

Galfand Berger Attorneys Included on 2012 Super Lawyers List

Galfand Berger is honored to announce that five of our attorneys—Arthur Bugay, Marc Jacobs, Rick Jurewicz, Peter Patton and Norman Weinstein—were selected for inclusion in the 2012 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list.

Another Galfand Berger attorney, Henry Yampolsky, was named to the 2012 *Pennsylvania Rising Stars* List.

And, to top off this recognition, Rick Jurewicz was again selected to the list of Top 100 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Top 100 Philadelphia Super Lawyers!

In order to be named to the *Super Lawyers* list, attorneys must be nominated and voted on by their peers. The *Super Lawyers* selection process singles out attorneys who have made notable professional achievements in their fields. Inclusion in the *Super Lawyers* list is a distinguished honor given to only 5% of practicing attorneys in each state. And, selection to the *Rising Stars* list is limited to only two-and-a-half percent of Pennsylvania lawyers under the age of 40.

We are proud to have six of our attorneys recognized by *Super Lawyers* magazine as top attorneys in the state of Pennsylvania. A look at their biographies makes it clear that Arthur, Marc, Rick, Peter, Norman and Henry have earned this honor through the hard work that they put forth for the benefit of their clients and their community.



Arthur Bugay's practice areas include products liability, construction accident litigation, personal injury litigation, negligent security, and employment law. A noted author – with articles appearing in respected treatises and periodicals – Arthur is also a regular presenter at Continuing Legal Education seminars and has taught at Temple University and Moravian College. Starting in the fall 2012,

Arthur will teach Products Liability at Temple University's Beasley School of Law. He is "AV" rated as an attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates' Forum and was previously selected to the 2010 and 2011 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* lists. In addition to his work in the firm's Personal Injury Department, Arthur is an advocate for disabled and injured children and for the elderly. He is an active

volunteer for the indigent and he provides volunteer legal services for the Legal Clinic for the Disabled. In 2009, Arthur was Pennsylvania's regional top fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association, and this year will be fundraising through a series of Iron-Man competitions for both the ADA and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association.



Marc S. Jacobs concentrates his practice on representing and protecting disabled workers. Marc has lectured throughout the state, and is contributing editor to PBI's book *Handling a Workers' Compensation Case*. He is a former Chair of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Section, and served on the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Association of Justice. Marc served as the liaison to the Philadelphia Bar Association

Board of Directors for the Workers' Compensation Section, and is the Chair of the Section's Martha J. Hampton Memorial Award. He also serves on the Governor's Committee of Proposed Rule Amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act. Marc has previously been selected to *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list for 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.



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 holds memberships in the Million Dollar Advocates forum, Outstanding Lawyers of America, American Association for Justice, Pennsylvania Association for Justice, the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, and the American

Academy of Trial Counsel. Last year, he was included among The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Pennsylvania. Rick previously has been selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list every year since 2004. He has recovered more than \$150 million for his clients. In 2007, he had two of the twelve highest Pennsylvania recoveries. In 2010, he had one of the top 35 Pennsylvania recoveries and, in 2011, he had two of the top 35

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Pennsylvania settlements. Not only is this the ninth consecutive year that Rick has been selected to the *Super Lawyers* list, but also this is the third year in a row that he has also received the distinct honor of again being selected as one of the top 100 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* and top 100 *Philadelphia Super Lawyers*!



Peter Patton concentrates in the fields of products liability, construction and vehicular accidents. His trial experience across Pennsylvania has helped achieve multi-million settlements. He was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award for Professional Responsibility from the University of California, Berkeley. Peter has received an “AV” rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating an attorney can achieve. Peter is

also listed in the Bar Register of Pre-eminent lawyers and has been included in The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Pennsylvania. Peter holds membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Brain Injury Association, System Safety Society, the American Association for Justice, the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, and the National Lawyers Guild. In 2011, Peter had one of the top 35 Pennsylvania settlements.



Norman Weinstein is *Of Counsel* at Galfand Berger, LLP and chairs the firm’s Community Outreach and Social Action program. He has practiced in Workers’ Compensation and Personal Injury law for over 30 years. A Trustee of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, Norman is also past President of the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP), past Co-Chair of the Workers’ Compensation

Section of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the Workers’ Compensation Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. He is past President of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and Council and Trustee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia as well as Chairman of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Young Leadership Council. Norman has performed pro bono work for the Support Center for Child Advocates, Legal Clinic for the Disabled and Philadelphia Volunteers of the Indigent Program (VIP). Norman is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association Community Service Award and has been recognized for his pro bono services by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is a recipient of the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Leadership Award and the Jewish Federation Myer Feinstein Young Leadership Award. Norman has been selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list every year since 2005.



