

Spring 2025

# THE INJURY LAWYER

DAVIS, SAPERSTEIN & SALOMON<sup>PC</sup>

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Digital Paradox:  
The Impact of  
Social Media on  
Mental Health

Inspiring the  
Next Generation  
of Legal  
Professionals

The Ultimate  
Vacation Packing  
Checklist



*Adam B.* ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT  
**LEDERMAN**



#### Legal Services

Auto & Pedestrian Accidents  
Bus, Truck & Train Accidents  
Motorcycle Accidents  
Catastrophic Injuries  
Uninsured Motorist Claims  
Slip, Trip & Falls  
Premises Liability  
Construction Accidents  
Dog Bites  
Products Liability  
Workers' Compensation  
Fatal Accidents  
Traumatic Brain Injuries  
Spinal Injuries  
Wrongful Death  
Burn Litigation  
Pharmaceutical Litigation  
Defective Devices

#### Appointments In:

Teaneck  
New York City  
Jersey City  
Newark  
East Rutherford  
Woodcliff Lake  
Colonia  
Iselin  
Bridgewater  
Freehold  
Pennington

[www.dsslaw.com](http://www.dsslaw.com)  
1-800-LAW-2000

## *A Letter From the Editors*

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of *The Injury Lawyer Magazine*!

This issue highlights Partner Adam B. Lederman and his achievements as President of the New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ) in the 2024 term. Adam's journey with NJAJ began in 2013 when he became the Board's youngest member. Since then, he has devoted countless hours to the organization that helped to inspire his passion for the law. As President, he aimed to engage and excite the next generation of personal injury attorneys while sharing his expertise with others in the field.

Of course, Adam is just one of the many outstanding attorneys at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. In 2024, we proudly named five new Partners—Sherwin Tsai, Esq., Grace Robol, Esq., Luis Haquia, Esq., Rachael Nass, Esq., and Jeffrey Salomon, Esq.—bringing our total to 14 Partners. Their dedication to securing justice for our clients and their families is matched only by their commitment to our firm's values. We are so incredibly proud of our talented attorneys, 12 of whom are Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as Civil Trial Lawyers—a distinction held by fewer than 2% of all NJ attorneys.

In 2024, Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. also reached a milestone achievement—surpassing \$1 billion in settlements and verdicts. This would not have been possible without our incredible clients and dedicated DSS family. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your trust and support.

But *The Injury Lawyer Magazine* isn't just about the law—it's about life beyond the courtroom. After all, while we're passionate about the law, we also love to have some fun! This edition features a diverse range of topics, from car insurance to lab-grown diamonds, and, of course, our firm's favorite—the word search!

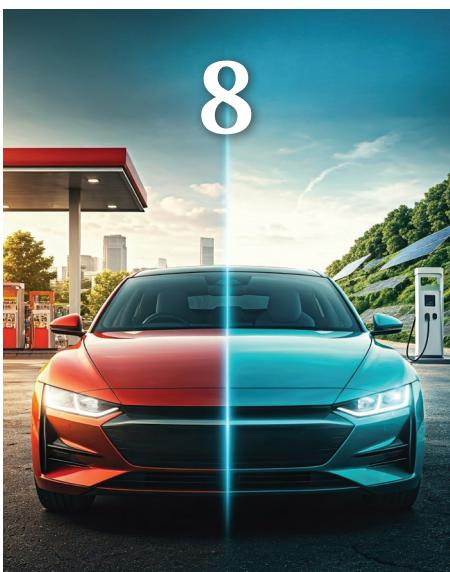
We hope you enjoy this issue and find it both informative and entertaining!

Happy reading!

*Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C.*

**DSS PARTNERS:** **Top Row:** Luis L. Haquia, Rachael Nass, Sherwin Tsai, Grace E. Robol, and Jeffrey E. Salomon  
**Middle Row:** Adam B. Lederman, Steven H. Cohen, Patricia Z. Boguslawski, and Evan D. Baker  
**Bottom Row:** Samuel L. Davis, Marc C. Saperstein, Garry R. Salomon, Steven Benvenisti, and Paul A. Garfield.

**COPYRIGHT © 2025 DAVIS, SAPERSTEIN & SALOMON, P.C. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**



## Issue 7 / Spring 2025

# In This Issue

### 2 A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

#### TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

4 Increased Hit-and-Runs in New Jersey

#### PERSONAL INJURY

5 Hot Drink Hazards

#### TECHNOLOGY

6 The Digital Paradox

8 Electric vs. Gas Cars

10 Best Password Management Systems

#### FINANCE

12 Behind Your Donation

#### LIFESTYLE

16 Lab-Grown Diamonds

18 Life in 1925 vs 2025

22 Clean Out the Clutter

24 Embracing the Journey: Essential Tips for New and Expecting Moms

#### INSURANCE

25 Why Independent Insurance Agencies Are the Key to Better Vehicle Protection

#### HEALTH

27 Ozempic Lawsuits

#### ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

28 Adam B. Lederman

#### DSS NEWS

33 Inspiring the Next Generation

34 The Anatomy of a Lawsuit

37 Understanding the Role of a Personal Injury Lawyer

38 The Law School Application Process

#### SPECIAL SECTION

42 DSS BEST OF NEW JERSEY '24

43 Top 5 Unique Venues in New Jersey

44 Top Places to Buy a Home in NJ

#### TRAVEL

47 Ultimate Vacation Packing Checklist

50 Airline Accidents: Who's to Blame?

#### USE YOUR BRAIN GAMES

50 Answers to Puzzles

52 Crossword and Word Search

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:





Taking a **Closer** Look

# Increased Hit-and-Runs in New Jersey

**New Jersey drivers beware: Recent Reports Indicate a troubling Increase of Hit & Run Accidents in the State**

## Why are Hit-and-Runs Increasing?

There isn't a single explanation, but several factors may be at play:

- **Fear of consequence:** Drivers who are uninsured, intoxicated, or driving recklessly may flee the scene to avoid penalties.
- **Distracted driving:** Focusing on phones or other in-car distractions can make drivers oblivious to accidents they cause.
- **Increased traffic:** More cars on the road can lead to more accidents, and the chaos might make it easier for a driver to leave unnoticed.

