

# NYIL

# NEW YORK INJURY LAW

# LEGAL BULLETIN



## \$950,000 Settlement Highlights Importance of Safe Driving by Emergency Vehicles

### NY INJURY LAW NEWS

A serious auto crash case has been resolved for **\$950,000**, underscoring the consequences of negligent driving—even by those entrusted with public safety.

Our client was struck by an ambulance owned by a paramedic company and driven by its employee, who was not responding to an emergency at the time. Traveling **65 mph in a 45 mph zone** without lights or sirens, the driver collided with our client's vehicle as he cautiously entered the roadway. Crucially, **CCTV footage from a nearby business clearly captured the ambulance speeding**, visually confirming the excessive speed that made the crash unavoidable. Event Data Recorder information and crash reconstruction reports further supported our client's account.

### Legal Strategy and Resolution

Despite the defense's initial claim that our client failed to yield, the CCTV footage, EDR data, and eyewitness accounts made liability clear. With no emergency response to justify speeding—and visual proof of reckless driving—the mediator was presented with a compelling case for damages. After negotiations, the matter settled for **\$950,000**, avoiding the costs and uncertainty of trial.

### Takeaway

This case is a reminder that even professional drivers must follow traffic laws when not in an active emergency. The settlement provides critical resources for our client's ongoing care and reflects the seriousness of the defendant's reckless conduct.

## Fireproof Conference: Driving Sustainable Law Firm Growth

### COMMUNITY NEWS



Our NYIL team recently spent two focused days in Detroit at the **Fireproof Conference**, hosted by Fireproof Performance. The event brought together law firm owners and leaders committed to scaling their practices with purpose. Sessions went beyond theory, offering actionable strategies on marketing, operations, leadership, culture, and profit-driven systems.

The conference emphasized that real growth does not come from working harder alone—it requires **well-designed systems**, clear KPIs, and strong forecasting. Speakers highlighted how **capacity and structure** must grow alongside new business to prevent burnout and maintain client satisfaction.

Armed with these insights, we are auditing our processes, refining KPIs, and strengthening roles to better serve our clients and team. The Fireproof Conference reinforced that scaling a law firm is not about doing more—it is about doing it better, with intention and accountability.





## Slip-and-Fall Case Against Retailer Resolves for \$425,000

### REAL CASES, REAL WINS

A Jefferson County resident received a **\$425,000 settlement** after slipping on untreated ice in a **major retailer's parking lot**. The fall caused serious hip, thigh, groin, buttock, and left-side injuries, required surgery, and left the victim **partially disabled**, requiring lifestyle changes and ongoing medical care.

With **winter fast approaching**, this case is a clear reminder: icy walkways are not just inconvenient—they are dangerous. Businesses must act quickly to clear snow and ice, while shoppers and visitors should stay alert for hidden hazards. A little preparation now can prevent life-changing injuries later.



## Understanding New York Law: What You Need to Know About Rideshare Crashes

### LEGAL NEWS

If you are in a crash with an Uber or Lyft, the insurance coverage is different from a regular car crash — and it can make a big difference in your recovery.

In New York, Uber and Lyft drivers have **different levels of insurance** depending on what they're doing in the app:

- **App Off:** Only the driver's personal insurance applies.
- **App On, No Ride Yet:** Limited coverage of about \$75,000 per person.
- **Ride Accepted or Passenger in the Car:** Up to \$1.25 million in coverage for injuries and uninsured/underinsured motorist protection.

This means that in many cases, there's more insurance available than you might think.

### Why Intake Matters

At first, it is not always obvious a rideshare was involved. You might not know unless you ask or notice the Uber/Lyft decal on the windshield. That's why it is important for your lawyer to ask the right questions from the very beginning.

### The Bottom Line

Rideshare crashes can unlock stackable insurance policies that go beyond the driver's personal coverage. This can mean the difference between limited help and full compensation for medical bills, lost wages, and long-term needs.

At New York Injury Law, we know how to uncover every available policy to make sure our clients get the justice they deserve.

### WINNING SMILES

