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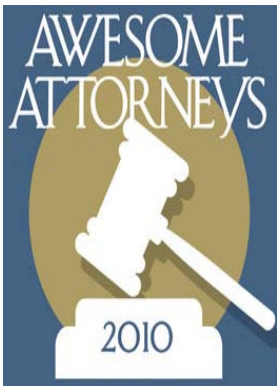

Each year, Suburban Life magazine compiles an "Awesome Attorneys" list, featuring lawyers practicing in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties. The magazine also gets reader feedback by conducting a poll at SuburbanLifeMagazine.com.

This year, Joe Messa was recognized as a Readers' Choice Top Attorney in Malpractice Law. Suburban Life received thousands of votes and Mr. Messa is honored to have been included. He and the firm would like to thank the readers of Suburban Life.

HOW THE FDA FAILS CONSUMERS

The FDA regularly recalls defective products, but that does not mean all dangerous drugs, foods and merchandise are pulled from market shelves. In fact, the FDA cannot order companies to issue recalls on items they've manufactured even if the product is defective. After recent incidents, Congress is addressing the issue and could potentially give the FDA power to recall food and drugs.

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Last year, instead of issuing an actual recall of Motrin—a drug produced by McNeil Consumer Healthcare, a division of Johnson & Johnson—McNeil hired a private company to buy up all of the defective Motrin. The company never notified the public or store owners. When Congress found out, almost a year later, a House Oversight Committee hearing was held. Initially, Johnson & Johnson claimed the issue was simply an "audit" to locate the faulty pills. Eventually, the company admitted it was the wrong approach to handling defective drugs. During the congressional hearings, blame was also placed on the FDA for its lack of oversight.

In the case of Motrin, the product was pulled because it was less effective than intended. However, when a drug causes actual harm, a person may be able to sue the manufacturer under product liability law. If you or a loved one has been harmed by a defective product, please contact Messa & Associates at 215.568.3500.

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Messa & Associates Wishes You and Your Family a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

MESSA & ASSOCIATES DONATES TO TONS OF TURKEYS

As part of the firm's mission to help the local community, Messa & Associates made a donation to Tons of Turkeys. The local, family-run nonprofit provides turkeys to 100s of underprivileged families throughout Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs. To learn more about the organization and make a contribution, visit www.tonsofturkeys.org.

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RECENT SETTLEMENT—$500,000

$500,000 premises liability/slip and fall settlement for a woman who fell at a shopping center job site. The plaintiff was hired as a flag person by a subcontractor of the property owner while the shopping center underwent a construction, renovation and improvement project.

While walking to her assigned area, the plaintiff had to cross an unimproved, grassy portion. She tripped and fell; twisting her ankle in a hole covered by grass and leaves, leaving her to suffer a fracture and ligament damage to her ankles and back injuries.

As a result, the plaintiff underwent extensive medical treatment, including surgery on her ankles lower back. The case was complicated by the fact that the plaintiff had multiple subsequent injuries. There was also a significant dispute over notice, ownership and control of the area where the plaintiff was injured.

WEIGHT LOSS, MERIDIA, DRUG RECALL

The prescription weight loss drug Meridia, was withdrawn from the US market last month. Manufactured by Abbott Laboratories, the drug is linked to problems, including heart attacks and strokes. While these were among the reported side effects, the FDA could no longer justify the drug after comparing Meridia's weight loss benefits to the risks.

A study found the drug increases a person's chance of stroke, heart attack and death by 16% compared to those taking a placebo. In comparison, there was only a 2.5% body weight difference. Accordingly, the FDA encouraged Abbott Laboratories to voluntarily recall Meridia.

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