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 lawyers who have achieved some of the largest client recoveries in Pennsylvania. Henry is fluent in Russian and Ukrainian and takes an active role in the affairs of the Greater Philadelphia Russian-Speaking community. He serves as the Vice-President

and Member of the Board of Directors of the New World Association of Immigrants from Eastern Europe and is one of the founding directors of the Russian-Speaking Professionals Network. Henry was previously selected to the *Pennsylvania Rising Stars* list in 2010 and 2011. ■

Attorney Arthur Bugay Receives the George F. Douglas Jr. Amicus Award

Galfand Berger is pleased to announce that partner Arthur Bugay has received the George F. Douglas Jr. *Amicus* Award from the Pennsylvania Association for Justice (PaAJ). Arthur received the award at PaAJ’s annual retreat on June 30, 2012.

PaAJ gives the award to a Pennsylvania trial attorney in recognition of his or her exceptional accomplishments and excellence in litigation and advocacy before Pennsylvania’s highest courts.

Arthur’s practice areas include products liability, construction accident litigation, personal injury litigation, negligent security and employment law. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Arthur is also a member of numerous state and local bar associations as well as a number of professional organizations.

Galfand Berger attorneys have been defending the rights of the injured since 1947. If you or someone you know has been injured, please call Galfand Berger toll free at 1-800-222-8792 to speak with Mr. Bugay, or email him directly at abugay@galfandberger.com. ■



Pool Safety: Keeping Summertime Safe and Fun

The school year has ended and the summer season started. This is the time of year when children head outdoors seeking the sun and some fun. Many kids will find relief from the heat in a cool swimming pool, but parents need to be aware of the dangers that exist. If the appropriate safety precautions are not taken, pool-related accidents could occur resulting in catastrophic injuries or even death. No matter where the swimming pool is located – at home, a neighbor's house, a community park, or a hotel pool – parents need to be aware of safety hazards and take extra precautions to protect their children.

Many parents may not realize that children can drown in only a few inches of water and that most drowning incidents occur rather quickly and silently. In addition, not all pool-related injuries result in death; instead, some victims can suffer from a near-drowning accident and sustain serious injuries with long-range effects. These types of injuries can be devastating for the victims and their families. Many suffer from severe health consequences such as brain damage caused by the lack of oxygen suffered during the incident. These victims often times need life-long care for their permanent disabilities. In turn, the parents and caregivers are often faced with a great deal of emotional and financial stress.

Drowning Leading Cause of Injury Death among Children Ages 1 – 4

To fully understand the significance of safety precautions in and around a pool, it is important to review the drowning statistics. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each day in this country ten people die from drowning. Of those ten, two are children under the age of 15. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental injury-related death among children ages 1-14 and the leading cause of injury death among children ages 1-4. Drowning injuries and deaths are not only preventable, but also predictable. These incidents can be prevented if the public is aware of the risk factors and take the necessary steps in implementing proper safety precautions.

Protect Your Children from Pool Injuries with Safety Recommendations

There are many steps that can be taken by a property owner to prevent a serious swimming pool accident or drowning,

including the following:

- **Swim Lessons:** If your child does not know how to swim, it is extremely important to make this a priority. Be advised, however, that learning how to swim is not a guarantee. Children can still drown, but knowing the basics of swimming may help prevent a drowning accident.
- **Supervision:** When taking your children to a pool, do not leave them unattended. A responsible adult should be designated to keep a watchful eye on the pool at all times. This adult should know how to swim and know CPR in the event of an emergency. Rescue devices need to be readily available. If a child cannot be located for any reason at all, always check the pool first.
- **Installation of Safety Equipment:** Homeowners are required to completely fence their pools with at least a four-foot high fence with a self-latching and self-closing gate. Pool covers can be also installed. In addition, alarms can be installed in a pool and also on the doors of homes with a pool.
- **Drain Covers:** The vacuum effect created by a pool drain can be powerful enough to hold a child at the bottom of a swimming pool. Make sure a pool is equipped with safe drain covers in order to prevent suction or entrapment injuries.
- **Use safe pool toys and pool accessories:** It is important that both adults and children use safe equipment when playing in or near a pool. Parents and pool owners should routinely check the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's website to stay informed of any product recalls.
- **No Diving in Shallow Water:** Diving into shallow water commonly causes Pool injuries. These injuries usually involve severe head and spinal injuries, often resulting in paralysis from the neck down.
- **No running around the pool:** As expected, the surfaces surrounding a pool are wet from the splashing water and pose a risk of a slip and fall injury. In order to avoid this type of injury, pool owners should install a surface area around the pool that is slip resistant and creates some traction. In addition, homeowners should ensure that the pool area is free of any

obstacles that adults and children could trip over causing one to fall into the pool.

