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## Galfand Berger Attorneys Named to the 2011 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers List!

Since 1947, Galfand Berger's hard-working attorneys have stood on the side of injured people and their families. And, year-after-year, our attorneys are recognized for their unwavering commitment to our clients. Recently, four of our attorneys – Arthur Bugay, Marc Jacobs, Richard Jurewicz and Eric Swan – were selected to the 2011 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*. This selection is especially significant since only 5% of the over 34,000 Pennsylvania lawyers receive this honor. Making this tribute even more extraordinary, attorney Richard Jurewicz was selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in Pennsylvania and one of the top 100 lawyers in Philadelphia!

Two of our other attorneys – Michael Malvey and Henry Yampolsky – were selected to the 2011 *Pennsylvania Rising Stars* list. This is a noteworthy achievement since *only 2.5% of Pennsylvania attorneys under 40 (or practicing less than 10 years) share this honor!* 

It is no wonder Arthur, Marc, Rick, Eric, Mike and Henry received such special recognition. A glimpse at their biographies tells stories of accomplished litigators who work tirelessly for their clients and their community. To learn more about our lawyers, read their full biographies at www.galfandberger.com



**Arthur Bugay's** practice areas include products liability, construction accident litigation, personal injury litigation, negligent security, and employment law. He is an advocate for disabled and injured children, the elderly and impoverished. An "AV" rated attorney, Arthur is also a member of the Multi-Million Dollar

Advocates Forum and was previously selected to the 2010 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.



Marc S. Jacobs concentrates his practice on representing and protecting disabled workers. Active on numerous workers' compensation committees, Marc has lectured throughout the state, and is contributing editor to PBI's book *Handling a Workers' Compensation Case*. Marc has previously been selected to

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers four times!



**Rick Jurewicz** represents people injured by unsafe products and defective tools, equipment, and machinery. As a trial attorney, he is Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Rick has been previously selected to the

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers every year since 2004. He has recovered more than \$100 million for his clients. In 2007, he had two of the twelve highest Pennsylvania recoveries and in 2010 he had one of the top 35 Pennsylvania recoveries. Rick not only has been selected for the seventh time to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers but also received the distinct honor of again being selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in Pennsylvania and 100 top lawyers in Philadelphia!



**Eric Swan** focuses his practice on Galfand Berger's motor vehicle litigation. In his efforts to educate consumers and drivers, Eric has authored a book entitled, "Auto Insurance - Understanding Your Policy & Rights," available as a free resource to all our clients. Eric is a frequent lecturer on a number of topics

including automobile insurance, people's rights after an accident and insurance company bad faith. He has been recognized for his work in the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program where he helps people who cannot otherwise afford a lawyer. Eric was previously selected to the 2006 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.



**Michael Malvey** is a partner in Galfand Berger's personal injury department, handling a wide variety of cases including, automobile accidents, premises liability cases, construction site accidents, products liability matters, and medical malpractice cases. He has been a member of the team of Galfand Berger lawyers

who have attained some of the largest, multi-million dollar client recoveries in Pennsylvania. A fierce advocate for workers, Michael has also represented the United Steelworkers in various labor and employment cases. Michael's accomplishments have led to his addition to *Pennsylvania Rising Stars* every year of publication since 2006.



**Henry Yampolsky** practices in the areas of personal injury litigation, employment discrimination and labor law, and workers' compensation. Since joining our firm, Henry has been on the team of attorneys who have achieved some of our firm's most significant client recoveries. Henry is fluent in Russian and Ukrainian

and takes an active role in the affairs of the Greater Philadelphia Russian-speaking community. Henry was previously selected to the 2010 *Pennsylvania Rising Stars*.

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## **Summer Roadtrips: When the Unexpected Happens**

With the summer driving season in full swing, the attorneys at Galfand Berger want to provide you with some useful tips if the unexpected happens and you are involved in a car accident. Remember to:

- Call the police immediately and ask them to come to the scene
- Exchange names, addresses, car registration, license information, license plate number, and proof of insurance (insurance card) with other driver
- Get names and addresses of witnesses
- Seek necessary medical attention and inform the doctor that you were involved in an auto accident
- Notify your insurance company; and
- Take pictures of damage

Galfand Berger's team of auto accident lawyers helps our clients through the turmoil and confusion that follows a car accident. If you have been involved in a car accident and have questions, do not hesitate to call us for a free consultation at 1-800-222-8792 or by email at mail@galfandberger.com.

And, remember, before you get behind the steering wheel, make sure you are fully protected by understanding your auto insurance policy. To help you, Galfand Berger offers a handy booklet titled "Auto Insurance: Understanding Your Policy and Rights." Order your free copy by calling 1-800-222-8792 or by email at mail@galfandberger.com.



Galfand Berger cares about the rights of injury victims. When we recently read about a Pennsylvania court's decision

allowing defendants access to an injury victim's Facebook and MySpace accounts, we thought you should be informed!



The court concluded that the injury victim's postings were **not** subject to a right of privacy because he had discussed his lawsuit and related injuries on his public postings.

Since this ruling, some courts in Pennsylvania have followed the judge's decision while others have not. This remains an unsettled area of law. As a result, personal injury victims should approach with caution the information they post about their injuries and/or court claims on social networking sites. We suggest that you:

- Set all of your social network websites to have the maximum privacy settings;
- Never post comments, photographs, articles or images about your legal claims on a social network website;
- Never post any information that acknowledges or suggests you have engaged in illegal activities; and



• Limit what you allow your online "friends" to post to your social network pages.



Following these tips may help prevent the person responsible for your injuries from also gaining access to your social network sites.