

## Our Holiday Wish – Help Fight Cancer

ALTHOUGH THE  
WORLD IS FULL OF  
SUFFERING, IT IS  
FULL ALSO OF THE  
OVERCOMING OF IT.

– HELEN KELLER

Cancer impacts too many lives. Our firm, like other families, has not been immune from its reach.

*Galfand Berger's holiday wish – one we are certain many share – is to conquer this terrible disease through research, education and treatment.*

*Several years ago, our firm decided we would no longer send holiday cards. Instead, we made a decision to designate a contribution in honor of clients, colleagues and friends.*

*This holiday season, and in your honor, our firm proudly donates to the American Cancer Society. For 100 years, the American Cancer*



*Society has worked relentlessly to save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. That's a goal worth the fight. To learn more about the good work of the American Cancer Society, visit: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).*

## Congratulations to Galfand Berger's Newest Partner

Galfand Berger is proud to announce that Henry Yampolsky is our firm's newest partner.

Henry joined Galfand Berger in 2006. Since the day he began, Henry has tirelessly worked for our clients in the areas of personal injury litigation, employment discrimination, labor law and Workers' Compensation. Henry is a supporting member of the team of Galfand Berger lawyers who have attained some of the largest, multi-million dollar client recoveries in Pennsylvania.

Indeed, Henry's skillful lawyering has earned him a spot on the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star* list for the past three years!

However, there is more to Henry than his compassionate advocacy for our clients. Henry's story mirrors that of generations of Americans. He arrived as a young child from Kiev, Ukraine, a refugee immigrant. He embraced all that our country offered, and ultimately, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Studies, magna cum laude, from the University of Scranton and earned his law degree from Temple University

James E. Beasley School of Law.

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; is one of the founding directors of the Russian-Speaking Professionals Network; and is a Board Member of HIAS Pennsylvania. In 2013, Henry was featured as a keynote speaker at the first ever naturalization ceremony held at the National Museum of American Jewish History. And, Henry is an avid motorcyclist and motorcycle writer. On weekends you will find him riding his cycle through Pennsylvania's beautiful highways and backroads.



**Galfand Berger:**

# Commitment To Community



*Galfand Berger's commitment to our community does not stop at the courtroom steps. Our attorneys and staff support organizations and efforts that embrace Galfand Berger's mission of helping those who need a voice in our community. We serve on their boards, donate our time to fundraising efforts, handle pro-bono legal matters and contribute to their overall good work. Below are some of the organizations we have supported in 2013. If you want to learn more, we encourage you to visit their websites:*

- ❄ Berks Community Health Center
- ❄ Bread & Roses Fund
- ❄ Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- ❄ Coalition of Labor Union Women
- ❄ Community Legal Services
- ❄ Disability Rights Network
- ❄ Esperanza Immigration Legal Services
- ❄ Friends of Farmworkers
- ❄ HIAS Pennsylvania
- ❄ Jobs with Justice
- ❄ Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.
- ❄ Lacey Gallagher Scholarship Fund
- ❄ Legal Clinic for the Disabled
- ❄ Mazzone Center Legal Services
- ❄ Peggy Browning Fund
- ❄ Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition
- ❄ Philly VIP
- ❄ Support Center for Child Advocates
- ❄ The Homeless Advocacy Project
- ❄ The Martha J. Hampton Award
- ❄ The New Sanctuary Movement
- ❄ The Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health – or Philaposh
- ❄ United Community Services
- ❄ United Labor Council of Reading and Berks County
- ❄ United Steelworkers Local 10-1 "Jim McHugh Scholarship Fund"
- ❄ Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians

*...and the list goes on. Our staff and attorneys volunteer at homeless shelters, participate in food and clothing drives, walk, run, ride and swim for charity, and support the vital work of labor groups throughout Pennsylvania.*

*With gratitude and best wishes, our Galfand Berger family extends to you and your family our warm wishes for a joyous celebration and a prosperous New Year. Happy Holidays!*



# Leaders in the Community

*Galfand Berger attorneys have been recognized as leaders in the community. In 2013 alone, our attorneys had many noteworthy accomplishments including awards and honors, article publications, and seminar presentations. Below is a sampling of our attorney achievements:*

**Arthur Bugay** was selected a Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer* and selected to The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Pennsylvania Lawyers for 2013. Arthur was also published (again!) in the *Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly*;

**Debra Jensen** received the Jim McHugh Memorial Award's "Special Recognition and Appreciation Award" presented by United Steelworkers Local 10-1. Deb also conducted a significant Labor Law seminar at the United Steelworkers District 10 conference;

**Richard Jurewicz** was selected a Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer* for the tenth consecutive year (and again included as one of the Top 100 lawyers in Pennsylvania on that list!). Rick was also selected to The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Pennsylvania Lawyers for 2013. Additionally, Rick presented at numerous professional seminars and his editorial was recently published in *The Legal Intelligencer*, our state's legal newspaper;

**Michael Malvey** became an owner of the firm in 2013. He was also selected to the 2013 Pennsylvania *Rising Stars* list and presented a Labor Law seminar at the United Steelworkers District 10 conference;

