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Philadelphia Attorney Joseph L. Messa, Jr. Addresses Orthopaedic Surgeons at their Annual Meeting



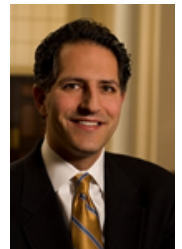
Joseph L. Messa, Jr. presented "Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit" as a guest speaker at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons 2012 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Mr. Messa's presentation focused on patient safety related lawsuits and the process of handling a medical malpractice case from the beginning phases until its conclusion.

Messa & Associates has represented individuals in cases against doctors, hospitals, medical practice groups, and nursing homes.

The attorneys have secured multi-million dollar settlements and verdicts in medical malpractice cases litigate medical malpractice cases involving birth-related injuries, delayed and failure to diagnose cancer, spinal cord injuries, hospital-acquired infections, brain injury, stroke, and an array of other cases involving medical errors resulting in injury.

Mr. Messa is an AV-rated attorney, listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and was named a Top 100 Trial Lawyer by The National Trial Lawyers. Mr. Messa is also an advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has been recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in 2009, 2010 and 2011 and has successfully litigated multiple serious injury cases to seven- and eight-figure verdicts and settlements in medical malpractice, products liability, fire and burn injury and construction/work injury matters.

Eric H. Weitz Elected to Philadelphia Bar Association Board of Governors



Eric H. Weitz has been elected to the Board of Governors for the Philadelphia Bar Association. Mr. Weitz will serve a three-year term on the Board of Governors, working with the Chancellor and fellow Governors to establish official policy for the Philadelphia Bar Association and provide guidance to the overall legal system.

Mr. Weitz is also a board member a number of other organizations including the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association (PTLA) and the Pennsylvania Association for Justice (PAJ). He has successfully litigated dozens of personal injury cases for his clients, including a \$28.75 million verdict for a foster child that was rendered a paraplegic in a motor vehicle accident and many multi-million dollar resolutions for victims of medical neglect and other unsafe practices.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is the oldest association of lawyers in the United States. It provides guidance and professional support for attorneys, judges and politicians on legal issues.

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What You Should Know About the Smoke Detectors in Your Home

Each February, we recognize **National Burn Awareness Week** as a great time to educate about fire safety and to evaluate what you can do in your home to create a safer environment.

This year, Messa & Associates would like to remind everyone the importance of having working smoke detectors in your home. In addition to having smoke detectors, you should also be aware are two different types of smoke detectors available. **Ionization smoke detectors** and **photoelectric smoke detectors** are both sold as smoke alarms, but ionization smoke detectors often fail to detect smoldering fires which account for 80 percent of all household fires.

Photoelectric smoke detectors are designed to detect slow-burning fires as well as the flash fires ionization smoke detectors specialize in handling. According to tests performed by the U.S. National Bureau of Standards, photoelectric smoke detectors provide users two to three times more of a chance of escaping a burning building in a fire than ionization smoke detectors. When choosing smoke detectors for your home, be sure to protect your family by choosing photoelectric and/or dual sensor smoke alarms.

The personal injury attorneys at Messa & Associates are experienced at handling cases involving fires, burns, and explosions. Our skilled team of attorneys and medical experts is dedicated to ensuring you receive proper compensation for your personal injuries. If you have been injured in a fire or explosion, contact the personal injury attorneys of Messa & Associates at 1-877-MessaLaw or www.messalaw.com.

Consumer News: *The Recall Report*

Approximately 28,000 Bumberide Indie & Indie Twin Strollers were recalled because the front wheel can break at the axle hub, causing the stroller to tip and posing a fall hazard.

There have been 36 incidents of the front wheel cracking, including two reports of the stroller tipping over resulting in injuries to children.

The recalled strollers were sold at Buy Buy Baby and other baby product stores nationwide, online at Bumberide.com, and other online retailers between January 2009 and January 2012 for between \$500 and \$700. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission also issued a consumer alert: To avoid the risk of strangulation to children, owners of Indie models and Indie Twin strollers with an adjustable bumper bar should never set the bar in the intermediate (car seat) position when a child is seated in the stroller.

The attorneys at Messa & Associates have handled dozens of cases involving serious injuries and death related to the use of defective products. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury or death as a result of this or any other recalled product, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw or visit us at www.messalaw.com.

Recent Settlements and Verdicts

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Seven-figure settlement in a products liability and motor vehicle accident case resulting in the deaths of the mother and twin sister of a teenage girl. The girl's twin sister was operating her family's vehicle when it was struck by the driver of a cement truck driving above the speed limit while carrying an overloaded amount of cement in his truck as the family's car started to exit and then turned back into the travel lane in front of the cement truck.

Although the women survived the impact from the truck, they ultimately died as a result of serious injuries they sustained when the contents of the truck discharged thousands of pounds of concrete onto them, mechanically asphyxiating them as they remained trapped in the vehicle's front seat.

The cement mixer truck was defectively designed and was also not equipped with safety devices that would prevent the contents of the truck from spilling in the event of an accident. There were also no warning signs, arrows or any other cautionary advisements on the highway's entrance to warn drivers that the lane would abruptly end and they should merge into oncoming traffic.

*"We know you want and **deserve** the best when it comes to representation. At Messa & Associates, we strive for nothing short of perfection."*



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