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**“Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much.”**

—HELEN KELLER

We love this quote by Helen Keller. It reminds our firm that change often comes from the many unsung heroes working at non-profits. Each day, these heroes take on the difficult task of making life a little better for the communities they serve.

A few years ago, our firm decided that instead of sending greeting cards, we would increase our support of these community champions and would do so in honor of our clients, colleagues and friends. Your response was overwhelming and, so, the tradition continues. Galfand Berger appreciates the hard work of the organizations below. We encourage you to visit their websites and learn about their good work!

- * **American Cancer Society**
- * **Berks Community Health Center**
- * **Camp Out for Hunger**
- * **Centro Hispano**
- * **Jobs with Justice**
- * **Peggy Browning Fund**
- * **PA AFL-CIO**
- * **United Labor Council of Reading and Berks County**
- * **United Steelworkers**
- * **Community Legal Services**
- * **Esperanza Immigration Legal Services**
- * **Friends of Farmworkers**
- * **HIAS Pennsylvania**
- * **Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc.**
- * **Legal Clinic for the Disabled**
- * **Mazzoni Center Legal Services**
- * **Mexican Cultural Center**
- * **Peggy Browning Fund**
- * **Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition**
- * **Public Interest Law Center**
- * **PHILAPOSH**
- * **Philadelphia VIP**
- * **RIZE – Youth Arts Organization**
- * **SEAMACC**
- * **The Martha J. Hampton Award**
- * **The New Sanctuary Movement**
- * **United Community Services**
- * **Victim/Witness Services of South Philadelphia, Inc.**
- * **Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians**

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In case you missed it, Galfand Berger has launched its newly redesigned website. Visit us at www.galfandberger.com. You will find so much useful information, like:

- Detailed descriptions of Galfand Berger's many practice areas
- Examples of client recoveries, which continue to be among the highest in Pennsylvania
- Expanded attorney biographies
- Galfand Berger news, events and updates
- Free legal resources, including our Auto Insurance and Workers' Compensation booklets
- Easy ways to contact our firm, including online chat
- Compatible on all devices, including cell phones, iPads, notebooks, laptops and desktops



Why not have Galfand Berger at your fingertips?

Add our website to your favorites and our toll free phone number to your contacts: **1-800-222-8792**. And, remember to like our firm on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. We are constantly updating our social media.

Galfand Berger Named as One of the “Best Law Firms” of 2018 by U.S. News – Best Lawyers



We are proud to announce that U.S. News – Best Lawyers awarded our firm with a “Best Law Firm” ranking as a result of client testimonials, peer reviews from other leading attorneys in the field and the performance of lawyers at our firm.

U.S. News – Best Lawyers is one of the only organizations that relies entirely on peer review. It has been employing the same methodology to determine which law firms are the best for the last seven years, and then categorizes each selection by practice area.

U.S. News – Best Lawyers named Galfand Berger, LLP as one of the best

law firms in two different practice areas: personal injury and product liability litigation. An official press release from the organization noted that each law firm that has been vetted and later selected exemplifies professional excellence as well as persistently impressive client and peer ratings.

Our firm is proud to accept this award and its designation as one of the 2018’s “Best Law Firms”. We take the needs of our clients seriously, and are dedicated to representing injured individuals who are in need of legal help.

If you or a loved one has been injured, please contact our Philadelphia personal injury attorneys. With offices located in Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Reading and Lancaster, we serve clients throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. To schedule a consultation, call us at 800-222-8792 or complete our online contact form.

Congratulations to Our Newest Partner

Galfand Berger is pleased to announce that attorney **Gabriel Rafu** has become a Partner with the firm.

Gabby joined Galfand Berger in 2012 as an Associate Attorney. Since then, Gabby has demonstrated that she is a woman of strength and great presence. She will continue to foster Galfand Berger's growth and diversity in the coming years. Indeed, clients and colleagues – on both sides of the aisle – respect Gabby's hard work and professionalism.

As a native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Gabby is fluent in Spanish.