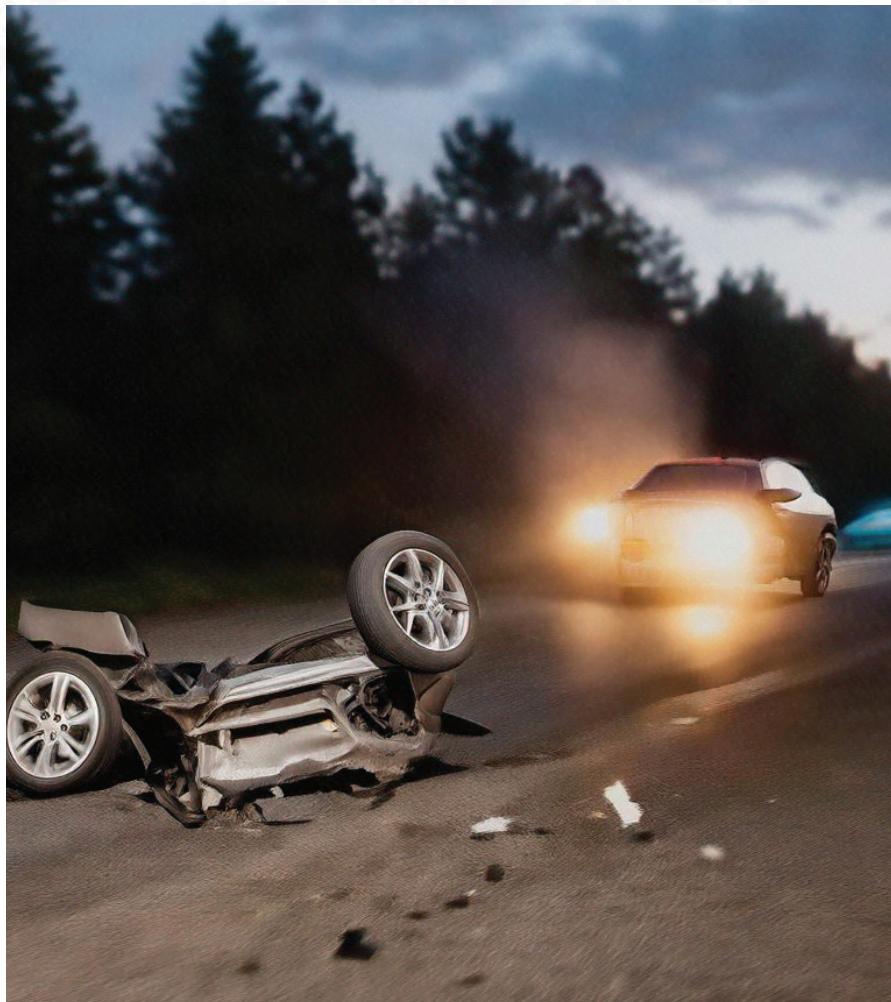
## The Impact of Hit-and-Runs

Hit-and-run accidents leave victims with a double blow. Not only do they suffer physical injuries, but they also face the emotional trauma of the incident and the difficulty of pursuing compensation without identifying the at-fault driver.

## What Can You Do?

If you are involved in a hit-and-run accident, consider following the below steps if possible:

- **Prioritize safety:** Ensure your safety and the safety of others involved. Call 911 immediately.
- **Gather evidence:** Note any details about the fleeing vehicle, including its make, model, and license plate number. Descriptions of the driver and any passengers can also be helpful.
- **Report the accident:** File a police report with as much detail as possible.
- **Seek legal counsel:** If you've been injured in a hit-and-run accident, contact an experienced personal injury attorney who can advise you of your options and help you gain the financial compensation you deserve for your pain and suffering.



## What Legal Options Do Families of Hit-and-Run Victims Have in NJ?

In a tragic hit-and-run fatality, families may pursue a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of their deceased loved one.



# HOT DRINK HAZARDS

## Understanding the Dangers of Hot Beverage Burns and How to Protect Yourself and Loved Ones

Hot coffee, tea, or soup are all delicious ways to warm up, but unfortunately, they can also be the culprit behind serious burn injuries. When a hot drink is spilled, it can cause scald injuries, which are burns caused by hot liquids or steam.

### COMMON SCENARIOS FOR HOT DRINK BURNS

- **Restaurant spills:** Fast food cups with flimsy lids can easily tip over, causing burns. Improper beverage temperature or inadequate warnings on cups can also increase the risk of burn injuries.
- **Workplace incidents:** Spills can happen in break rooms, kitchens, or during catering events.
- **Defective products:** Cup lids or containers that don't insulate properly can lead to burns.
- **Home accidents:** Bumping into a hot beverage on the counter, spills while carrying drinks, or microwave mishaps can all cause injuries.

### SEEKING HELP AFTER A HOT DRINK BURN

If you've been burned by a hot drink, the first priority is to seek medical attention if needed. Once you've received proper treatment, follow these steps:

- **Document the incident:** Take photos of the burn and the scene of the incident, if possible. Keep receipts for medical bills and other related expenses.
- **Understanding your rights:** Consult with a personal injury attorney to understand your legal options.

### PREVENTING HOT DRINK BURNS

While accidents happen, there are ways to reduce the risk of scalding:

- **Keep hot drinks away from children:** Don't place hot beverages within reach of curious hands.
- **Use caution in restaurants:** Consider asking about the temperature of your beverage before taking a sip.
- **Be mindful:** Avoid carrying hot drinks while walking or talking on the phone. Consider using insulated containers to keep beverages warm without the potential to cause scalds.

### GETTING LEGAL HELP

If you've suffered a burn injury due to someone else's negligence, you may be entitled to full compensation for your financial losses.

The attorneys at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. have decades of experience handling burn cases and helping victims get the compensation they deserve.

TECHNOLOGY

# THE DIGITAL PARADOX

*The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health and Human Connection*



---

## **In today's technologically advanced world, social media has become part of our everyday lives. From staying in touch with family and friends to consuming entertainment, platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook have changed the way we interact with the world around us. Social media has become an untamable giant in many people's lives.**

**O**ne of the biggest recent concerns of social media is the tremendous toll on mental health. Users are constantly exposed to pictures that produce unrealistic standards. In many people, it causes feelings of jealousy and low self-esteem. The need to portray a "perfect life" is overwhelming on social media. What makes this problem even worse is the addictive nature of social media. Users experience a dopamine rush when receiving likes and comments. This cycle of seeking a dopamine rush can be very difficult to break, and detaches users from real-world interactions.

Although social media is viewed as a means of bringing everyone together, it often has the opposite effect. It can distance users from meaningful relationships, by voiding them of face-to-face communication and isolating them from the real world. Social media has become the brewing ground for online harassment and cyberbullying. Spreading hate on social media has become increasingly common because people can hide behind a screen.

One crucial factor to remember when it comes to social media is that the algorithms are designed to keep users engaged for as

long as possible because this maximizes revenue. These algorithms analyze our browsing history, interactions, and preferences to tailor content specifically to our interests. Whether it is Facebook's 'News Feed' algorithm, Instagram's 'Explore' page, or TikTok's 'For You' page, each platform utilizes algorithms to curate content with the aim of maximizing engagement.

At the heart of social media addiction lies the manipulation of our brain's reward system. Every like, comment, or notification triggers a release of dopamine. Social media platforms capitalize on this biological response, employing variable reward schedules to keep users hooked. The unpredictability of when the next like or notification will appear creates a sense of anticipation and compels users to keep refreshing their feeds.



# ELECTRIC VS. GAS CARS:

In recent years, the automotive landscape has seen a technological shift. Electric vehicle (EV) sales have skyrocketed, with their share of total sales jumping from about 4% in 2020 to an impressive 18% in 2023. As EVs become more commonplace, it's important to understand how their unique features not only enhance the driving experience but also have significant implications for legal matters such as accident liability, injury claims, and compensation.



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## Powertrain & Efficiency: A Key Difference

At the heart of the electric versus gas car debate lies their powertrain technology. Electric cars run on electric motors fueled by batteries, offering instant torque for rapid acceleration and a smooth ride. In contrast, gas-powered vehicles rely on internal combustion engines (ICEs), which typically take longer to generate power, particularly at lower speeds. This quick response time in EVs can lead to situations where they are more prone to causing rear-end collisions or sudden accelerations. These dynamics can significantly influence liability in personal injury cases where a vehicle's response—or lack thereof—may be pivotal.

## Fueling & Range: The Legal Implications

Another major difference is in how these vehicles are fueled. Gas cars offer convenience with fast refueling times, with a quick pit stop at the gas station taking just minutes. On the flip side, charging an electric vehicle can take considerably longer, often leading drivers to stop at fewer and less-than-ideal locations. This extended charging time raises questions in legal cases, especially those involving long-distance travel or accidents occurring near refueling or charging stations. If an EV driver faces an incident while waiting for a charge in a less safe area, it could impact liability considerations, complicating claims involving assaults or accidents.

## Maintenance & Safety Features: A Double-Edged Sword

When it comes to maintenance, electric cars have the upper hand. They don't require oil changes, spark plug replacements, or exhaust system upkeep, which lowers the risk of accidents stemming from maintenance neglect—issues often seen in gas-powered vehicles. However, the quieter operation of EVs presents new challenges, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists who may not hear them approaching, increasing the risk of accidents in urban environments.

