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Nominate us in the
Chronogrammys

In the **Law Firm**
category under
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The nominations for the Chronogrammys are currently live! Please take a moment to nominate Basch and Keegan in the “Law Firm” category to show

your support and help Basch and Keegan make into the final five. Nominations are open until February 15.

([link to nominations](#))

Click the green "nominate" button next to our law firm and follow the prompts to confirm your selection.

We appreciate your support!



John DeGasperis recently obtained a \$680,000 settlement for an Ulster County man who was injured on the job because a property owner failed to remove ice from a roadway where heavy equipment is used.

When the incident occurred, the injury victim was standing on the back of a flatbed trailer moving some equipment. A co-worker was operating a forklift near the trailer on an icy surface and lost control, causing the forklift to crash into the trailer. The impact dislodged a 150-pound steel plate that slid into the victim, crushing his leg.

The injuries, which included multiple fractures to the tibia and fibula, necessitated surgery to implant orthopedic hardware in the victim's leg, and he

was unable to return to work for almost two years. He still suffers from pain and numbness in his injured leg, and may never enjoy the same quality of life he knew before the accident.

The owner of the company that employed the victim also owned the private roadway where the accident occurred and was ultimately held responsible for the unsafe conditions that contributed to the accident.

Derek Spada Prevails in Two Difficult Cases



Derek Spada recently obtained settlements for clients in two tricky cases that had been turned down by other local law firms.

The first case involved property loss: a plumber improperly installed a pump on the furnace in a barn where the plaintiff operated a business. This soon caused a fire that destroyed the barn and its contents. The defense disputed the cause of the fire, but a fire investigation expert hired by Basch & Keegan confirmed that it started at the furnace. Ultimately, the case was settled for \$250,000.

In another case, a woman was injured when she was struck by an apartment building's entrance door, which had evidently slammed shut with excessive force. A mechanical engineer hired by Basch & Keegan inspected the door and was able to determine that the mechanical arm that would normally regulate the door's closing velocity had been improperly installed and thus

violated a building code. Derek obtained a \$40,000 settlement for the injury victim.

The attorneys at Basch & Keegan are willing to dig into complex cases and consult with experts when necessary to help ensure that everyone who becomes the victim of someone else's negligence is appropriately compensated.



Due to the ongoing pandemic, courthouses in the state of New York remain closed. Courts are still conducting judicial conferences remotely, and judges are conducting bench trials, but all jury trials, criminal and civil, have been cancelled through March 2021. Additionally, the court system's budget has been reduced, and judges over the age of 70 are being forced to retire, so we will likely see significant backlogs.

At Basch & Keegan, we continue litigating our cases. We're still accepting new clients, and we're conducting client meetings and depositions remotely. This will ensure that our clients get timely settlements to the extent insurance companies are willing to negotiate in good faith. Alternatively, cases will be trial-ready when courts are permitted to conduct trials again.

Derek Spada and John DeGasperi purchased the building adjacent to Basch & Keegan's office and have spent much of the past year renovating it. Our goal is to transform this space into a state of the art modern law office that will help us to better serve our clients.

Hudson Valley Magazine Includes Maureen Keegan on Top Lawyers List



Hudson Valley Magazine included Maureen Keegan in their January 2021 issue's Top Lawyers list, which recognizes the best attorneys in the Hudson Valley as voted on by their peers.

Maureen is listed as a Top Medical Malpractice attorney.
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