



### October 2023

## John DeGasperis Settles Two Medical Malpractice Cases in September

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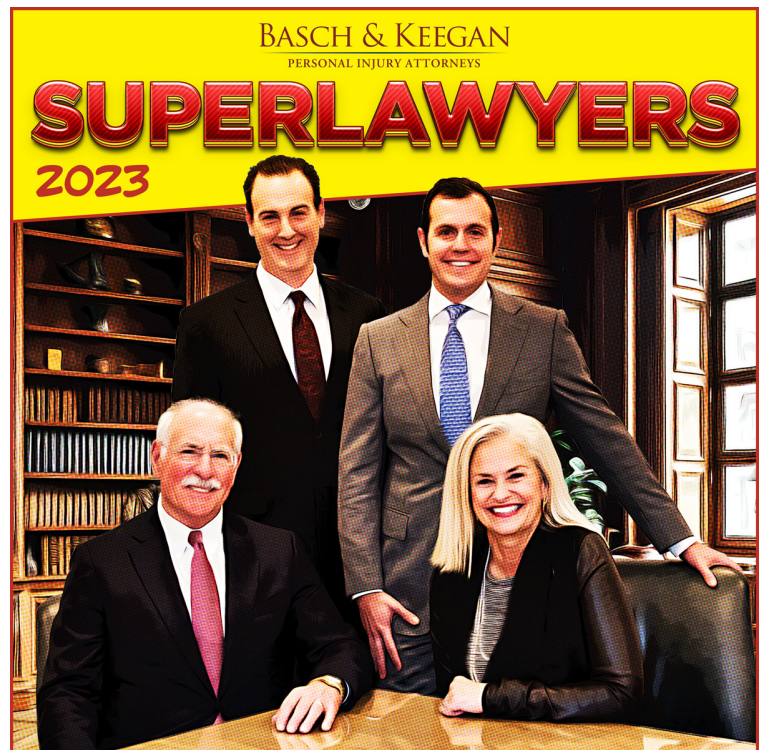
Attorney John A. DeGasperis resolved two medical malpractice cases in the month of September for a total of \$1,125,000.

The first case settled for \$825,000 after five days of trial. This tragic case centered on the harmful side-effects of antidepressant drugs leading to suicide. It was alleged that a local psychiatrist failed to realize that his patient, now deceased, was suffering from a Medication-Induced Movement Disorder (MIMD).

The second case involved allegations of nursing home neglect. This case settled for \$300,000 just two weeks before trial was set to begin. Our client died after sustaining multiple falls at a nursing facility in Dutchess County, New York.

## All Four Partners Recognized as Super Lawyers Again in 2023

We are honored to announce that all four partners have been recognized as Super Lawyers in 2023 again. For the last decade, all partners have been named Super Lawyers in New York State! Super Lawyers recognizes the top attorneys nationwide, across a variety of practice areas and firm sizes, using a patented process of independent research and peer input. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis.



# Derek Spada Recovers \$200,000 for NY Labor Law Violation

A gas station needed to remove a subterranean gas tank located adjacent to the gas pumps. They hired a company our client worked for, and when our client arrived on scene to demolish the tank, it was not empty like it was supposed to be. Our client was told by his supervisor and manager to go into the tank and soak up the remaining gasoline with towels. On site there were only three people: supervisor, manager and our client.



The fumes in the tank caused our client to feel lightheaded. He started to climb out of the tank on the ladder. Unfortunately, he passed out while climbing the ladder due to the fumes and fell to the bottom of tank. He was unconscious and suffered chemical burns from the gasoline. When firefighters and paramedics arrived, they had difficulty getting our client out of the tank because he had to be lifted vertically through a small hole.

We filed a suit against the gas station for failing to empty the gas tank before our client arrived and failing to provide our client with a safe means to get in and out of the gas tank. They provided no breathing apparatus or personal protection from the fumes. The gas station violated New York State Labor Laws, which is why we were able to hold them accountable.

Our client was in the hospital for two days. He was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury and experienced headaches, nausea and dizziness. While our client was severely injured, he recovered quickly and only had a few follow up visits with a neurologist. He returned to work after a few months.

The client's first attorney gave up on the case. The client then contacted Derek, who agreed to take on the case. Derek fought hard and recovered \$200,000.



## Upstate & Litigate New Episode with Maureen Keegan, Nursing Home Neglect and Abuse Cases

This month attorneys Derek Spada & John DeGasperis invited Maureen Keegan onto Upstate & Litigate to discuss the rise of Nursing Home Neglect and Abuse cases. You can watch Episode 9 of Upstate & Litigate on YouTube or listen to the show on Spotify of Apple Podcast. You don't want to miss this special episode with Maureen Keegan! New episodes of Upstate & Litigate are released the first Tuesday of every month.



# Eli Basch was Honored at 27th Annual Garden Party with The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley



Partner and Co-Founder Eli B. Basch was honored at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley Annual Garden Party on September 10th, 2023. The event honored four individuals with long and impressive commitments to philanthropy and community service, and Basch & Keegan is thrilled that Eli was recognized.

Eli is a lifelong resident of Kingston, New York (Ulster County), and has practiced law in Kingston for over four decades. He currently serves as the acting chair of the New Paltz College Council, and on the boards of the Friends of Historic Kingston and the Congregation of Emanuel of the Hudson Valley. For many years he served on the New Paltz College Foundation, including as its Chair. A former Board Member of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, Mr. Basch and his late wife, Susan, a teacher and an artist, have supported numerous charitable organizations focusing their philanthropy on education, health care, Jewish causes, and the arts.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley delivers community leadership and strategic philanthropy to inspire and celebrate local charitable giving in the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Partnering with its generous donors, the CFHV addresses current and emerging community needs through effective grantmaking to improve the quality of life for all, and by offering technical assistance to help nonprofits operate more effectively.



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

### Here is a List of Upcoming Sponsorships:

- **October 8th:** 16th Annual Ulster County Italian American Festival, Rondout Waterfront, 12PM – 8PM.
- **October 16th:** 4th Annual Putting for a Purpose Charity Golf Tournament with Community Matters 2 Inc. McCann Memorial Golf Course, 155 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie. 9AM.
- **October 20th:** Mentor Me of Ulster County 2023 Rip Van Winkle Cruise for a Cause. 6PM – 9PM.
- **October 20th:** Saugerties Youth Hockey Sponsor Recognition Night, 1st Varsity Game of the Season. Kiwanis Ice Arena. 7:30PM.
- **October 22nd:** KHS Tiger Band Fall Fanfare. Saugerties High School, 1PM.

*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!*



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