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FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the first edition of "The Legal Outlook," Messa & Associates new monthly newsletter.



Future issues will include news about the firm, new clients, recent settlements, and verdicts, as well as helpful tips for everyday life.

Messa & Associates realizes that communication with clients and associate attorneys via email and the web is vital to keep in pace with the ever-changing technological advances in the legal field, as well as the world. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to subscribe, as well as to invite your friends and associates to do the same.

Recent Settlements and Verdicts

Messa & Associates recently settled a \$ 2.75 million dollar lawsuit involving a 64-year-old man permanently injured in a motorcycle accident. Plaintiff, John Rowan, was hit by Stephen Lex of Lex Electric Co. when Lex negligently failed to yield the right of way and collided with Rowan while making a left hand turn.

Rowan underwent frequent medical treatment from the date of the accident, July 26, 2006, until June 26, 2008, and may require additional surgery and therapy in the future. Messa & Associates obtained the \$2.75 million dollar settlement for Mr. Rowan's pain and suffering, current and future medical bills, and past and future wage loss. For more information on this and other cases, please visit

Messa & Associates Welcomes Richard J. Heleniak, Esq.

Messa & Associates is pleased to welcome attorney, Richard J. Heleniak, to the firm. A Philadelphia native, Mr. Heleniak is a 1977 graduate of St. Joseph's College and he received his law degree with Honors from Rutgers University School of Law in 1980. He has been recognized by his peers as a top attorney in his field with an A.V. rating by Martindale Hubbell and also as a Pennsylvania Super-lawyer. Mr. Heleniak concentrates his practice in complex personal

injury matters including medical malpractice, product liability, employment discrimination, and construction workplace injuries. He is admitted to practice before the courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the United States Court of Appeals,

Third Circuit. Messa & Associates is pleased to have Mr. Heleniak as a member of our team.



Tip of the Month

No one expects to be involved in an automobile accident, but fender benders can happen to even the most cautious of drivers. By taking the time to follow these simple steps you can protect yourself and help to avoid undue stress and aggravation.

1. Always take photographs of the scene and any damage to the vehicle.
2. Remember to call the police and request an accident report no matter what the other party says.
3. Call your attorney immediately to report the accident.
4. Always find the time to go see a doctor, because your injuries may be worse than they seem.
5. Finally, call Messa & Associates for further details and information about your claim.



Representation Highlights

The firm recently has been retained by a family whose 5 year old child sustained a disfiguring burn injury when a Rival Potpourri pot tipped over and burned a substantial portion of her body. The child is still undergoing extensive medical treatment for her injuries and will require extensive plastic surgery in the future. If you or someone you know has suffered a burn or other injury due to a product defect by this or any other product, please contact our office for a free consultation.

*For more information please contact Messa & Associates toll free at 1.866-403.4LAW or visit www.Messalaw.com