her left knee, had severe pain in her arm, and swelling on her head. The defendant offered \$900,000 to settle the case. Jacoby & Meyers denied in belief that the trial was going well and demanded higher. The case was finally settled for \$1,100,000.

*Attorney: Michael Feldman*

**\$740,000**

## MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Our client was driving with traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge when he was rear ended. As a result of the accident our client suffered soft tissue injuries to his neck, back, & shoulders. There were no prior injuries, his car was totaled, and our client had to go in for neck surgery. The defendant initially offered \$225,000 which was rejected by Jacoby & Meyers. In return we demanded \$1.5 million. The case was finally settled for \$740,000.

*Attorney: Sharon Scanlan*

**\$650,000**

## FALL DOWN

Our client an 85 year old woman, was walking down the exterior steps of a house, when she fell due to poor lighting and no handrails. As a result of her fall, she fractured her hip. She had surgery and needed a total hip replacement. Our client had no history of prior or subsequent falls. After a full bench trial, she was awarded \$650,000.

*Attorney: Jonathan Davis*

**\$250,000**

## PEDESTRIAN KNOCKDOWN

Our client was a 15 year old male who was struck by a car while crossing the road. Our client was rushed to the ER and was in a coma for a week. Our client suffered severe brain trauma, and injuries to his back resulting in surgery. Due to the fact that our client was not in the crosswalk while crossing the street, and was wearing dark clothing at night, the police gave our client a ticket for illegal use of a highway so liability was clearly thin, making this a very difficult case to win. We were able to get him the full amount of the policy because we hired an accident reconstruction expert to prove that the defendant was speeding and not abiding by the speed limit. The case was settled for the max policy amount of \$250,000.

*Attorney: Kenneth Bartlett*



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## BANKRUPTCY AND A FRESH START

by Attorney Jennifer Safier

Bankruptcy is a process that gives you a financial fresh start. It is a way for consumers to eliminate or repay all or some of their debts under court protection. If you are facing foreclosure, unable to keep up with rent/mortgage payments, unable to meet credit card payments or pay medical bills, you may qualify for Chapter 7 liquidation or Chapter 13 reorganization bankruptcy.

Chapter 7 allows you to discharge some or all of your debt after non-exempt assets are used to repay some or all of the debt. It is called a liquidation because the bankruptcy trustee may take and sell some of your property to repay the debt. However, you may keep property that is protected under your state law. Under Chapter 13, you repay all or some of your debt through a three or five year repayment plan. You keep all of your property, but must make monthly plan payments. Contact us today for more information!

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## NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CAUSES SOME CONTROVERSY

Jacoby & Meyers recently wrote to the Bureau of Housing Inspection in regards to the New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC) which we believe includes language that is unclear and flawed concerning a set temperature that should be set for all showers and baths. Jacoby & Meyers is currently representing a young girl who fell victim to this flawed code resulting in her getting severely burned by scalding water from a bathtub fixture. We took this case with hope that this major problem could be corrected, and could possibly prevent young children and the elderly from getting seriously

burned in the future. The Consumer Product Safety Commission identified that burns from hot water can lead to very serious injuries. It is recommended that the central water heater should be set to 120 degrees Fahrenheit so that hazardous hot water is not available to the tub or shower. Anything over the temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit is considered very dangerous. However in New Jersey, it is permitted for plumbers and landlords to allow dangerously hot water to be discharged in showers and baths. The (NJAC) states that water temperature of a minimum of 120 degrees

Fahrenheit and a maximum temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit is allowed. The language portrayed by the (NJAC) could pertain to appliances like dishwashers and washing machines, but certainly it was not meant to apply to water discharged from bathroom faucets. If you or a loved one has been severely burned by scalding water from a bathtub fixture please call us.

## LAW TO IMPROVE BREAST CANCER DETECTION SIGNED



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently approved New York State legislation designed to help improve breast cancer detection and prevention by requiring mammography services to inform patients if dense breast tissue is found during an exam.

Dense breast tissue, although not abnormal, can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and may be associated with an increase risk of breast cancer. Flagging its detection during a mammogram will raise awareness about these associations. Women can use this information to talk to their doctors about their risks for breast cancer; at that time, it may be useful to seek for more follow-up screening tests and other preventative measures.

## VETERANS ATTORNEY NANCY MORGAN NAMED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS

Nancy Y. Morgan has been appointed to the New York Bar Association's Special Committee on Veterans. *"Nancy is a talented attorney and an outstanding advocate for our nation's veterans. She works diligently to ensure that these brave men and women receive the programs and support they not only need, but have earned, in service to our nation,"* says

Andrew Finkelstein. If you or your spouse served in the military, have a resulting injury, and were denied VA disability compensation benefits or received a disability rating decision from the VA that you would like to appeal, we may be able to assist you.



## U.S. TRAFFIC DEATHS JUMP TO 13.5 PERCENT IN 2012 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION(NHTSA)

According to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), traffic deaths in the first three months of 2012 have jumped 13.5% which is the highest number since 2008. The NHTSA estimates 7,630 people died in vehicle crashes in the first three months, a dramatic increase from 2011. This increase ended the steady decline in U.S. road deaths over the last seven years. While the NHTSA continues to record potential causes pertaining to the crashes, texting and distracted driving are likely to be some of the causes.

## PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE FESTIVAL 2013



*Festival attendee loved our shirts!*



*Bronx office Managing Attorney Gustavo Alzugaray speaks with a festival attendee*

In commemoration of Jacoby & Meyers' 40th anniversary, we were a major sponsor at the 2012 Puerto Rican Day Parade Festival in the Bronx. Firm employees handed out 1,500 t-shirts as well as brochures in English and Spanish. Thanks to our volunteers and the new friends we made, a great time was had by all.

## ANA RODRIGUEZ CELEBRATES 40TH YEAR WITH FIRM

Ana began her career running the firm's mail room at our first location on Liberty Ave. She switched to the position of case manager because she liked working with clients and there was a need for bilingual case managers. According to Ana, the biggest difference between what she does now and what she did when she started is coordinating cases for 16 offices instead of one, but she still enjoys working with the firm's Spanish speaking clients.



*Ana and Andrew Finkelstein celebrate her anniversary*

## OUR CLIENTS ARE TALKING

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**Golie H.** *"Thank you very much for your help. I couldn't have done it without you. You made a very sensitive matter easier."*

**Nurgehaan H** *"I would like to thank every one who was involved with my case from the beginning to the end. I was extremely satisfied with the results."*

**Regina F.** *"I would recommend Cynthia Maurer to anyone as a highly qualified and skilled lawyer. She is a caring person and I felt at ease and very comfortable with her."*

**Lucy R.-** *"Just continue the good job that you all are doing. P.S. I love what all of you have done for me."*