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Messa and Associates is pleased to welcome Eric H. Weitz to the firm. He continues his practice with a focus on representing clients who have suffered catastrophic injuries arising out of a variety of matters including medical negligence, automobile and trucking accidents, construction accidents, defective premises and insurance bad faith.

Mr. Weitz received his juris doctorate, cum laude, from the Villanova University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Television, Radio and Film Management.

He has been named a Pennsylvania *Super Lawyer* by *Law & Politics* magazine and *Philadelphia Magazine* for five consecutive years, including Top 100 Pennsylvania and Top 100 Philadelphia for 2011. Mr. Weitz is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He serves on the Pennsylvania Association for Justice Board of Governors. Mr. Weitz is also an active member of the American Trial Lawyers Association - New Jersey and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, where he serves as a board member.

CPSC Releases Snapshot of Summer 2011 Season

123 Pool and Spa Incidents Reported Since Memorial Day

Just before the Fourth of July weekend, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission released a report detailing the number of drowning and near-drowning incidents across America so far this season. The report revealed that since Memorial Day, there have been 48 drownings and 75 near-drowning incidents in 35 states and territories reported by the media.

In addition to the report, the CPSC reminds everyone of its *Pool Safely* campaign which seeks to raise awareness of simple steps to assure our loved ones are safe when they are around pools and to provide education to help prevent tragic incidents or drowning. (continued)

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Recent Verdicts and Settlements

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\$35 Million total recovery for a man who was ejected from the seat of a tractor trailer he was driving after the brakes failed when he applied them. The Plaintiff was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident but the vehicle jack-knifed and was forced off a highway and crashed into a guardrail.

The Plaintiff's seatbelt failed to restrain him in his seat and he hit the top of his head, breaking his neck and was ejected through the driver side window. The injuries resulted in catastrophic injuries to the Plaintiff including quadriplegia.

Summer 2011 (continued)

Here are some tips to remember when enjoying time with friends and family in and around the pool this summer:

- Always supervise children while they are swimming or near water.
- Have safety equipment, such as rings or float, available and accessible.
- Avoid entrapment by keeping children away from drain covers, pipes or other openings.
- Cover your pool when not in use, especially if you have small children.
- Use pool alarms for increased security.
- Make sure your pool drain cover has been properly certified. A recent investigation by the Consumer Product Safety Commission has lead to over 1 million drain covers being recalled.
- Learn CPR or update your skills in the event you need to respond to an emergency.
- If your child is missing, check the pool first.
- Install a four-foot fence around your pool and use self-closing and self-latching gates.
- Teach your child to swim.

Messa & Associates wishes you a happy and safe summer season. For more information about water safety or to speak with one of our experienced attorneys about a case involving serious injury or death as a result of a water-related incident, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw.

Consumer News: *The Recall Report*

Messa & Associates is always on the lookout for recently recalled items in order to help keep you informed about items you may have and use that could pose a hazard to you or your loved ones. Here a few recently recalled items.

- **300,000** Hamilton Beach 2-slice toasters pose a fire hazard
- **48,000** Roman shade make-it-yourself blinds kits pose a strangulation hazard, especially with children
- **20,000** Task Force 5-ton electric log splitters pose a laceration or amputation injury hazard

The attorneys at Messa & Associates have handled dozens of cases involving recalled products which have caused significant injuries and death. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injuries as a result of using a recalled product, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw.

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