## Environmental Impact: A Critical Factor

The environmental benefits of electric vehicles are noteworthy. With zero tailpipe emissions, they are undoubtedly the greener choice compared to gas-powered cars. This aspect can play a significant role in personal injury cases, particularly where pollution or toxic exposure may have contributed to injuries. If a gas vehicle is involved in an accident, claims regarding the release of hazardous substances during or after the incident may arise, potentially complicating health outcomes for those involved. In contrast, the absence of emissions from EVs limits such claims.

## Advanced Safety Features: A Legal Dilemma

Many electric vehicles come equipped with cutting-edge driver assistance technologies—think automatic braking, lane-keeping assistance, and collision avoidance systems. While these features aim to enhance safety and reduce accidents, they also introduce a new set of legal questions. If these systems fail during an accident, liability may shift to the vehicle manufacturer, leading to potential

product liability claims. This complexity means that personal injury lawsuits could involve not just the driver but also the car's manufacturer, further complicating the determination of fault.

## Fuel Costs: A Financial Comparison

Fuel costs between gas cars and EVs show a clear divide. On average, it costs about 3-4 cents per mile to "fuel" an EV, while gas cars can run around 10-15 cents per mile, depending on local fuel prices and vehicle efficiency. For example, driving 12,000 miles per year in an EV might cost around \$400-\$500, while a gas car could cost closer to \$1,200-\$1,800. Over time, these savings can be significant, but they may also impact insurance calculations, especially in cases where extensive mileage contributes to liability claims.

## Vehicle Maintenance: Reliability & Legal Implications

Maintenance costs for EVs are typically lower due to their simpler mechanics. Research by Consumer Reports found that EV owners can expect to pay 50% less in repair and maintenance costs over the first five years compared to gas cars. For example, maintenance for an EV averages around \$900 over five years, compared to \$1,800 for a gas car. However, while EVs save on oil changes and fewer part replacements, battery replacements (averaging \$5,000-\$15,000) can pose higher out-of-pocket costs if not under warranty, impacting liability and repair-related personal injury claims when maintenance issues are involved.

## State & Federal Rebates: Incentives & Impact on Ownership

In the U.S., federal tax credits for EVs can be as high as \$7,500, with some states offering additional incentives. For instance, California provides a rebate of up to \$2,000, and New York offers up to \$2,500. Combined, these rebates can reduce the upfront cost of EVs by over \$10,000, significantly lowering the entry barrier and driving up EV adoption. However, this rapid growth in EV ownership can lead to congestion at charging stations and potential infrastructure challenges, which may indirectly influence safety and legal dynamics, particularly in areas where charging access may impact driver decisions and accident locations.

## Conclusion: Staying Informed in a Changing Landscape

As electric vehicles continue to gain traction, understanding the distinctions between them and gas cars becomes increasingly important. From powertrain efficiency and fueling practices to maintenance and safety features, these differences influence the driving experience and the legal landscape. By keeping abreast of these developments, individuals, policymakers, and industry professionals can make informed decisions about safety, environmental impact, and the future of transportation. Embracing the evolution of vehicle technology is crucial as we navigate the exciting shift toward electric mobility.

# THE BEST PASSWORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

## Secure Your Digital Life

In an era where online security is paramount, password management systems have become essential tools. Relying on memory alone is no longer viable. A robust password manager can generate, store, and autofill many of the most popular password management systems, along with their key features. We make no specific

### LASTPASS

LastPass has been a leading name in password management for years.

#### Key Features:

- Password Generation:** Automatically generates strong passwords based on customizable criteria.
- Autofill:** Saves time by autofilling login forms and payment details.
- Cross-Platform Support:** Available on browsers, mobile devices, and desktops.
- Secure Sharing:** Allows users to share passwords securely with trusted contacts.
- Pricing:** LastPass offers a free tier with essential features and premium options starting at around \$3/month.

### 1PASSWORD

1Password stands out for its user-friendly interface and strong security features, making it an excellent choice for individuals and families.

#### Key Features:

- Travel Mode:** Temporarily removes sensitive data when crossing borders, then restores it when safe.
- Watchtower:** Alerts users about security breaches and suggests password changes.
- Family Sharing:** Easily share passwords and vaults with family members.
- Cross-Device Syncing:** Syncs across all devices seamlessly.
- Pricing:** 1Password offers a free trial, with personal plans starting at \$2.99/month.

### DASHLANE

Dashlane offers a comprehensive security suite in addition to its password management features, appealing to those looking for an all-in-one solution.

#### Key Features:

- Dark Web Monitoring:** Alerts users if their information appears on the dark web.
- VPN Access:** Includes a VPN service for secure browsing on public Wi-Fi.
- Password Health Report:** Analyzes the strength of your passwords and offers recommendations.
- Easy-to-Use Interface:** Simple and intuitive design for quick access to features.
- Pricing:** Dashlane offers a free version with limited features, while premium plans start around \$3.33/month.

### BITWARDEN

Bitwarden is an open-source password manager that prioritizes security and transparency, making it a favorite among privacy-conscious users.

#### Key Features:

- End-to-End Encryption:** Ensures that only users can access their stored passwords.
- Self-Hosting Option:** Allows tech-savvy users to host their password vault on personal servers.
- Cross-Platform Compatibility:** Works seamlessly across all devices and browsers.
- Password Sharing:** Securely shares passwords with other Bitwarden users.
- Pricing:** Bitwarden offers a free tier with essential features, and premium plans are available for only \$10/year.





for safeguarding our digital lives. With the average person juggling multiple accounts across various platforms, secure complex passwords, making it easier to protect your sensitive information. Here's a look at some recommendations and urge you to do your own research before you decide.

## KEEPER

Keeper is known for its robust security features and flexibility, catering to both individuals and businesses.

### Key Features:

- **Secure File Storage:** Store sensitive files securely in the vault.
- **BreachWatch:** Monitors for data breaches and alerts users if their information is compromised.
- **Multi-Factor Authentication:** Enhances security with biometric login options.
- **Admin Console:** Ideal for businesses, allowing administrators to manage team accounts efficiently.
- **Pricing:** Keeper offers a free trial, with personal plans starting around \$2.91/month.

## NORDPASS

From the makers of NordVPN, NordPass offers a sleek and secure password management solution that's easy to use.

### Key Features:

- **Password Generator:** Create strong, unique passwords with ease.
- **Data Breach Scanner:** Checks if your passwords have been involved in any data breaches.
- **Encrypted Vault:** Keeps all your passwords securely stored with end-to-end encryption.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** Simplified design makes navigation easy for users of all ages.
- **Pricing:** NordPass offers a free version with basic features, while premium subscriptions start at around \$2.49/month.

## APPLE iCLOUD KEYCHAIN

For Apple users, iCloud Keychain offers a convenient password manager that integrates across the Apple ecosystem, syncing securely across iOS, macOS, and iPadOS devices.

### Key Features:

- **Autofill:** Fills in passwords on Safari and apps across Apple devices.
- **Password Generator:** Generates strong passwords.
- **Breach Alerts:** Notifies users if passwords may have been compromised.
- **Two-Factor Authentication:** Stores and autofills 2FA codes.
- **Best For:** Users immersed in the Apple ecosystem.

## GOOGLE PASSWORD MANAGER

Google Password Manager, built into Chrome and Android, provides simple yet effective password management for users who primarily use Google's ecosystem.

