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Galfand Berger Names Michael Malvey as a Senior Partner

GALFAND BERGER, LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Malvey has become a Senior Partner with our firm.

Since graduating from the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University in 2002, Michael has worked in Galfand Berger's Personal Injury Department, where he handles a variety of

cases, including automobile accidents, premises liability cases, construction site accidents, products liability matters, and medical malpractice cases. He is a member of the team of Galfand Berger lawyers who have obtained over \$75 million dollars in settlements and judgments in the past decade and attained some of the largest, multi-million dollar client recoveries in Pennsylvania.

Proficient in Spanish, Michael also proudly represents members of the Latino



and Hispanic communities throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Michael currently is working with the Board of Directors at Esperanza Immigration Legal Services, a non-profit organization dedicated to offering low-cost legal services to immigrants and their families in the Philadelphia area.

Michael is an experienced trial attorney, successfully bringing numerous jury trials to verdict as well as appearing before

Arbitration panels, appellate courts and at hearings throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Michael also has a winning track record in appellate matters before the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

A fierce advocate for workers, Michael proudly represents the United Steelworkers of America and other labor organizations in Federal labor and employment cases.

Michael lectures to Union officers across

Pennsylvania on the rights of Unions and their members.

Michael's accomplishments have led to his addition to the Pennsylvania Rising Star's list six times. Each year, only the top 2.5% of all attorneys practicing in Pennsylvania share this achievement.

Michael has lived in Philadelphia his entire life. After receiving a nationally recognized Bachelor of Arts degree from Central High School in 1995, he attended college at the Ivy League's University of Pennsylvania. In law school, Michael was among the first recipients of the Beasley Scholarship. Michael first joined Galfand Berger as a law clerk in 2001, and became a Junior Partner in 2007.

Galfand Berger has been representing catastrophically injured clients for over 65 years and has a long history of raising the bar for obtaining verdicts and settlements in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If you or someone you know has been injured, please call Galfand Berger toll free at 800-222-8792 to speak with Mr. Malvey about your legal rights.

Marc Jacobs to Receive Martha Hampton Award

The Workers' Compensation Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association is presenting the 2013 Martha Hampton Award to retired Galfand Berger partner, Marc S. Jacobs. Marc is being recognized for his tireless advocacy on behalf of clients, mentorship to associates, contributions as a CLE presenter and lecturer, and his generous, compassionate spirit.

Six times selected to the **Pennsylvania Super Lawyers** list, Marc is a past President of the Workers' Compensation Sections of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations and was a member of the Governor's Committee on Proposed Amendments for Workers' Compensation Rules and Regulations.

He has taught at Penn State University and St. Joseph's University and is a co-author of PBI's publication, *Fundamentals*

of Workers' Compensation. He is a past President of the Merion Park Civic Association and is on its Board of Directors. He has also volunteered as a "bedside buddy" at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania and he has recorded audio books for the blind.

The Martha Hampton Award is named after the former partner of Galfand Berger LLP who displayed an exemplary commitment to protecting the rights of injured workers. It is presented each year

to the attorney or judge who best exemplifies Ms. Hampton's dedication, professionalism and good will. A donation, in the recipient's name, is made each year to Kids' Chance.

Marc will receive the award at a luncheon on Thursday, April 11, 2013.



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Did you know that Galfand Berger attorneys blog?

Each week, our attorneys write helpful articles on a variety of topics.

Lately, we have written articles on workers' compensation, social security disability, medical malpractice, personal injury, machinery and equipment accidents, and employment law. Many of our articles include useful and practical tips.

The following is an excerpt from one of our posts.

Taking Your Motorcycle Out of Hibernation

by Henry Yampolsky

For those of us who enjoy motorized adventures on two wheels, spring is the time when we can finally allow our iron steeds to stretch out.

Before beginning the riding season, take the opportunity to freshen your skills by taking one of Motorcycle Safety Foundation's "MSF" rider education courses. If you are fortunate enough to be a Pennsylvania resident, the courses are free and are held in locations throughout the state. Basic Rider Course, Basic Rider Course 2 (formerly Experienced Rider Course) and Advanced Rider Course are all available through various locations in Pennsylvania. To register for a course near you, visit the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP) on the internet at www.pamsp.com.

You can also work on improving your riding skills from the comfort of your armchair by picking up a copy of "Proficient Motorcycling" by David L. Hough. A motorcycle rider with over 40 years of experience and a well-known motorcycle journalist, David Hough is THE authority on motorcycle safety.

His award winning book is the most comprehensive, yet easy to read, treatise on safe-street riding. The realistic, time-tested strategies Hough offers are guaranteed to make you a better, and most importantly, safer rider.

As you get ready to ride your motorcycle after its winter hibernation, take a look at your gear. Do you have the gear that will protect you in the case of a spill? If the answer is No, before the season starts, invest in an armored jacket, pants, motorcycle-specific boots and most importantly, DOT-approved and preferably full-faced, helmet. Make this riding season the one in which you adopt the AGATT ("All Gear All the Time Time") rule. Go ahead! Twist that right wrist. And, of course, don't forget to wave if you see us on the road.

If you or a loved one have been injured in a motorcycle accident, or have any legal questions applicable to motorcyclists, call and speak with one of the accident attorneys at Galfand Berger, LLP.

To read more, visit our blog at http://www.qalfandberger.com/blog/

Galfand Berger Named Among 2013 U.S. Top Ranked Law Firms

Galfand Berger, LLP is proud to announce that it has been named one of the Martindale-Hubbell® 2013 U.S. Top Ranked Law Firms. Law firms across the United States were eligible for selection to the list of top firms. The selection was made among law firms having a



minimum of 10 attorneys with at least one-third of the firm's attorneys having achieved an AV Preeminent® rating.

Galfand Berger's inclusion on the list of U.S. Top Ranked Law Firms reflects the firm's overall integrity, expertise and professional excellence. Because it is partly based on the prevalence of attorneys in our firm attaining an AV Preeminent® rating, we are proud to be recognized as a team of lawyers with outstanding legal abilities and extraordinary ethical standards. Our attorneys are honored by this prestigious rating distinction.