**Michael McGurkin** received the Jim McHugh Memorial Award's "Special Recognition and Appreciation Award" presented by USW Local 10-1. Additionally, Mike has presented workers' compensation and employment and labor law seminars to various unions, including a Labor Law presentation at the United Steelworkers District 10 conference;

**Peter Patton** was included on the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer* list, selected to The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Pennsylvania Lawyers for 2013, and included on the American Society of Legal Advocates Top 100 Litigation Lawyers in Pennsylvania. Additionally, Pete was recently published in *The Legal Intelligencer's* Personal Injury Supplement;

**Gabriela Raful** presented a number of seminars during Hispanic Heritage Month in Berks County, appeared on local radio and TV to discuss issues important to workers in Pennsylvania and helped, through her *pro-bono* efforts, achieve key victories for young undocumented students;

**Marla Soffer**, in collaboration with non-profit groups and Consulates, presented seminars on important workers' rights, safety and disability issues. She also helped facilitate the exhibition of "El Viaje de los Niño's", at the Philadelphia Magic Gardens, and a program about Community Health and Wellness as part of the Free Library of Philadelphia's, One Book One Philadelphia program;

**Norman Weinstein** was included on the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer* list and presented numerous seminars through his many volunteer activities; and

**Henry Yampolsky** was selected to the 2013 Pennsylvania *Rising Star* list. In 2013, he also joined the *Amicus Curiae* Committee of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, where he writes appeal briefs for issues important to workers, consumers and individuals throughout Pennsylvania. Henry also presented at a number of labor and employment seminars and he was the keynote speaker at the first Naturalization Ceremony ever held at the new National Museum of American Jewish History.

## **...Speaking of Accomplishments: 2014 Top-Ranked Law Firm**

Galfand Berger is honored to announce that it is again a **Martindale-Hubbell® U.S. Top Ranked Law Firm**. Galfand Berger is among a select group of 2,446 firms across the country with at least one-third of the firm's attorneys achieving Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® ratings.

Our attorneys are proud to be acknowledged by this prestigious rating distinction, as it reflects on Galfand Berger's integrity, proficiency and competence as a leading Philadelphia injury law firm.

# Fighting for our Clients

*We are proud to have achieved significant recoveries for our valued clients in 2013. Here are some examples:*

- \$4.2 million dollar settlement for client who suffered severe workplace burn injuries;
- \$2.5 million to a client whose left hand and forearm were amputated as he tried to clear a jam from a paper shredder;
- \$500,000 to a processing plant worker who had two fingers amputated by the unguarded bales of the discharge chute;
- \$500,000 settlement involving an injury at a paintball facility where a 14 year old boy was struck in the eye by a paintball pellet while standing behind poorly maintained “safety netting;”
- \$500,000 settlement for back injuries sustained by a patron at an amusement park who fell while getting off a ride;
- \$475,000 medical malpractice recovery for a client who died after being left unattended in a hospital emergency room corridor.
- \$420,000 to a client who had three fingers on his right hand amputated on a poorly designed conveyor belt;
- \$350,000 medical malpractice recovery for a client who lost partial vision after a doctor failed to properly treat our client’s glaucoma;
- \$335,000 for smoke inhalation injuries sustained in an apartment fire;
- \$290,000 Workers’ Compensation recovery for our client, a factory worker, who suffered a low back injury that required back surgery and extensive rehabilitation;
- \$275,000 to our client who lost his index finger clearing out a jam in a processing machine;

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- \$250,000 settlement of a client who suffered hand injuries as a result of a defectively guarded machine;
- \$240,000 to a client who slipped and fell on an icy parking lot at a local hotel;
- \$225,000 recovery for a client struck by a poorly designed vehicle at work. Our client suffered back, neck and shoulder injuries;
- Over \$220,000 recovery for a client injured in an automobile accident after being struck by a drunk driver;
- Over \$200,000 settlement for our client’s arm injury after he fell on a poorly maintained ramp;
- \$150,000 settlement for client whose apartment door fell on him, causing an aggravation to pre-existing low-back injury;
- \$137,000 recovery for a client who slipped and fell at a department store due to water that splashed from a fountain display causing knee injuries;
- \$130,000 to a victim of slip and fall on ice at a nursing home;
- \$110,000 to an injured worker struck by a mini-backhoe;
- \$100,000 settlement for a pedestrian who was struck in the head by the side-view mirror of a passing SEPTA bus;
- \$42,000 in Social Security Disability benefits for our client, a general laborer, who suffered a back injury;
- \$40,000 to five employees of a posh Philadelphia restaurant for withholding tips by their employer;
- \$34,000 in Social Security Disability benefits to our client who suffered with bilateral knee and bilateral shoulder problems; and
- \$28,000 in Social Security Disability benefits to our client, whose suffers from a learning disability, Parkinson’s disease, degenerative disc disease, and adjustment disorder.

If you or a loved one has been injured, please call our law firm at **1-800-222-8792** or email us at [mail@galfandberger.com](mailto:mail@galfandberger.com) to speak with an experienced attorney.