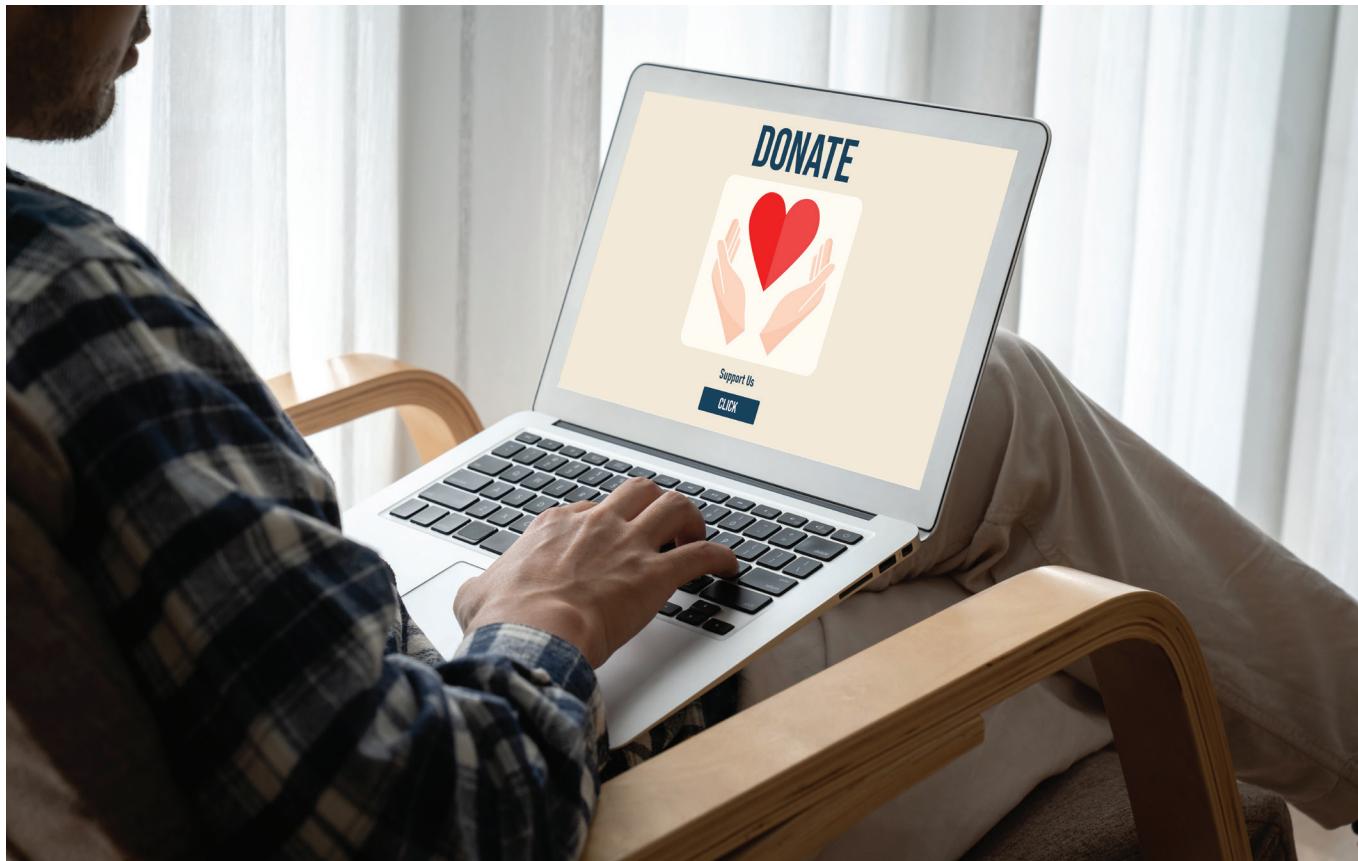
### Key Features:

- **Password Checkup Tool:** Identifies weak or reused passwords.
- **Password Generator:** Suggests secure passwords.
- **Breach Detection:** Notifies users if saved passwords are found in breaches.
- **Biometric Authentication:** Available on Android devices.
- **Best For:** Chrome and Android users seeking a free, integrated option.

As we continue to navigate an increasingly digital world, investing in a reliable password management system is essential for protecting your online accounts. Each of the systems mentioned above offers unique features that cater to different needs, whether you're looking for advanced security, ease of use, or family sharing options. By selecting the right password manager for your lifestyle, you can ensure that your digital life remains secure while reducing the burden of remembering multiple passwords. Start exploring these options today and take the first step toward a more secure online presence!

# BEHIND YOUR DONATION

## What Really Happens to Your Contributions?



From disaster relief to local food banks, your donation of your hard-earned money is meant to make a difference. But do you know where it's used? After all, donating is an act of trust—and trust is earned. In a world where charitable organizations are growing in number, some have been called out for questionable practices, making it more important to understand how contributions are being used. The question remains: *What happens to your donation once it's in the hands of a nonprofit?* How can you be certain that your donation is being used as you intended?

## THE DARK SIDE OF GIVING AND WHAT TO WATCH FOR

While giving is rewarding, not all charities are as transparent about their spending as we think. In reality, organizations can misuse funds, which leaves donors feeling betrayed and frustrated. It's wise to check how a charity uses your donations to make sure your money is going where it's needed.

### Excessive Fundraising Costs:

While every business needs money for operations, if over 40% of donations go toward fundraising instead of programs, it's a red flag. Good charities keep fundraising costs low. The Better Business Bureau advises nonprofits to spend no more than 35% on fundraising and at least 65% on their programs. This ratio is the standard, so if a charity spends more than this, it's cause for concern.

**Vague Descriptions:** If a non-profit's website or promotional materials are unclear as to how they use your donations, be cautious. Transparency is key!

**High Executive Salaries:** If you see high salaries for executives, it's worth investigating further (especially if it's not in line with the charity's mission).

**Lack of Results:** Don't be afraid to ask for updates on your donation or how it's making a difference. A well-run organization will share reports, success stories, and progress. If a charity can't or won't provide this, it may be a sign that something's wrong.

## HOW TO BE SURE YOUR DONATION IS BEING USED RIGHT

Donating to charity is a great way to help others, but how can you be sure your hard-earned money is being spent wisely? With a bit of research, you can make sure your donations are going to the right place.

**Research Before You Give:** Check the credentials. Websites like Charity Navigator, GuideStar, and BBB Wise Giving Alliance evaluate these nonprofits based on transparency, financial health, and accountability. The ratings and reports show how well charities manage their funds, so you can easily see how your donation will be used.

**Clear Communication:** A trustworthy charity should be upfront about where your donation is going. They will provide detailed financial breakdowns, outlining how funds are spent, what percentage goes toward program costs vs. administrative costs, and will show the results of their efforts. If they can't provide this information, keep looking.

**Ask Questions:** Don't be afraid to reach out and ask where your money will go. A good organization will respond openly and provide specifics on how they're using donations to achieve their goals.

**Recurring Giving:** Many charities let you give regularly, which can be more efficient than one-time donations. Over time as you build a connection with the organization it will keep you informed about their work.

**Donor-Advised Fund:** If you're donating large amounts and want more control, consider a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF). It's like a savings account for donating, where you can contribute and choose where the money goes. You can track your donations and ensure they're being used well by charities you care about.

**Local or Smaller Charities:** Smaller, local charities might use donations more effectively because they have lower costs. Plus, you might see your donation's impact with your local community.

Remember, donating is more than just writing a check—it's a way to create real change. To be sure your donation has an impact, it's important that your money is being used in a way that aligns with your values. By doing your due diligence, researching, asking questions, and staying

informed about how your donation is spent, you can rest assured that your donation will make a difference. So, the next time you click "Donate Now," remember that your money is part of a bigger mission to make the world better. With just a little effort, you can help make sure that your impact on the world is as effective as possible.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR DONATION

### Step 1: Processing

When your donation, either online or by check, is processed, most charities use a percentage to cover administrative costs like credit card fees, office rent, staff salaries, and marketing. On average, administrative costs for nonprofits are between 10-20%. If they are spending more than 50% on these costs, they may not likely be using your donation for the cause.

