

Brief Insights

BASCH & KEEGAN
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Derek Spada Wins Against Corporate Drug Store

A Basch & Keegan client received a six-figure settlement after slipping & falling on a wet floor at a corporate drug store. Derek Spada was the attorney who handled the matter.

Our client entered the store with the intention of purchasing coffee. She was familiar with the store layout as she had shopped there on prior occasions. She walked into the coffee aisle and after walking a short distance she slipped and fell because the floor was wet.

One of the defendant's employees had just mopped the aisle, but did not put out any wet floor signs. There was a wet floor sign near the entrance to the store, but none in the aisle where the fall occurred. Further, the employee was standing in the aisle, but did not say anything to the customer.

Minutes after the incident our client knew she was significantly injured and called a relative to pick her up. She then asked the employee who had been mopping the floor to take photographs, which he did.

Our client had a previous back surgery and significant pre-existing conditions, but her injuries after the fall were considerable. She needed multiple back surgeries, and her course of treatment was lengthy and complicated by a post-surgical infection. Ultimately, she did not fully recover from her injuries.

The defense emphasized our client's pre-existing condition, but Derek argued that she was far more capable and independent before falling at the drug store. He also explained that she did not need surgery until after the fall occurred.

Our client agreed to a settlement of \$250,000 for her injuries.

Vote for Basch & Keegan Every Day in the Chronogrammmies



Basch & Keegan has made it to the top 5 law firms in the annual readers' choice awards, the Chronogrammmies with Chronogram. Holding the title as "Best Law Firm in the Hudson Valley" in 2021 & 2022, we would be honored to win again this year! Adding onto the honor, Maureen Keegan, Derek Spada and John DeGasperis have all been nominated for We are proud of these nominations, and believe this speaks volumes of our reputation in the community.



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New Episode of Upstate & Litigate

Derek Spada and John DeGasperis started a videocast a few months ago! You can watch the first three Episodes of Upstate & Litigate on YouTube. Derek and John bring a unique energy to the show by offering an educational show surrounding legal issues while also being lighthearted at times, personal and entertaining. New episodes are released every month.

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The Basch & Keegan Shamrock Run Giveaway Winner!

The Kingston Shamrock Run was last month and we have been a sponsor of this beloved hometown race for over 20 years. For the second year in a row, we were at the start line handing out commemorative bandannas, with a social media giveaway for \$100 gift card to a restaurant of choice. The winner is pictured here with John DeGasperi when he picked up his gift card to Sushi Makio!

Congratulations, Mike! Thanks to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you at the Shamrock Run start line again next year!



Basch & Keegan is Here to Help the Community.

Here is a list of the sponsorships we have coming up:

- **April 15th:** YMCA Kids Classic. *Learn more and register at ymca.org.*
- **April 15th:** Ulster Police Department Policeman's Benevolent Association Bowlathon.
- **April 23rd:** Kiwanis Kingston Classic. *Learn more and register at kiwaniskingstonclassic.com.*
- **May 6th:** Kingston Farmers Market Opening Day at Ulster Parking Lot. *Learn more at kingstonfarmersmarket.org.*