

# Brief Insights



**BASCH & KEEGAN**  
PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

**December 2023**



*From All of Us at  
Basch & Keegan:  
Enjoy the Holidays and Have  
a Happy & Safe New Year!*

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We are thrilled to share a monumental achievement from the past year: In 2023, Basch & Keegan proudly recovered over \$20 million for our accident and injury clients. This remarkable milestone reaffirms our commitment to justice and the unwavering support we provide to those who trust us with their cases.

Serving as personal injury attorneys in the Hudson Valley for over 35 years, our journey has been marked by dedication, expertise, and a profound connection with our community. We are deeply grateful for the trust you've placed in us, allowing us to make a significant impact in the lives of those we serve.

At Basch & Keegan, we believe that every case is an opportunity to make a positive difference. Our experienced team navigates the complexities of personal injury law with compassion and tenacity, ensuring that our clients receive the representation they deserve.

As we reflect on our rich history, we look forward to the future with enthusiasm. Our commitment to justice, combined with the depth of our experience, positions us as a beacon of support for those facing the aftermath of accidents and injuries.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Basch & Keegan family. As we move forward, we renew our dedication to providing exceptional legal advocacy and making a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. Here's to justice, recovery, and many more years of serving the Hudson Valley community. Basch & Keegan, Here to Help.

# 7th Annual Basch & Keegan Stuffing Drive for People's Place: 1155 Boxes of Stuffing and 1400 Sticks of Butter Donated



For the 7th year in a row, Basch & Keegan held a stuffing drive to benefit People's Place of Ulster County. Our firm is known to "match" each box with another item People's Place needs for their free Thanksgiving Feast for the community.

This year, we broke our record of stuffing donations with 1,155 boxes of stuffing donated! People's Place asked for butter from the firm to go along with the stuffing this year. When Basch & Keegan learned that 1400 families signed up with People's Place for a Thanksgiving meal, we volunteered to purchase and donate all 1400 sticks of butter.

IBasch & Keegan, LLP is humbled by the outpour of community support. Countless small businesses, clients, friends, and strangers, as well as a local nursery school, came together during the 7th Annual Basch & Keegan Stuffing Drive. Together, we helped provide local families with full tables and fuller hearts again this Thanksgiving. Here is a list of all the small businesses in the community who helped with this great cause:

Buns Burgers  
Colorpage  
Dietz Stadium Diner  
Efros Orthodontics  
Hamilton & Adams  
Hannaford on Ulster Avenue  
Hudson Valley Magazine  
Keegan Army

M&T Bank  
Norman Staffing  
Radio Woodstock  
Redder, Bock & Associates  
Rondout Legal Services  
Scorpion Marketing Firm  
Stenger, Diamond & Glass  
Timely Signs

Ulster County Jewish Federation  
Vivo Creative  
Woodstock Harley-Davidson  
Zell CPA



## Upstate & Litigate, Episode 11: Car Collisions

This month attorneys Derek Spada & John DeGasperi discussed car collisions, and what you need to know if it happens to you. You can watch Episode 11 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. Scan the QR codes to watch or listen!





# Rising Malpractice and Negligence: Risk in Elderly Patient Falls and Bedsores



## Falls on the Rise

700,000 - 1 million patients / residents fall each year

17,000 malpractice claims per year for Pressure Ulcers

In 2022, Joint Commission data revealed the highest number ever recorded for traumatic patient falls, and this trend continued in the first six months of 2023. For the year 2022, patient falls ranked #1 when it came to the most frequent Sentinel Event reviewed in healthcare settings - unnecessary medical mistakes that caused significant patient harm or death. The number of Sentinel Events reviewed for traumatic falls in 2022 increased by 250% over 2020 and 26% over 2021.

*It has been estimated that about 50% of nursing home residents fall at least one time per year. Basch & Keegan has handled hundreds of fall down cases against nursing home facilities in the Hudson Valley.*

## Fall Prevention

Medical research has revealed that many patient falls can be prevented with simple patient safety measures. The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare reduced falls with injuries by 62% in one study, simply by instituting common sense solutions, such as screening patients for fall risk on admission, providing education on fall prevention, having nurses and aides assist with bathroom visits, and hourly rounding to make sure patients are safe.

## Pressure Ulcers

In the United States, more than 2.5 million patients suffer from pressure ulcers in any given year. And approximately 60,000 deaths a year are related to pressure ulcers. The cost of an ulcer ranges between \$20,000 and \$150,000; where the annual cost of these bed sores ranges between \$9 and \$16 billion. In addition, a University of Chicago report found that nursing home pressure ulcers were being under-reported, despite noting that approximately 41% to 54% of short stay nursing home residents suffered stage IV ulcers.

*There is no doubt that a significant percentage of pressure ulcers develop in nursing homes, long term care and or rehabilitation facilities. Just this year, our firm has handled numerous bedsores claims against local establishments.*

## Prevention of Pressure Ulcers

There are many tools available for providers to avoid the development of pressure ulcers. High risk patients must be assessed and identified on admission. A complete and detailed initial skin examination is mandatory for high risk patients, and must be repeated on a frequent basis. Skin care and nutritional protocols need to be implemented, together with providing surfaces such as special mattresses to avoid mechanical pressure on fragile skin. At risk patients require frequent evaluation with risk assessment tools such as the Braden and or Norton Scales. These scales determine a patient's current risk of developing a pressure ulcer.

## Basch & Keegan, Here to Help

In recent years we have seen a tremendous spike in the number of serious adverse patient events. With over 35 years of experience, we're dedicated to holding facilities accountable and ensuring your loved one receives the justice and care they deserve. Basch & Keegan, Here to Help you fight for justice.



**Basch & Keegan is Here to Help the Community.**

**Here is a List of Upcoming Sponsorships:**

- **November 4th - 10th:** Fall for Art with the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, virtual Juried Art Show and Sale, visit [fallforart.org](http://fallforart.org) to shop & support!
- **November 6th:** People's Place Festival of Trees, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Wellness Empowerment Center 775 Broadway, Kingston.



*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!*