Gabby is also active with the Berks County Bar Association (BCBA), where she sits on the Board of Directors and serves as Co-chair of the Minority Law Section. Recently, the BCBA awarded Gabby the Presidential Award of Merit.

Additionally, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court appointed Gabby to be part of the Monitoring & Evaluation Team of the Language Access Advisory Group for the Unified Judicial System [UJS] of Pennsylvania. In her role, Gabby makes certain that the courts are open to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or people who speak other languages.

Congratulations, Gabby!



... And Welcome Aboard to Our Newest Associate

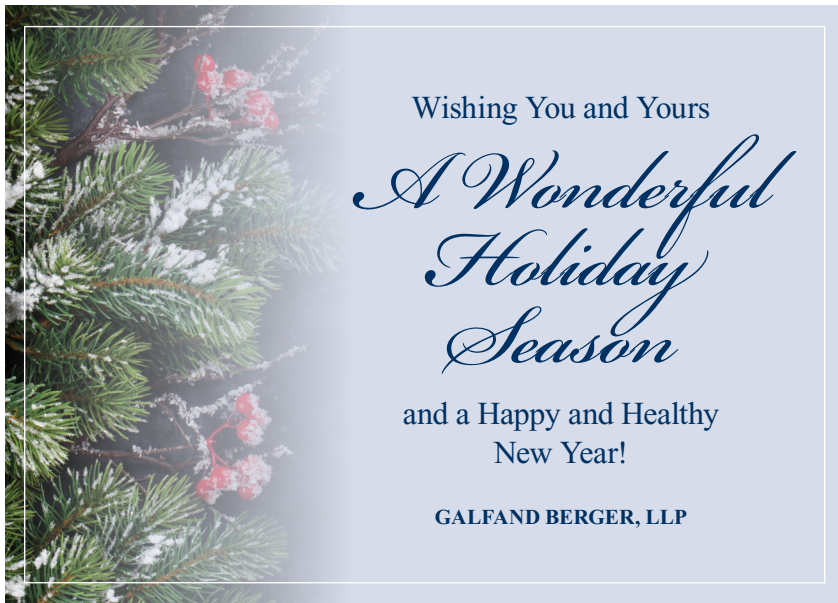
We are happy to welcome our newest Associate Attorney, **Nilam Vahora**, to the firm.

Nilam earned her Juris Doctor from Villanova University School of Law. Throughout law school, Nilam was a Dean's Merit Scholar and the Secretary of Women's Law Caucus. During her final year of law school, Nilam served as a Certified Legal Intern for Villanova University's Health Law Clinic, where she provided *pro bono* representation to indigent clients in Social Security Disability appeals and health insurance coverage disputes.

Prior to law school, Nilam graduated *magna cum laude* from West Chester University with a degree in Political Science. During her undergraduate years, she was a Board of Governors' Scholar and member of Alpha Sigma Tau and the Speech and Debate Team. She also volunteered at various Chester County shelters, providing advocacy and educational services in matters such as homelessness prevention, transitional housing, and landlord-tenant laws. As the only volunteer fluent in Gujarati, Hindi, and Arabic, Nilam assisted these shelters in reaching the area's growing refugee population.

Welcome Nilam!





Wishing You and Yours

*A Wonderful
Holiday
Season*

and a Happy and Healthy
New Year!

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*Celebrate this winter with a delicious drink.
You can make it naughty (with alcohol) or nice (without)!*

Puerto Rican Coquito Recipe

Preparation / Directions:

1. 2 cans of Evaporated Milk
2. 1 can of Cream of Coconut
3. 1 can of Coconut Milk
4. ½ can of Condensed Milk
5. ½ teaspoon of cinnamon
6. 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
7. ½ cup white rum (optional)
8. Mix all ingredients together and blend for 1-2 minutes.
9. Pour into glass bottles, cover and chill until cold.

Remember:
If you make the “naughty”
version, be responsible. Do not drink
and drive. Even buzzed driving is
drunk driving.

Cheers!