### Step 2: Distribution

After covering basic costs, your donation should be used for the programs or projects as you expect. However, be aware that it could be put into one project or a general fund that helps with different charitable efforts.

### Step 3: Outreach

This is where your donation begins to make an impact. The charity uses the funds to carry out its mission. For example, if you donated to a food bank, your contribution might provide groceries for families in need. In disaster relief, it could help build shelters or supply essentials. Keep in mind these efforts can take time to show results, sometimes months or even years, before you see the impact of your donation.

DAVIS SAPERSTEIN & SALOMON, P.C.  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

375

# OUR RECENT VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS

## **\$11,900,000 SETTLEMENT**

Anesthesia overdose during routine c-section leaving client in a coma

## **\$3,000,000 SETTLEMENT**

Man hit as a pedestrian by a police officer going the wrong way, causing catastrophic injuries

## **\$1,837,500 SETTLEMENT**

Severe injuries after walking down an exterior step which collapsed

## **\$1,200,000 SETTLEMENT**

Fall down stairs, with injuries ultimately leading to death

## **\$1,000,000 SETTLEMENT**

Motor vehicle accident causing concussion, disc bulges, TBI, blood clot in eye

## **\$935,000 SETTLEMENT**

Slip and fall over dislodged piece of metal, causing severe shoulder, hand and forearm injuries

## **\$450,000 SETTLEMENT**

Multiple broken bones after railing gave way, causing client to fall backwards

## **\$412,500 SETTLEMENT**

Slip and fall at supermarket, causing severe disc herniations

### *Verdicts and Settlements*

*Disclaimer: These verdicts and settlements are actual cases. More details are available from the firm. Each case is different. The facts, the law, the age of the injured person, the severity of the injury, the makeup of the jury, the rulings of the judge, are some of the factors that make each case different. The cases listed here are not a guarantee that if you have a similar claim, you will get a similar verdict or settlement. Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*





# Lab-Grown Diamonds— Are They Your Perfect Fit?

For centuries, diamonds have been symbols of luxury, love, and timeless beauty, but technology has been changing the world, and jewelry is no exception. Recently, a new type of stone has shaken up the jewelry market—lab-grown diamonds. These gems are not only identical to the real thing, but they challenge the diamond's value. Customers wonder, do lab-grown diamonds measure up? How different are they? And is it worth rethinking my sparkle?

So, what is a natural diamond? Technically speaking, natural diamonds are created when atoms are compressed under intense heat over millions of years deep within the Earth. This process makes each stone unique which is why they have always been seen as so precious.

Lab-grown diamonds, on the other hand, are made from innovation and science. They were originally developed in the 1950s for industrial cutting and drilling, but they have since become more glamorous. Today, they use technology in labs that mimic the natural forming process, so hundreds of stones can be made in only a few weeks. With their lower price tag and identical shine, lab-grown diamonds are now a very popular choice with customers and jewelry stores worldwide.

## Are Lab-Grown Diamonds Real Diamonds?

Yes! At first glance, it's almost impossible to tell the difference between a natural and a lab-grown diamond. Experts use

advanced machinery to see the microscopic markings and growth patterns that distinguish the two. Also, lab diamonds are certified by the same trusted organizations as natural diamonds. The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) and the International Gemological Institute (IGI) grade on the classic "4 Cs" scale (cut, color, clarity, and carat weight) as regular diamonds. So, lab-grown diamonds don't just sparkle like the real thing...they are the real thing.

## Natural Diamonds

The first diamonds were found in India, around the 4th century BC and the stones were deemed so precious and rare that only royalty could afford them. Since then, diamonds have been rebranded many times, until 1947 when the De Beers company rebranded the diamond with the iconic slogan, "A diamond is forever." This changed the jewelry industry and made the stone an absolute must-have for engagements and women worldwide. It transformed the diamond from a rare luxury into the symbol of everlasting love we know today.

However, natural diamonds are expensive, and the mining process has raised ethical and environmental concerns. Huge areas of land are destroyed, forests are cut down, and wildlife loses its home, just to dig up diamonds. Even after mines are exhausted the natural resources aren't restored which leaves behind unlivable, unfarmable, vast, hostile land. Some depleted diamond mines are so big, they can be seen from space. Also, diamonds are linked to terrible working conditions, child labor, and even violent conflicts. So, while diamonds may sparkle with beauty, knowing their complex history can help you better decide about the true value of these stones.

## Lab-Grown Diamonds

Lab-grown diamonds made a big splash when entering the market; they shine like natural diamonds without the big price

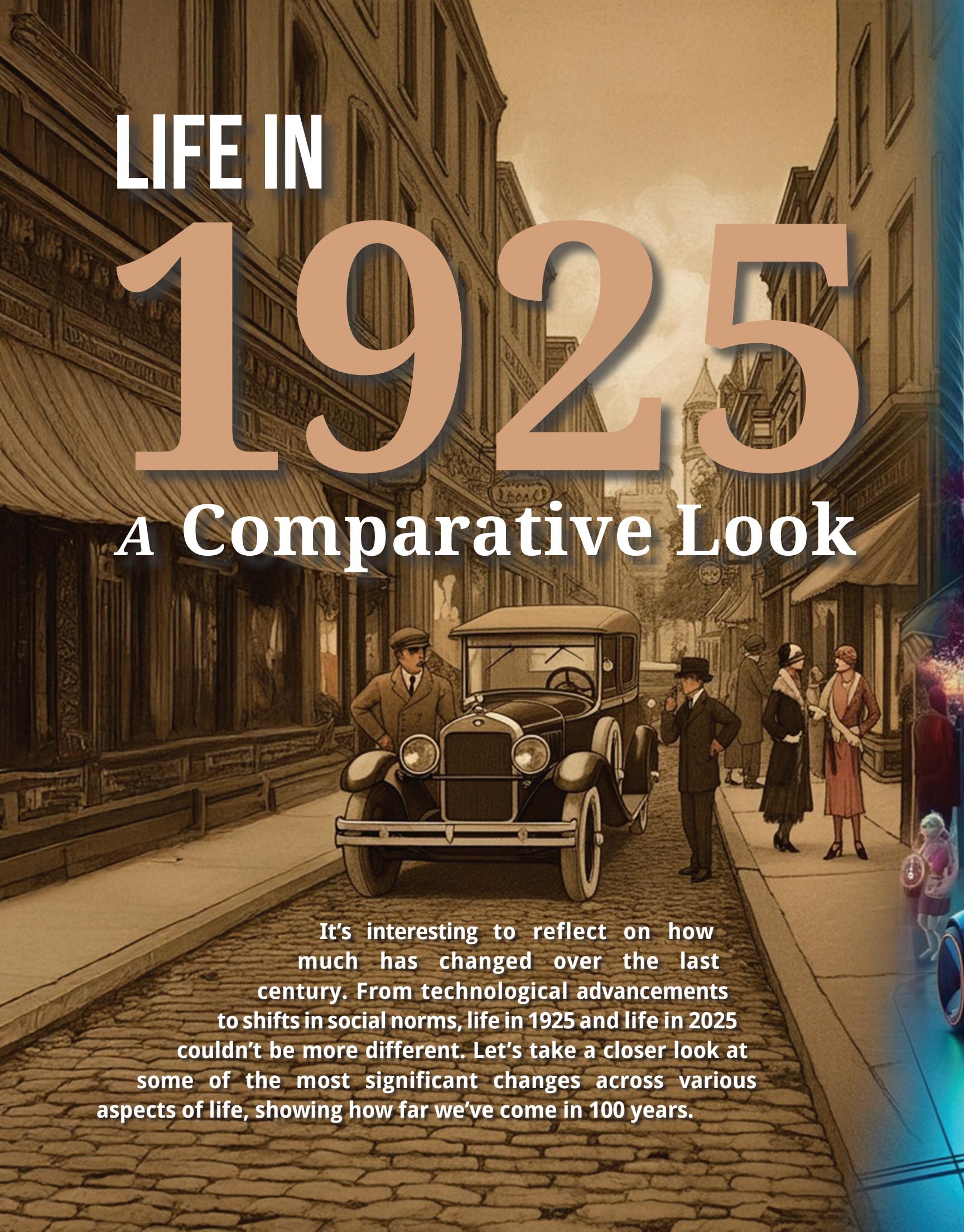
tag. This means buyers can afford bigger or better-quality diamonds without spending as much. In 2021, lab-grown diamonds reached \$5.9 billion in global sales, showing that customers are both excited and changing their buying behavior for the alternative. As a result, lab-grown diamonds now take up about 20% of the total diamond market, from nearly zero in 2015.

