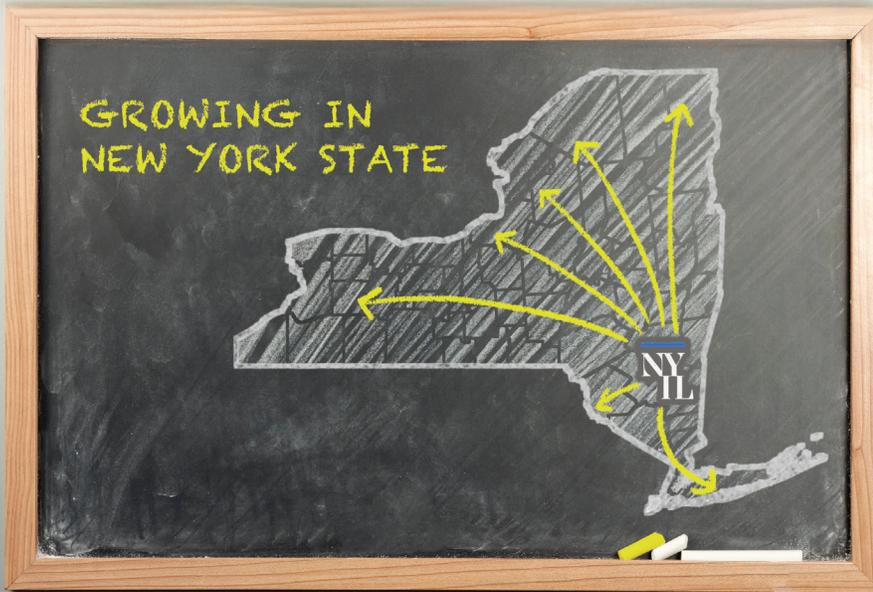


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# LEGAL BULLETIN



## Teambuilding: Escape Room COMMUNITY NEWS



## New York Injury Law Continues to Grow — Expanding Our Team to Better Serve You

### NY INJURY LAW NEWS

Over the past 10 months, New York Injury Law has experienced steady and exciting growth. As more New Yorkers turn to us for legal help, we have continued to strengthen our team to meet that demand.

We are proud to announce the addition of three new team members:

- Carlos Querales-Dommar, joining our Intake Department, ensuring every new client receives prompt, compassionate attention from the very first call.
- Mary Berardi, our new Litigation Specialist (Paralegal), bringing valuable experience and dedication to ensure each case runs smoothly and efficiently.

We also welcomed Jackie Montoya, our new Spanish Interpreter, expanding our ability to communicate clearly and effectively with our Spanish-speaking clients — an essential step as our client base continues to grow.

At New York Injury Law, we know that growth is not just about numbers — it is about people. By adding experienced professionals to our team, we are making sure every injured New Yorker gets the personal attention and legal representation they deserve.

We are excited to keep winning cases and delivering justice for our clients.

At New York Injury Law, teamwork is not just what we do in the office — it is who we are. This month, our team took a well-deserved break from the courtroom and casework to enjoy a fun and memorable Team Building Day in Poughkeepsie, NY.

We started the day with a delicious lunch at Millhouse Brewing Company, where great food and even better conversation set the tone for an afternoon of laughter and connection. It was the perfect chance to unwind, celebrate our hard work, and strengthen the bonds that make our team so effective.

After lunch, the challenge was on! We headed to All In Adventures Escape Room, where we took on the “Escape from Alcatraz” experience. Working together, we put our problem-solving and communication skills to the test — and we are proud to say we escaped successfully!

Events like these remind us that success comes from collaboration, trust, and shared purpose — the same values that drive our work for injured New Yorkers every day.



**Rideshare Case: When Safety Is Compromised, Justice Still Matters**  
**REAL CASES, REAL WINS**

At New York Injury Law, we know that not every rideshare case involves a crash — sometimes, the danger comes from the driver’s behavior itself.

Recently, we secured a substantial settlement for a client who endured a terrifying experience while using a rideshare service. The Uber driver’s actions made our client fear she was about to be sexually assaulted. In a desperate attempt to protect herself, she jumped out of the moving car.

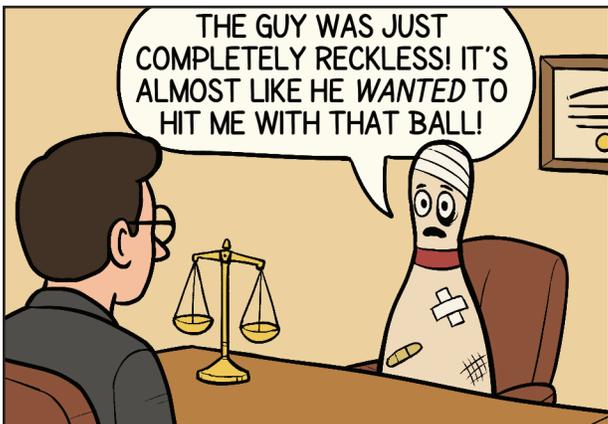
While physical injuries were part of her ordeal, the emotional trauma was just as significant. Our team fought to ensure she received compensation and accountability, even though the case was far from straightforward.

Many rideshare users do not realize that by downloading and using these apps, they are agreeing to forced arbitration — meaning they often waive their right to bring a lawsuit in court. This can make it harder for victims to seek justice, even in serious cases like this one.

Despite these challenges, New York Injury Law successfully navigated the arbitration process to reach a fair outcome for our client.

This case is an important reminder: whether it is a car crash, unsafe driving, or frightening conduct by a rideshare driver, our safety comes first — and your rights still matter.

**WINNING SMILES**



**Understanding New York Law: Hurt on NYC Public Property? Time Is Not on Your Side**  
**LEGAL NEWS**

If you have been injured on New York City public property — such as on an MTA subway platform, a city bus, a Port Authority terminal, or a sidewalk maintained by the City — the rules for pursuing compensation are very different from a typical injury case. The clock starts ticking immediately, and missing an early deadline could mean losing your right to recover damages entirely.

**The 90-Day Rule: Filing a Notice of Claim**

You must file a Notice of Claim within 90 days of the incident when your injury involves a public entity like:

- The City of New York
- The MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority)
- NYCTA (New York City Transit Authority)
- Port Authority of NY & NJ
- NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)

The Notice of Claim alerts to the agency that you intend to file a lawsuit. It includes details about:

- How you were injured
- Why you believe the city or agency was negligent

If you fail to notice the claim in time, your case can be dismissed before it reaches court.

**Shorter Statute of Limitations**

In most personal injury cases in New York, you have 3 years to file a lawsuit. But when suing a governmental body, the statute of limitations is much shorter:

- 1 year and 90 days from the date of the incident to file your lawsuit against the City or MTA.

This shortened timeline makes it crucial to act quickly – even while you are recovering from your injuries.

**Why This Matters**

Many people assume they can deal with the aftermath of an injury at their own pace. Unfortunately, when it involves NYC public property, delays can cost you your entire case. Filing the Notice of Claim ensures that your rights are preserved and that the public agency cannot deny your claim on a technicality.

**Get Legal Help Early**

Because of the unique filing requirements and complex governmental procedures, it is wise to consult with a personal injury attorney experienced in municipal liability as soon as possible. The clock is ticking, so do not delay.