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Holiday 2014

Our Holiday Gift List – Giving Back to the Community

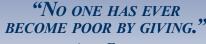
Several years ago, our firm decided that instead of sending holiday cards, we would make a charitable contribution in honor of clients, colleagues and friends. This year, we have continued that firm tradition. Instead of one organization, our firm has spread our contributions to many organizations that have a lasting impact on our community.

Below is a snapshot of the organizations supported by Galfand Berger in 2014:

- American Cancer Society
- Berks Community Health Center
- Coalition of Labor Union Women
- Community Legal Services
- Esperanza Immigration Legal Services
- Friends of Farmworkers
- HIAS Pennsylvania
- Invisible River
- Jobs with Justice
- Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Lacey Gallagher Scholarship Fund
- Legal Clinic for the Disabled

- Mazzoni Center Legal Services
- Mexican Cultural Center
- National College Players Association
- New World Association of Emigrants from Eastern Europe
- Peggy Browning Fund
- Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition

- PA AFL-CIO
- Philly VIP
- PHILAPOSH
- SEAMACC
- The Martha J. Hampton Award
- The New Sanctuary Movement
- 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



- Anne Frank, diary of Anne Frank



All of these organizations do good work. We encourage you to check out their websites and learn more about their mission.





Welcome Aboard

Galfand Berger is pleased to welcome our newest Associate Attorney, Emma Bradley, to the firm.

Emma graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in History, Concentration in United States Constitutional History, and Legal Studies, where she was honored as a Finalist for the 2009 Rosenberry Writing Award. Emma earned her Juris Doctor from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, as well as a Certificate in Trial Advocacy and Litigation from Temple's nationally recognized Trial

Advocacy Program.

During law school, Emma served as Vice President of the International Law Society, and was the Finance and Forum Co-Chair of the Student Public Interest Network (SPIN). She also worked as a law clerk at the Chester County District Attorney's Office, and as a clinical student in SEPTA's Litigation Department.

In her free time, Emma performs in local theatre and is a fierce fan of Philadelphia sports teams, especially the Eagles and Phillies!





Linda Peyton, LCD Executive Director and Debra Jensen

White Hat Award

Sometimes, good work results in unexpected honors. Galfand Berger has long supported the efforts of The Legal Clinic for the Disabled (LCD). In appreciation of our efforts, LCD awarded its 2014 White Hat Award to Galfand Berger. This prestigious award recognizes an individual and organization that truly exemplify the spirit of service. As a firm committed to community service, Galfand Berger is honored to receive this award.

Indeed, the White Hat award honors the efforts of everyone at Galfand Berger who has committed time and resources to LCD.

LCD provides free high-quality legal services to low-income people with physical disabilities and to the deaf and hard of hearing in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania. ■

Some Good Old Fashion Apple Pie!

Enough business. It's time for dessert. Many of you might know Debra Jensen as our firm's Managing Partner. Deb handles the day-to-day management of our firm in addition to her steady case load. What you might not know is that Deb is also one heck of a cook. We asked her to share a favorite dessert recipe with us.

Apple Pie Recipe Ingredients Dough and Filling:

- Dough for double crust 9-inch pie (homemade, frozen, or refrigerated)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Dash salt
- 3 ½ cups peeled, chopped cooking apples

- 1 (16-ounce) jar applesauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter, chopped into small pieces

Crunch Topping:

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- · Dash salt
- 1 tablespoon butter, at room temperature Preheat oven to 425°F.

Line a 9-inch pan with half of dough. Combine sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl. Stir in applesauce, and lemon juice. Spoon apple mixture into pie pan and dot with butter. Cut remaining crust into strips; arrange in a lattice design over top of pie. For crunch topping, combine flour, sugar,



and salt in a bow. Using a fork, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over top of crust. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350°F and continue to bake for about 45 minutes, or until crust and topping are golden brown.

We hope you enjoy! Happy Holidays!

GALFAND BERGER ATTORNEYS:

Leaders in the Community

In 2014, 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 2014. Arthur was also published (again!) in the *Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly*;

Debra Jensen was selected a Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer;* received the Legal Clinic for the Disabled's (LCD) *White Hat* award on behalf of our firm; was included in Rue Ratings' Best Attorneys of America; and comitted her time to the LCD's Board of Directors;

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 2014 and and was included in Rue Ratings' Best Attorneys of America. Additionally, Rick presented at numerous professional seminars;

Michael Malvey was selected to the 2014 Pennsylvania *Rising Stars* list and continued his active role on the Esperanza Immigration Legal Services (EILS) Board of Directors;

Michael McGurrin has presented workers' compensation and employment and labor law seminars to various unions and he remains involved with the Workers' Compensation Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association and its Martha Hamption Award; **Peter Patton** was included on the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer* list, selected to The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Pennsylvania Lawyers for 2014, included in Rue Ratings' Best Attorneys of America and included on the American Society of Legal Advocates Top 100 Litigation Lawyers in Pennsylvania;