However, lab-grown diamonds are not without their downsides, like long-term value. Natural diamonds appreciate over time, but lab-grown diamonds depreciate quickly because they're easily mass-produced. This never-ending supply has also led to a decline in the general value of a diamond, which affects the entire jewelry industry. The prices of some natural stones have been reduced by up to 15%. Also, while lab diamonds avoid the damage of mining, their production is still not sustainable because they use fossil fuels to form the gems. The biggest con—lab diamonds can feel less meaningful. They don't have the history and rarity that's valuable to people so it can make the gesture of gifting a lab-diamond lackluster. While they are indistinguishable to the human eye it still makes switching to lab-grown diamonds hard for consumers, despite the advantages.

Ultimately, the choice between natural and lab-grown diamonds is made by what you value most. For some, the timeless beauty of natural diamonds is crucial, while others see the innovation and affordable price of lab-grown as the best fit. Both options have their allure and trade-offs, and neither is truly better than the other, so it's up to you! After all, a diamond's true brilliance lies not just in its sparkle but in the meaning you put behind it. So, which one is the perfect shine for you?

# LIFE IN 1925

## A Comparative Look



It's interesting to reflect on how much has changed over the last century. From technological advancements to shifts in social norms, life in 1925 and life in 2025 couldn't be more different. Let's take a closer look at some of the most significant changes across various aspects of life, showing how far we've come in 100 years.

VS.

2025

*at a Century of Change*

*...our advancements in technology, transportation, work, education,*

#### TECHNOLOGY: THEN AND NOW

**1925** The world was on the cusp of the technological revolution, with the introduction of the radio and the widespread use of automobiles. Most households had limited access to electricity, and communication was primarily through letters or telephones with rotary dials.

**2025** Fast forward to 2025, and we're surrounded by advanced technology. The Internet is everywhere, with high-speed connections allowing for instant knowledge and communication across the globe. Smartphones are an extension of ourselves, enabling video calls, social media, and access to endless information at our fingertips. Artificial intelligence and automation are transforming industries, while smart home devices manage our living spaces efficiently.

#### TRANSPORTATION: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

**1925** The automobile was gaining popularity, but most people still relied on horses, streetcars, and trains for transportation. The roads were often unpaved, and traffic regulations were just starting to take shape.



**2025** Transportation has dramatically evolved. Electric and autonomous cars are becoming mainstream, while high-speed trains connect cities within hours. Ride-sharing apps and electric scooters offer flexible mobility options, and the development of flying taxis is on the horizon, promising to redefine urban transport.

#### WORK AND ECONOMY: SHIFTING PARADIGMS

**1925** The workforce was predominantly blue-collar, with many individuals working in factories within the manufacturing, agriculture, and service industries. Women were beginning to enter the workforce in greater numbers, but traditional gender roles still prevailed.

**2025** The landscape has shifted towards a knowledge-based economy. Remote work

and gig jobs are common, allowing for greater flexibility and work-life balance. Gender equality has made significant strides, with women holding leadership positions across industries. The emphasis on diversity and inclusion is reshaping corporate culture.

#### EDUCATION: ACCESS & INNOVATION

**1925** Education was less accessible, with a significant portion of the population lacking formal schooling. Schools focused on rote memorization, and resources were limited.

**2025** Education is more inclusive and innovative, with online learning and resources available to anyone with an internet connection. Lifelong learning is emphasized, and personalized education through AI-driven platforms caters to individual learning styles. Universities are incorporating technology, ensuring students are prepared for the rapidly changing job market.



#### MEDICINE: ADVANCES IN HEALTHCARE

**1925** Medical knowledge was limited, and many diseases were poorly understood. The introduction of antibiotics was just around the corner, and access to healthcare varied significantly based on socioeconomic status.

**2025** Healthcare has undergone a revolution with technologies like advanced imagery, telemedicine, genetic testing, and personalized medicine. Access to healthcare is improving through digital platforms, although disparities still exist. Mental health awareness has grown, with resources and support systems becoming more mainstream. Robotic surgery even allows remote surgeons to engage in complex surgeries.

#### ENTERTAINMENT & COMMUNICATION: A CENTURY OF CONNECTION AND CREATIVITY

**1925** Entertainment in 1925 was limited to a handful of in-person or stationary mediums, with the rise of silent movies in theaters, live radio broadcasts, and printed newspapers. Families often gathered around the radio for news, music, and serialized dramas, creating a shared



healthcare, and social norms illustrate a world that is continually

**evolving.**

experience in the home. Communication was primarily through letters, face-to-face conversations, or telephone calls made on rotary dial phones, making long-distance connection slow and often costly.



**2025** Today, entertainment and communication are integrated into our everyday lives, accessible through multiple devices at any time. Television has evolved into streaming platforms that offer on-demand movies, shows, and personalized content. Social media platforms have created interactive spaces where users worldwide can share news, stories, and updates in real-time. Online newspapers and digital media have replaced print news for most people, allowing for instant access to global updates. Communication is now largely virtual, with video calling apps like FaceTime and Zoom allowing face-to-face interactions regardless of distance, while smartphones provide round-the-clock access to friends, family, and entertainment. This shift has created a constant stream of engagement and information, making global connection an effortless part of daily life.

#### **SOCIAL NORMS: CHANGING PERSPECTIVES**

**1925** Social norms were rigid, with strict expectations regarding gender roles, family structures, and behavior. Cultural diversity was less acknowledged, and societal progress was often slow.

**2025** Society has embraced diversity and inclusion, with ongoing conversations about equity and social justice. Changing family dynamics, gender identities, and sexual orientations are widely accepted. Activism is more organized, with movements advocating for climate change, human rights, and social justice gaining momentum globally.



#### **CONCLUSION**

The contrast between life in 1925 and 2025 highlights the profound changes that have shaped our society over the past century. While challenges remain, our advancements in technology, transportation, work, education, healthcare, and social norms illustrate a world that is continually evolving. As we look ahead, it's essential to recognize the lessons of the past while embracing the opportunities that the future holds. The journey from 1925 to 2025 reminds us of the resilience of the human spirit and our capacity for growth and transformation.



# CLEAN OUT THE CLUTTER

Eco-Conscious Disposal Tips for Your Home





We all have items lying around the house that we're unsure how to dispose of properly. Whether it's leftover paint, old batteries, or electronic devices, many of these items can't simply be thrown in the trash. Improper disposal can harm the environment, so it's important to know how to handle these materials responsibly. Here's a guide on how to dispose of some of the trickiest household items.

