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John DeGasperis Visits Kingston High for Law Day



New York Injury Law co-founder John DeGasperis recently returned to his alma mater, Kingston High School, to participate in the school's Law Day event.

Speaking with students interested in legal careers, John shared what it's like to practice law in New York and offered an inside look at his work as a personal injury attorney. He discussed the responsibilities of representing injured clients, how the legal profession is evolving, and the skills needed to succeed as an attorney.

John also shared the personal experience that inspired him to pursue a legal career: a car accident he was involved in while attending Kingston High School. Students asked questions about personal injury law, memorable cases, career opportunities, and the path to becoming a lawyer.

Drawing from his own experience, John offered practical advice on choosing a college major, preparing for law school, and building a rewarding career helping people through difficult situations.

We were proud to participate in Law Day and connect with the next generation of legal professionals.

The Summer Injury Risks We See Every Year

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In summer, roads all over New York State become busier with motorcyclists, bicyclists, e-bike riders, pedestrians, and road construction crews all sharing the same space.

Unfortunately, when collisions involve motorcycles, the consequences are often severe. Unlike occupants of passenger vehicles, riders have very little protection in a crash, making serious injuries far more common. Motorcycle accident claims can also present unique challenges, which is why preserving evidence and beginning an investigation quickly is often critical.

Bicyclists and e-bike riders face similar risks. As e-bikes continue to grow in popularity, riders are reaching higher speeds than ever before. One important

safety measure remains the same: wear a helmet. Beyond helping prevent serious injury, insurance companies may argue that a rider who chose not to wear a helmet contributed to the severity of their injuries, potentially affecting a claim.

Summer is also road construction season throughout New York. Construction crews work just a few feet away from moving traffic, making them especially vulnerable to distracted or careless drivers. A momentary distraction behind the wheel can have life-changing consequences for workers, cyclists, motorcyclists, and pedestrians alike.

The takeaway is simple: slow down, stay alert, and pay attention to everyone sharing the road. A little extra caution can help make this summer safer for everyone.



Watch the Video:



Construction Site Falls: Know Your Rights

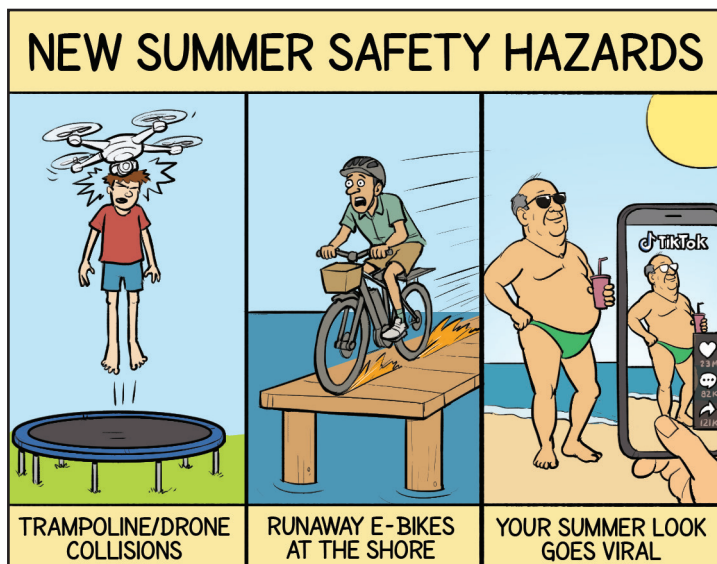
Construction workers face unique risks on the job, especially when working at elevated heights. When a fall occurs on a commercial construction site, injured workers may have more than one avenue for recovery.

In New York, workers injured on the job are generally entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits, which can help cover medical expenses and a portion of lost wages. However, in many construction accident cases, an injured worker may also have the right to pursue a separate third-party claim against a commercial property owner, general contractor, or another responsible party.

Property owners and contractors have a duty to provide appropriate safety measures and protection for workers exposed to elevation-related hazards. When those protections are not in place and a serious injury occurs, additional compensation may be available beyond Workers' Compensation benefits alone.

Because construction accident cases can involve multiple insurance policies and legal claims, it is important for injured workers to understand all of their rights and options following a workplace injury.

WINNING SMILES



A Dark Stairwell. A Harmful Fall. A \$125,000 Settlement.

A poorly maintained property isn't just an inconvenience—it can become a serious danger.

Recently, attorney John DeGasperis of New York Injury Law negotiated a \$125,000 settlement for a man who suffered significant injuries after falling in a dark and unsafe stairwell.

According to the case, the stairwell lighting was not functioning properly, leaving the area poorly illuminated. The stairs themselves were also in poor condition. As a result of the fall, the victim suffered a broken tibia that required surgery, extensive medical treatment, and a lengthy recovery.

Unfortunately, situations like this occur more often than many people realize. Whether it's a dimly lit stairwell, a broken handrail, an icy walkway, or a damaged sidewalk, property hazards can quickly turn an ordinary day into a life-changing event.

Under New York law, property owners have a responsibility to maintain reasonably safe conditions for tenants, visitors, customers, and guests. That responsibility includes inspecting their property, addressing known hazards, and making necessary repairs within a reasonable amount of time. Proper lighting, routine maintenance, and attention to safety concerns can help prevent serious injuries before they happen.

When dangerous conditions are ignored, the consequences can be severe. Falls frequently result in broken bones, head injuries, back injuries, lost income, and extensive rehabilitation. In addition to physical pain, injured victims often face mounting medical bills and uncertainty about their financial future.

Cases like this highlight the importance of holding negligent property owners accountable when preventable injuries occur. A successful claim can help injured individuals recover compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and other damages related to their injuries.

At New York Injury Law, we work to protect the rights of injury victims and pursue the compensation they deserve.

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