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, was selected as Co-Chair of the Berks Bar Association Minority Lawyers Section and joined the Berks County Bar Association's Public Notary Task Force;

Marla Soffer, in collaboration with non-profit groups and Consulates, presented seminars on important workers' rights, safety and disability issues;

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 2014 Pennsylvania *Rising Star* list; lectured on the immigrant experience at Temple Business School's Law and Society Honors Class; and taught Law 101 classes to newly arrived immigrants at the New World Business School. ■

2015 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 distinction, as it reflects on Galfand Berger's integrity, proficiency and competence as a leading personal injury law firm.



Justice for our Clients

Too often, corporations and insurance companies have teams of lawyers and deep pockets protecting their interests. Who is fighting for you? Since 1947, Galfand Berger has been the voice for injured workers, consumers and individuals in our courts. We are proud of the recoveries we've made in 2014 on behalf of our injured clients. While these recoveries will never make our clients whole, they help calm some of the medical, emotional and economic turmoil that a devastating injury brings with it. Below are just a sampling of our firm recoveries:

- Rick Jurewicz obtained a confidential settlement for a widow and her 4 children whose husband/father was fatally injured when hit by a rock that fell out of an excavator.
- Peter Patton obtained a nearly \$900,000 recovery for a client who suffered shoulder and back injuries when an industrial machine failed.
- Rick Jurewicz obtained an \$800,000 recovery for a Lancaster County worker who suffered amputation to 3 fingers of his right hand, caught in an in-running nip point.
- Peter Patton recovered \$625,000 for our client who suffered a hand-crush injury.
- Debra Jensen obtained a confidential settlement in a medical malpractice case where our client was injured during surgery. Our client has been able

- to use the settlement funds to get restorative surgery and to move forward with a full recovery and healthy life.
- Peter Patton obtained a confidential settlement for our client who suffered a closed head injury in a material-handling accident.
- Mike Malvey recovered a six figure settlement for our client, a tractor trailer driver, who was injured while attempting to operate a negligently maintained dock plate at a warehouse.
- Debra Jensen obtained a six-figure recovery in a birth injury case where our young client suffered a severe injury during the birth process. The funds we recovered will be held in trust for our client until he turns 18, providing opportunities for education and improvement in his quality of life.
- Rick Jurewicz obtained a confidential settlement for a worker who suffered mid-forearm amputation in an improperly guarded dough machine.
- Arthur Bugay recovered \$250,000 for our client, an 83 year old passenger injured in a multi-car accident.
- Mike Malvey obtained a six figure settlement for our client who fell in a hole outside the entrance to a large retail chain store, resulting in carpal tunnel injuries.
- Mike McGurrin won a labor arbitration for our client who was unjustly terminated, resulting in our client's reinstatement, with full back pay and benefits, totaling nearly \$200,000.

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- Mike Malvey recovered a six figure settlement for our client, injured when an escalator suddenly stopped, causing our client to fall and suffer a shoulder injury.
- Michael McGurrin recovered \$195,000 for our client, a construction worker, who fell approximately 25 feet severely injuring his low back requiring plates and screws. The insurance carrier also remained responsible for ongoing medical care.
- Peter Patton obtained a \$195,000 settlement or our client who suffered a left ankle injury after falling on an uneven loading dock.
- Mike Malvey obtained a \$175,000 settlement for our client who suffered a shoulder sprain after falling on ice in front of a commercial property.
- Arthur Bugay recovered \$174,000 for our client, a retired school teacher, who broke her ankle as she exited the cab, when it started to drive away before she had fully exited the vehicle.
- Mike Malvey recovered \$157,000 for our client who fell from a cracked step in front of a rental property, resulting in a broken leg.
- Gabriela Raful obtained a \$147,000 recovery for our client who injured her shoulder while working as a delivery person.

- Gabriela Raful obtained \$125,000 for our client, a migrant worker, who broke his ankle while performing his duties at a recycling business.
- Gabrieal Raful recovered \$125,000 for our client who suffered back injuries in his workplace.
- Gabriela Raful recovered \$122,000 for our client, a custodian, who injured his back when he slipped and fell on water.
- Arthur Bugay recovered nearly \$100,000 for our client, a poultry machine cleaner, who suffered an arm injury on a peeling machine.
- Peter Patton recovered nearly \$115,000 for our client whose right index finger was amputated by a nutrunner tool.
- Gabriela Raful obtained 11 years of partial workers' compensation benefits for our client, a textile worker, after he injured his shoulder as a result of overuse, but continued working light duty with restrictions.

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** to speak with an experienced attorney.