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There's Comfort in Knowing Your Attorneys: Protect Your Rights With A Lawyer You Trust

Personal injury law is one of the most complex and misunderstood areas of the legal system. For those that have suffered an injury due to someone else's neglect, attempting to "go-it-alone" is not such a good idea. Too many have chosen to go this path only to face further losses. You really want to find a skilled law firm that is dedicated to handling personal injury cases, but you also want to find an attorney who exemplifies honesty and concern and one that you trust.

Typically, if a person suffers from a personal injury, their first course of action is to contact their insurance company. Unfortunately, that may not be the wisest direction to take since most insurance companies do not have your best interests in mind. The reality is that too many insurance representatives often delay investigations, mishandle cases, or even avoid providing compensation in the attempt to limit or prevent payment altogether. The right thing to do after you have received the immediate medical treatment needed is to describe your injuries in detail so the medical providers can document them. Never give a statement to any insurance company without speaking to a trusted personal injury lawyer first.

Personal injury law firms like Basch and Keegan are a necessary balance in the civil judicial system. Without the representation of an experienced and personal injury attorney, injury victims can find themselves being victims of the very legal system meant to protect their rights. Its for this reason that good attorneys make themselves accessible and approachable. They give back to the communities that they serve and support non-profit organizations and attend civic functions. Getting involved in a community or making inquiries can be a good way to get to know a personal injury attorney that you trust. Should an unfortunate injury occur, it's comforting to know you have a professional to call that cares and can [provide free advice](#).

Derek Spada and John DeGasperis Attend The 2019 Trial Lawyers Summit



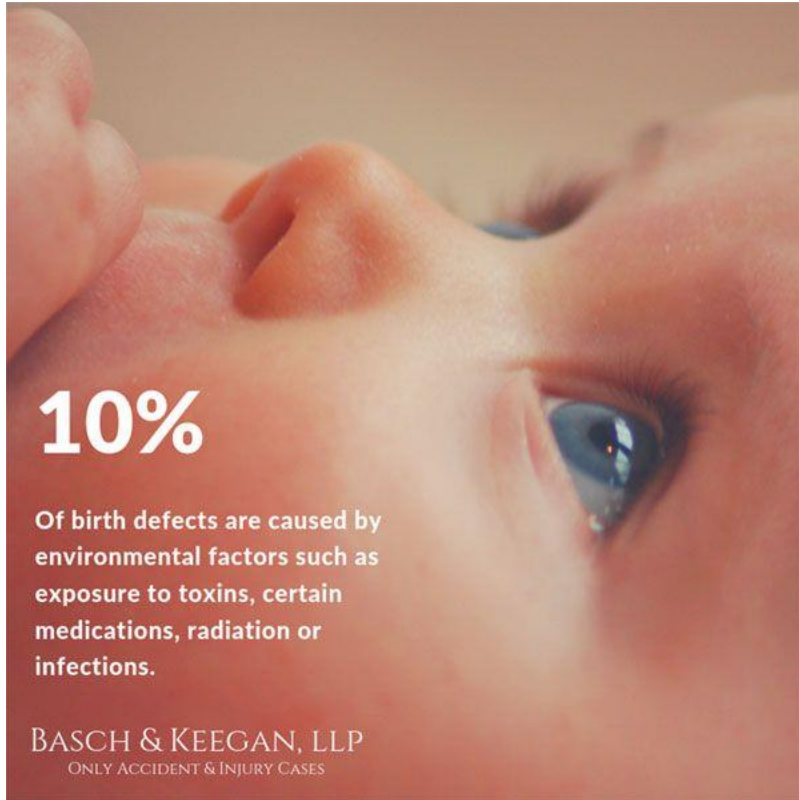
As part of their ongoing efforts to remain informed about all things related to their legal practice, Derek Spada and John DeGasperis went down to Miami, Florida this month to take part in the [Trial Lawyers Summit](#).

A four-day learning experience moderated and taught by some of the nation's top trial lawyers, this year's summit focused on topics including jury selection, cross-examination, and integrating ethics into law firm culture.

January is Birth Defect Awareness Month

It is estimated that 150,000 children are born each year with birth defects, yet many people aren't aware of the different types of birth defects, the factors that may contribute to birth defects, or the legal aspects involved.

In recognition of Birth Defect Awareness Month, we've dedicated two blog posts to this sensitive but important topic:



10%

Of birth defects are caused by environmental factors such as exposure to toxins, certain medications, radiation or infections.

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- [Birth Defect Awareness Month](#) – A general overview.



Birth Injuries and Birth Defects
What's the difference?

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- [How Birth Injuries Differ From Birth Defects](#) – An explanation of this critical but little-understood distinction.

Attorney Spotlight: Derek J. Spada

Meet Basch & Keegan partner [Derek J. Spada](#). Derek has successfully concluded thousands of personal injury cases.

He has been recognized by his peers as an accomplished trial lawyer and highly-regarded appellate attorney.

Born and raised in Saugerties, Derek resides in Woodstock with his wife and two children.

Learn more about Derek on his [profile page](#).