

BASCH & KEEGAN

PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS

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Basch & Keegan Partners All Named 2024 Top Lawyer in Hudson Valley Magazine

All four partners at Basch & Keegan have been recognized as Top Lawyer 2024 by Hudson Valley Magazine. We are incredibly honored to receive this prestigious recognition, and it wouldn't have been possible without the trust and support of our amazing clients and community.

Thank you for choosing us as your personal injury legal partner. Here's to continuing excellence and serving the Hudson Valley with dedication and expertise!

Derek J. Spada
Awarded \$2 Million
Settlement in Case
Against National Car
Maintenance
Corporation



Partner Derek J. Spada recovered 2 million dollars for a Basch & Keegan client in a difficult case against a national car maintenance corporation.

After getting his tires rotated on his pickup truck, our client drove a minimal amount over the next few days. On day 4 after the rotation, he and his son were going camping. They hooked a camper up to the truck and got on the road. While driving 60 – 65 miles per hour on a highway, his back passenger side wheel fell off because the lug nuts were not properly tightened when the tire rotation was performed.



Maureen Keegan Featured on Hudson Valley Women

Partner and Co-Founder Maureen Keegan was recently highlighted in a feature on Hudson Valley Women Instagram Page. Maureen was hand selected and interviewed, and then featured on the platform.

Here is the write up, in case you missed it:

Meet Maureen "Moe" Keegan, co-founder and partner at Kingston-based personal injury law firm Basch & Keegan, she is a force to be reckoned with and just the type of lawyer you want on your side. Both warm and tough, she carved her path, ultimately becoming a partner in a male-dominated space. Moe started practicing law 40 years ago in New York City and then in Albany. "Back then, women lawyers were a rarity, especially in plaintiff cases," she explains.

Mentors were important to Moe's professional growth, and she has been paying it forward with the young women at her firm and upcoming lawyers. Her law partner, Eli Basch was an early mentor and promoter of the firm's family-work balance policies. The late State Supreme Court judge Vince Bradley helped Maureen settle into Kingston's legal scene. This influential judge was always supportive of young attorneys, especially women.

Moe's role as a mother has shaped and enriched her perspective. As we talk, she anchors her professional memories in her children's milestones. "That was after my daughter was born..." Like most women of our generation, she intertwines her personal and professional life to make them both work.

I asked Moe about the changes she's seen in the legal field. She noted the growing role of technology "everyone has a camera" and how it has made things easier but less personal. Technology and social media are helpful but have sucked some of the fun out of things. She takes her fun seriously. Whether its yoga ("try an inversion bench"), biking, or rowing with the Rondout Rowing Club, she appreciates offline activities. She tells me she recently played bocce, suggesting I look into the Ulster County Italian American Foundation, "it's fun" she says.

"I like helping people," she explains. She will casually mention that she's on the Boards of People's Place in Kingston and Walkway Over the Hudson. Moe cares about her clients but doesn't let her emotions get the best of her. As a former pharmacist, she has an advantage in medical malpractice cases. "I am very aware of how to successfully prosecute a personal injury case" she says calmly, no longer kidding around.







Get Your Free Bandana at the Shamrock Run!

The 36th Annual Kingston Shamrock Run is Sunday, March 10th. Basch & Keegan has been a sponsor of this beloved, hometown race for over 20 years. Continuing tradition, we will be handing out commemorative bandannas at the Start Line at Academy Green again this year.

GIVEAWAY ALERT! If you take a picture of yourself wearing the bandanna and then tag Basch & Keegan on Instagram or Facebook, we will enter you into a giveaway for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to a restaurant of your choice in Kingston!

Visit our tent at the Start Line of the race, at Academy Green in Kingston on Sunday March 10th. Race Day check in & registration is 11am – 12:30pm, and you will find us there with the Shamrock Run volunteers handing out these one-of-a-kind bandannas while supplies last!

Basch & Keegan Advances to Voting Round in THREE categories in Chronogrammies



The Chronogrammies Reader Choice Awards Nominations have closed, and we're thrilled to share that Basch & Keegan has advanced to the voting round of the Chronogrammies in THREE amazing categories!

- 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!

Thanks to your support, we've made it to the top 5 in each category. Now, we need your help to secure the win!

Voting opens on April 1st and runs until May 15th. Stay tuned for more updates and voting instructions. Thank you for being a part of our incredible journey!

Upstate & Litigate, Episode 14: Jury Instructions





This month attorneys Derek Spada & John DeGasperis discuss the impact of pattern jury instructions in a trial, and how they can be confusing at times. You can watch Episode 14 of Upstate & Litigate on YouTube or listen to the show on Spotify of Apple Podcast.

New episodes of Upstate & Litigate are released the first Tuesday of every month. Scan the QR codes to watch or listen!













Basch & Keegan is Here to Help the Community. Here is a List of Upcoming Sponsorships:

- Benedictine Health Foundation 6th Annual Ski Benefit: March 7th at Plattekill Mountain, Private Skiing & Snowboarding. Learn more at: benedictinehealthfoundation.org!
- **36th Annual Shamrock Run:** March 10th at 12:50pm, Academy Green Start Line in Kingston. Basch & Keegan will be handing out bandannas at the start line again! Learn more at: shamrockrun.org!
- KHS Theatrics: Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical: March 14th Sunday March 17th, Kingston High School Theater. More information at: kingstoncityschools.org.
- 27th Annual YMCA Kid's Classic: April 13th, Rondout Valley School, 8am 12pm. Learn more at ymca.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!