Galfand Berger Can Help

The lawyers at Galfand Berger understand the significance of injury prevention, but when a pool-related accident occurs, we can help the victims and their families seek the best possible compensation for the injuries suffered. We are a team of experienced lawyers who have handled all types of personal injury lawsuits throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our professionals are dedicated to advocating and protecting the rights of our clients.

If you or someone you love has been affected by an accident involving a swimming pool or have suffered as a result of a drowning or near-drowning injury, our team can help. Call us at **1-800-222-8792**.

Medical Device and Drug Alerts

Galfand Berger has successfully represented clients who have suffered from the disastrous effects of *dangerous drugs* or *failed medical products* resulting in serious injuries to the unsuspecting patient. When representing patients and their families in *defective medical product cases*, our attorneys work with the scientists and doctors who are at the cutting edge of the technology and medicine that goes into the design of these products, to ensure that our clients obtain the best recovery possible for the harm they have suffered.

Currently, Galfand Berger is investigating cases involving the following drugs or medical devices:

- Tylenol/Acetaminophen
- YAZ
- Pradaxa
- Zolof
- Stryker Hip Implants
- DePuy Hip Implants

If you or someone you know has been injured or suffered illness as a result of the use of a *dangerous drug* or a *defective medical device*, please contact Galfand Berger at 1-800-222-8792 for a **FREE** consultation.

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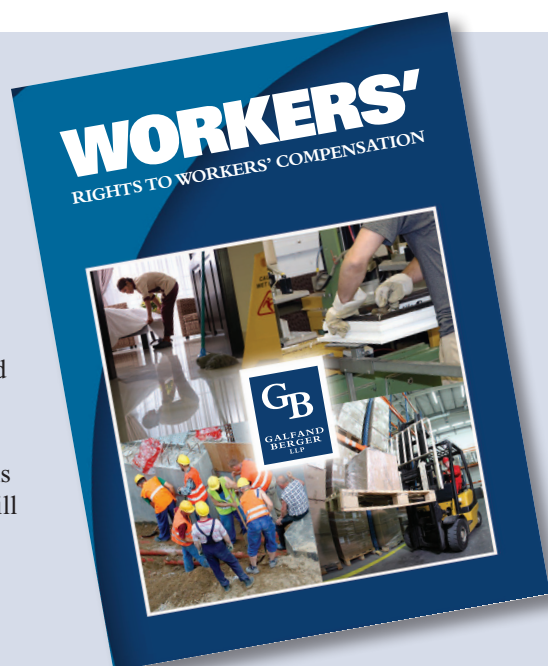
New “Blue Book” Has Arrived!

Since 1983, *Workers’ Rights to Workers’ Compensation* has been the standard reference for understanding the Workers’ Compensation Act of Pennsylvania. This handy guide, nick-named “the Blue Book”, clearly and concisely explains injured workers’ rights and responsibilities under the Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Act.

Workers have used this book to learn how Workers’ Compensation works, how to receive benefits, how to keep benefits, and what benefits they are entitled to after returning to work.

Our newest edition of the helpful booklet, *Workers’ Rights to Workers’ Compensation*, has just been published. Galfand Berger is offering copies of this booklet free of charge with the hope that all injured workers in Pennsylvania will receive the rights promised to them by the Workers’ Compensation Act.

To order your **free** copy, contact our firm at 1-800-222-8792 or by email at mail@galfandberger.com. ■



Galfand Berger Attorneys Obtain Three of the Top 35 Settlements in 2011

GALFAND BERGER senior partners Richard Jurewicz and Peter Patton obtained three of the top thirty-five highest grossing settlements in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 2011.

Rick had two of the top settlements. The first was for a worker who received multiple injuries to his arm when it was caught in the power shaft of a canning machine. The accident was a

result of a defectively designed machine, allowing it to operate with the power shaft unguarded. Rick’s second top settlement was for a machine operator whose arm was severely injured after it became caught between an unguarded point on a conveyor belt and roller.

Peter obtained a settlement for a carpenter who suffered significant injuries after a hose from a concrete pump struck him in the leg. Peter

determined that the operation of the pump was in direct violation of the safety manual and that precautions were not taken to protect against foreseeable hazards.

Peter and Rick, like all Galfand Berger attorneys, work tirelessly to represent and defend the rights of the injured. Our firm has a proud history of top recoveries. If you or someone that you know has been injured, please contact us toll free at 1-800-222-8792 or by email at mail@galfandberger.com to discuss your legal rights. ■

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