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Voting is OPEN April 1st - May 15th! Our firm is nominated in THREE amazing categories for the 2024 Chronogrammmies Reader Choice Award. We need your help to secure the win! Your votes can make a difference, so mark your calendars and let's bring home these Chronogrammmies! Scan the QR code to VOTE!



Vote for us as:

1. **Best Law Firm** - Basch & Keegan, Here to Help.
2. **Best Lawyer** - Congratulations to our partner, Derek J. Spada!
3. **Best Regional Podcast** - Shoutout to our podcast, Upstate & Litigate.

Best Law Firm and Best Lawyer are under the Service & Finance category. Best Podcast is under the Arts & Entertainment category.

Don't forget, you can vote EVERYDAY! Thank you for your continued support.


2024 Shamrock Run



The 36th Annual Kingston Shamrock Run was Sunday, March 10th. Basch & Keegan has been a sponsor of this beloved, hometown race for over 20 years. Continuing tradition, we handed out commemorative bandannas at the Start Line at Academy Green again this year, and it was the best year yet!

We handed out 1,000 bandannas to the runners at the start line, and hosted a social media giveaway! If a runner posted a picture, and then tagged Basch & Keegan on Instagram or Facebook, they were entered to win \$100 to a Kingston restaurant of their choice.

The lucky winner was Linda Schatzel. The Shamrock Run was in honor of her late brother, Gerald "Tuffy" Schatzel. We were thrilled that Linda won the giveaway! Look for us again next year, at the start line of the Shamrock Run!

A photograph of a motorcycle crash scene. A motorcycle is lying on its side on a paved road. A person wearing a helmet is visible in the background. Overlaid on the image is a large red banner with white text that reads: "Motorcycle Crash Victim with Traumatic Brain Injury Receives \$250,000 Settlement".

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John A. DeGasperi, Esq. is a partner at Basch & Keegan, and he has recovered more than \$10 million dollars for victims of traumatic brain injuries. This case was no different.

John's client, twenty-eight years old, was riding his motorcycle on Ulster Avenue in Kingston when another driver failed to yield right-of-way by turning left. The crash occurred at a low speed because the motorcyclist was vigilant and took evasive action. There still resulted in an impact that caused the motorcyclist to fall off his motorcycle. He was wearing a helmet, which prevented the motorcyclist from suffering severe brain trauma. He nonetheless suffered a mild traumatic brain injury.

After the crash, the motorcyclist was taken to the emergency room where he complained of headaches, neck pain, and lower back pain.

Prior to the accident our client had epilepsy, but it was under control with medication. After the accident, the motorcyclist's condition declined as he saw an increase in seizure activity. He also suffered from post-concussive headaches. Despite the decline in his overall condition, the motorcyclist continued to work full-time and received very little medical treatment.

"Traumatic brain injury cases present significant challenges. They are harder to settle or bring to trial because brain injuries can be hard to prove." John hired a neurologist to review the facts of the case. "I see TBI cases differently," explains John. "Every personal injury lawyer wants the easy cases with broken bones. Those cases are easy because diagnostic imaging proves the injury. Closed head injury cases are not usually supported by diagnostic imaging. The lawyer must essentially prove an invisible injury."

John understands this struggle more than the average personal injury attorney. John's late father was a victim of a brain injury after a stroke. He witnessed firsthand the struggle a brain injury has on the victim, and the family. His father was told there was no injury when there clearly was. He knows how family will often be the victim's advocate and be the ones who articulate the injury. The expert hired by John was crucial in our client's case. After years of litigation, the insurance company finally rendered a six-figure settlement that our client accepted.

Upstate & Litigate, Episode 15: Pedal Power and Legal Rights

This month attorneys Derek Spada & John DeGasperis discuss the rules of the law surrounding cyclists and what to do if you're injured on your bicycle.

Watch the full episode of Upstate & Litigate on YouTube or listen to the show on Spotify or Apple Podcast.

New episodes of Upstate & Litigate are released the first Tuesday of every month.



**NEW
EPISODE**



Basch & Keegan is Here to Help the Community.

Here is a List of Upcoming Sponsorships:

- **27th Annual YMCA Kid's Classic:** April 13th, Rondout Valley School, 8am - 12pm. Learn more at ymca.org.
- **Town of Ulster Police Benevolent Association Bowlathon:** April 13th, Patels Kingston Lanes.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Kingston 47th Annual Dinner Auction:** April 18th, The Chateau in Kingston, 5:30pm. Learn more at: bgclubsulstercounty.org.
- **40th Kiwanis Kingston Classic:** April 28th, Kingston Rondout Historic Waterfront, 10am. Learn more and register at kiwaniskingstonclassic.com.



As a law firm, we contribute to many local charities and sponsor community events. We love to get involved in what's going on in Kingston, and we love to get out and see our neighbors at local events. If you have an event coming up and are seeking sponsorships, tell us about it by scanning the QR code and filling out the form on our website!