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Back-to-School Safety on New York Roads

NY INJURY LAW NEWS

Every September, New York roads change almost overnight. School buses are back, children are walking and biking to school, and morning traffic gets noticeably busier. In our practice, we also tend to see more crashes involving pedestrians, cyclists, and busy neighborhood streets this time of year. Some result in significant injuries from what initially sounds like a relatively ordinary accident.

School buses are an obvious area of concern. New York law requires drivers approaching a stopped school bus from either direction to stop when its red lights are flashing. That includes multi-lane and divided highways, as well as private roads and parking lots. Drivers must stop at least 20 feet away and remain stopped until the bus moves, the lights stop flashing, or they are directed to proceed.

What stands out from the cases we handle is how quickly these accidents happen. A child steps from between parked cars. A cyclist is difficult to see in morning traffic. A driver focuses on the bus ahead and does not notice someone entering a crosswalk. Often, there is no single dramatic event—just a few seconds in which several things happen at once.

Parents can help by talking with children about their route to school, where they cross, and where they wait for the bus. For drivers, September is simply a good time to remember that the roads are a little different than they were a few weeks ago.

We spend a lot of our time working with people after serious accidents and seeing the effect an injury can have on an entire family. We certainly don't want to see more of them. With school back in session, being a little more aware of buses, bicycles, crosswalks, and children along the road can make a real difference.

Jason Null Joins Boys and Girls Club of Ulster County Board

COMMUNITY NEWS



New York Injury Law attorney Jason Null has joined the Boys & Girls Club of Ulster County Board of Directors, continuing the firm's commitment to organizations that support local young people and families.

Jason was born and raised in Kingston and attended George Washington Elementary School. He has seen the Club's impact on children throughout the community and watched its programs and reach grow over the years.

"I am excited and honored to join the Boys & Girls Club of Ulster County Board of Directors," Jason said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its continued success and help support the next generation of Ulster County youth."

We congratulate Jason and look forward to seeing the Boys & Girls Club continue to serve young people across Ulster County.



When Everyone Points the Finger: Fighting for an Injured Construction Worker

LEGAL NEWS

New York Injury Law is representing a construction worker who was seriously injured at a residential construction project in Ulster County. The case remains in litigation, but it illustrates something we see repeatedly: after an accident, accountability can be remarkably difficult to find.

Before someone gets hurt, owners and contractors generally know who is doing the work and who is responsible for what. After a serious accident, stories can change. Responsibility gets pushed onto others; frequently onto the injured worker himself.

The defendants in this case have denied responsibility, blamed our client, and pointed fingers at one another. Rather than accept a disjointed story, we challenge witnesses, follow inconsistencies, and keep asking questions until the evidence becomes clear.

That persistence is particularly important in New York Labor Law cases. Serious construction cases require more than knowing the law. They require recognizing when the story being offered does not fit the evidence and having the experience to expose why.

We will continue pressing for answers and building the case toward trial on behalf of our client.

WINNING SMILES





$275,000 Settlement for Injured Septic Service Technician

REAL CASES, REAL WINS

New York Injury Law recently secured a $275,000 settlement for a septic service technician who suffered a serious knee injury while working at a home in Dutchess County. It was not an easy case. In fact, for years, the defense offered nothing.

Our client injured his knee while attempting to replace a heavy septic tank lid in a rocky and unstable excavation that had been prepared before he arrived. His knee hyperextended under the load, ultimately leading to a total knee replacement.

But there were real challenges. Because our client was injured on the job, workers' compensation laws prevented him from suing his own employer, requiring us to establish responsibility elsewhere. Liability was sharply disputed. And the defense had surveillance showing our client walking away from the property after the incident without any obvious sign that he had just suffered a serious knee injury.

We knew a jury would see that footage. We also knew it wasn't the whole story.

We believed our client. We respected the fact that he was a working man who had been seriously injured while doing his job, and we spent years developing the evidence necessary to tell his story fairly and completely. When mediation produced no resolution, we did not discount the case simply because it was difficult. We prepared to try it.

With a September 2026 trial approaching, we were ready to walk into court, confront the difficult evidence directly, and let a jury decide. After years of offering zero, the defense ultimately agreed to pay **$275,000** to resolve the case.

Some cases look great on paper. Others have problems that have to be confronted rather than hidden. Our job is to know the difference between a bad case and a difficult case—and when we believe in a client and the evidence supports the claim, to be prepared to see that case through.

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

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