### PAINT CANS

You can't just toss old paint cans into your regular garbage, especially if they still contain liquid paint. Many paints contain hazardous chemicals, so here's how to handle them:

**Latex Paint:** If there's a small amount left, allow it to dry out by leaving the lid off or mixing it with cat litter. Once dried, you can dispose of the can with regular trash. For larger amounts, take it to a hazardous waste collection center.

**Oil-Based Paint:** Oil-based paint is considered hazardous waste. Take it to a local hazardous waste facility or see if your community holds special collection events.

### BATTERIES

Disposing of batteries is more complex than it seems. There are different types, and not all can be thrown away.

**Single-Use Alkaline Batteries:** Most of these can now be disposed of with regular trash, but it's still better to recycle them if possible. Many retailers offer battery recycling bins.

**Rechargeable Batteries:** These contain harmful materials like lithium or nickel and should never go in the trash. Drop them off at a recycling center or local stores that accept battery recycling (many hardware and electronics stores offer this service).

### ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE)

Old phones, computers, printers, and other electronics should never be thrown in the trash. E-waste contains harmful chemicals like lead and mercury, which can leach into the soil and water.

**Recycling:** Many electronic stores, like Best Buy, have e-waste recycling programs. You can also find special e-waste collection events in your area.

**Donate:** If the device still works, consider donating it to a local charity, school, or refurbishing program.

### LIGHT BULBS

Different types of light bulbs require different disposal methods.

**Incandescent Bulbs:** These can usually be tossed in the trash, but check with local guidelines first.

**Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs):** CFLs contain small amounts of mercury and should be taken to a hazardous waste facility or a store with a recycling program.

**LED Bulbs:** While not hazardous, LEDs can be recycled. Many local recycling programs or hardware stores accept them.

### AEROSOL CANS

Aerosol cans, like those containing cleaning products, paint, or deodorant, often contain hazardous materials.

**Empty Cans:** If completely empty, they can usually be recycled. Check the label for any disposal instructions.

**Partially Full Cans:** Take them to a hazardous waste collection site, as they may still contain pressurized chemicals.

### MEDICATIONS

Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash can harm water supplies and wildlife.

**Drug Take-Back Programs:** Many pharmacies offer drug take-back programs where you can safely dispose of old medications. Some police stations also accept unused meds.

**At-Home Disposal:** If no take-back program is available, mix medications with coffee grounds or cat litter before placing them in a sealed bag and throwing them in the trash.

### MOTOR OIL

Used motor oil is highly toxic and should never be dumped down a drain or in the trash.

**Recycling:** Many auto repair shops or service stations will accept used motor oil for recycling. Some municipalities also offer oil recycling programs.

### HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

Disposing of household cleaners can be tricky since many contain chemicals that are harmful to the environment.

**Small Quantities:** You can often dispose of small amounts by diluting them and pouring them down the drain, but always check the label for disposal instructions.

**Hazardous Waste Disposal:** For larger amounts, especially of industrial-strength cleaners, take them to a hazardous waste facility.

# Embracing the Journey: Essential Tips for New and Expecting Moms

Being a new mom is both an amazing and exhausting journey. If you are a brand-new mom or are pregnant with your first child, you might be feeling a little unsure of yourself. Many moms feel overwhelmed and insecure—and there is nothing wrong with that! It's important to remember—no one knows or loves your baby better than YOU! Here are a few tips and reminders for new and expecting moms—from a new mom herself!

## **If help is offered to you—TAKE IT!**

There is absolutely nothing wrong with accepting assistance from family and friends, and it's nothing to feel ashamed of. Remember, it's easy to become flustered and fatigued, so moms need a minute to themselves too. A relaxed mom is a more attentive mom.

## **Hold and cuddle your baby as often as you want!**

Some may say that holding a baby too often can lead to co-dependence—this is not the case! A baby who loves being in their mother's arms is not unhealthy—it is a sign of a strong and stable bond!

## **It is OK to set boundaries!**

Remember—your baby is your number one priority. It's OK to say no to certain things if you feel it will get in the way of spending time with your baby. Life already moves so fast, and you must remember that you will never have this time with your baby again. Before you know it, your baby will be a toddler, then a young child, and so on, so take advantage of every precious moment.

## **Let's face it, baby clothes are adorable, and it's very tempting to buy every outfit!**

However, I suggest not spending too much money on outfits for the first few months! Babies grow incredibly fast, and they are constantly outgrowing clothes. Your baby will most likely live in onesies day in and day out in the beginning, so comfort is key!

## **Remember—you will sleep again!**

The lack of sleep may seem endless, but it is only temporary!



# Why Independent Insurance Agencies Are the Key to Better Vehicle Protection

When it comes to protecting your vehicle, choosing the right insurance is crucial. While many people opt for direct-to-consumer policies, there are significant advantages to working with an independent insurance agency.



## PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Unlike captive agents who represent a single company, independent agents work with multiple insurers. This allows them to tailor a policy specifically to your needs, considering factors like your driving history, vehicle type, and budget. Your agent becomes a trusted advisor, guiding you through the complexities of insurance.



## BROADER COVERAGE OPTIONS

Independent agencies offer access to a wider range of insurance carriers, giving you more choices for coverage and pricing. Whether you need basic liability or comprehensive protection, your agent can find the best fit for your situation.



## COMPETITIVE RATES

By comparing policies from various insurers, independent agents can help you find competitive rates. They have the expertise to identify discounts and package deals that can save you money.



## EXPERT CLAIMS ASSISTANCE

In the event of an accident, your independent agent becomes your advocate. They can help you navigate the claims process, ensuring you receive fair compensation and timely assistance.



## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Many independent agencies are locally owned and operated, providing a personal touch and in-depth understanding of your community. They can offer tailored advice based on local factors like weather conditions and traffic patterns.



By choosing an independent car insurance agency, you're investing in a partnership that prioritizes your needs and delivers exceptional service. While big-name insurance companies may be familiar, the personalized attention and comprehensive coverage offered by independent agencies make them the preferred choice for many consumers.

# DO YOU WANT TO BE A TV STAR?

**Your story matters—  
now it's your time to shine!**

Share your experience with our law firm  
and be featured in our next commercial.

.....

#### HOW TO SIGN UP:

*Be a past client* who has won a case with our firm

*Have a great story* about how we helped you

*Be comfortable on camera* —we'll make it fun and easy!



## SIGN UP NOW!

Sign up today by emailing us at  
[elizabeth.sheldon@dsslaw.com](mailto:elizabeth.sheldon@dsslaw.com)

# OZEMPIC LAWSUITS

Ozempic – the popular brand name for semaglutide – which is the highly popular prescription drug approved for the management of type-2 diabetes, has taken the world by storm. Since it was first approved in 2017, Ozempic has been widely used as a weight loss drug. However, some complications from the drug are starting to be reported - particularly the diagnosis of gastroparesis and changes in vision in many patients.



According to research, gastroparesis is more common when Ozempic is taken at higher doses. However, until recently, the warning label on the drug was not clear about the risk of these injuries. Aside from gastroparesis, other users have reported ileus and intestinal blockages.

Gastroparesis is a serious health condition which effects the passage of food from the stomach to the small intestine. Essentially, it causes the food to remain in the stomach for longer periods of time, leading to bloating, stomach pain, nausea, changes in blood sugar

and more. Ileus is similar to gastroparesis, as it also causes the build up of food in the stomach. The intestines become paralyzed and stop contracting, leading to extreme discomfort, bloating, constipation and more, and can be life-threatening if left untreated.

As of March 2025, there are over 1,500 pending cases.

If you believe you or a loved one has suffered these illnesses after taking Ozempic, contact us today to find out your rights by calling **1-800-LAW-2000** or visiting [www.dsslaw.com](http://www.dsslaw.com).



ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

# Adam B. LEDERMAN

**CHAMPIONING JUSTICE WITH PASSION & PURPOSE**

**A**dam B. Lederman always knew he wanted to be a lawyer. Whenever anyone asks him why he chose this path, his response is both simple and powerful: “To be honest, I never really had a good answer, but I knew I wanted to be a lawyer. I knew I wanted to fight for something,” he says.

Fighting for and helping people is in his blood. His father’s parents were not only survivors of the Holocaust, but they were also partisans. “They fled into the forest and fought back,” Adam says. “They lived in the woods for five years, fighting back and rescuing people in need of help. My grandparents helped, saved, and protected other people who couldn’t protect themselves.” That fighting spirit would ultimately be exposed to the lawyers at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon.

Personal injury law was something that Adam grew to love. After beginning his career at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon 18 years ago as Founding Partner Garry Salomon’s intern, he realized that there was no other law he wanted to practice. “Right from the beginning of my internship and throughout my career here at the firm, I got to see, day in and day out, the incredible lawyers and staff at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon go to the mat for our clients,” he says. “I watched this firm really fight for something – fight to make New Jersey a safer place for everyone. When you see this, you cannot help but feel inspired.”

Adam thrives in the face of a challenge, bringing incredible depth and a wide range of knowledge to each of his cases. Since his inception at Davis, Saperstein &

Salomon, Adam has consistently demonstrated his natural born ability to lead. He has always treated his clients like family, and no matter the case size, always goes beyond the call of duty to make sure his clients are content with their representation.

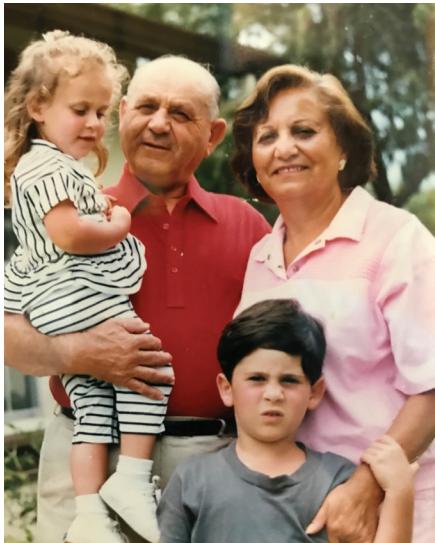
It is this combination of determination, compassion, and knowledge that has earned Adam vast respect in New Jersey’s legal community and made him a front-runner for President of the New Jersey Association for Justice. His commitment to NJAJ, however, began over a decade ago.

“I’ve never been the kind of person to sit around and let other people carry the water,” he says. “Something inside me pushed me towards getting involved.” In 2013, Adam was appointed to NJAJ’s



Adam, shown here with his grandfather

**“TO LEAD A GROUP OF LAWYERS WHO STRIVE TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE IS INCREDIBLY SPECIAL. NJAJ HAS TAUGHT ME THE INVALUABLE LESSON OF LEAVING PEOPLE AND THINGS BETTER THAN I FOUND THEM—A PRINCIPLE I INTEND TO UPHOLD DURING MY TENURE.”**



**Above:** Adam with his grandparents and sister

Board of Governors, earning him the distinction as the Board's youngest member. Since then, he has played an active role in the association, immersing himself in several roles, including co-chair of NJAJ's New Lawyer's Division. For years, Adam has assisted in planning and facilitating the annual Meadowlands and Boardwalk conferences and has shared his expertise by lecturing on a variety of topics including discovery, trial techniques, and legal investigative strategies.

In 2024, Adam Lederman was proudly installed as the President of NJAJ. "Becoming the President was a long journey," Adam reflects. "Marc Saperstein (Founding Partner of Davis, Saperstein & Salomon) was President of the organization in 2006, the year I started my internship, and both Marc and Garry Salomon have been board members for almost 30 years."

Adam plans on fully utilizing his role as President of NJAJ. One of his main goals? "I want to engage the younger generation," he says. "Law schools push students to big firms, where they spend their time in law libraries reading pieces of legal briefs to help one billion-dollar company sue another. I want to expose students to personal injury law and show

them how amazing it feels to help someone. Personal injury law gets a bad rap but it is incredibly noble work. I want to help young, soon-to-be lawyers to see that."

The New Jersey Association for Justice was founded in the 1940s and is a statewide association of over 2,500 members. These members include those in private practice and public service, law clerks, paralegals, as well as law students and law school graduates who have not yet been admitted to the bar. NJAJ's goal is to protect families and individuals throughout the state by strengthening and enhancing laws for safer products, quality healthcare, and more. "When I was exposed to NJAJ as an intern, I could see immediately that it was a special organization," Adam says. "Whether it is through our educational programs, where we produce the single largest legal seminar in the entire county, our amicus work, where we seek out and find important cases at the Appellate and Supreme Court levels to support, or our advocacy work in Trenton, where we push for legislation that protects the rights of New Jersey residents and ensures that the courthouse doors

remain open, NJAJ is a place where doing the right thing comes first."

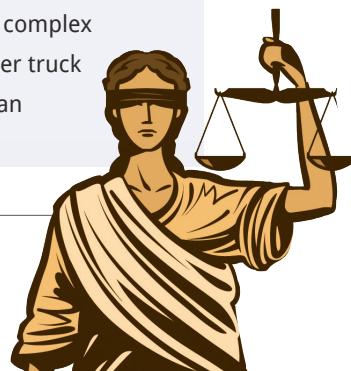
With Adam's career approaching the 20-year mark, he is far from slowing down and is constantly striving to both educate and absorb as much as he can about the legal world. "For 18 years, I've had the privilege of being part of NJAJ, and serving as NJAJ President will be one of the great honors of my life. NJAJ is a group of people who share a common vision and fierce passion for justice," Adam says. "To lead a group of lawyers who strive to make the world a better and safer place is incredibly special. NJAJ has taught me the invaluable lesson of leaving people and things better than I found them—a principle I intend to uphold during my tenure."

Adam is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney, a distinction held by less than 2% of all New Jersey licensed attorneys. Over the course of his career, Adam has settled thousands of cases, many of which have resulted in six figures and more. He is admitted to practice law in both New Jersey and New York.

## Adam's Top Verdicts and Settlements

**Adam combines compassion and relentless perseverance in his approach to fighting on behalf of those whose lives have been altered because of the negligence of others, and this approach has been proven to be a success. Some of his victories include:**

- **\$6,100,000** - Drowning victim
- **\$5,500,000** - Motorcyclist struck by a bus
- **\$4,500,000** - Motorcyclist struck by an ambulance
- **\$3,000,000** - Pedestrian struck by a police cruiser
- **\$1,815,000** - Resident fell on a collapsed step in his condo complex
- **\$1,800,000** - Motorcycle passenger struck by a postal carrier truck
- **\$1,500,000** - Pedestrian struck in a parking lot by a work van



ER PLACE IS INCREDIBLY SPECIAL. **NJAJ HAS TAUGHT ME THE**  
**A PRINCIPLE I INTEND TO UPHOLD DURING MY TENURE.”**



## 5 Fun facts TO KNOW ABOUT *Adam*

- ★ He went skydiving in the Swiss Alps
- ★ He loves to travel and has visited 30 countries
- ★ He plays tennis every week (a hobby he picked up during COVID)
- ★ He calls his mom on the way to work every morning
- ★ He is a huge sports fan and growing up in the 80's and 90's his emotional state has an unhealthy connection to the New York Knicks

# Q&A with Adam B. Lederman, Esq.

## *His Process, Advice, and Thoughts on Leaving a Legacy*

### **Though all cases are different, can you describe your typical process of working on a personal injury case?**

Obviously, every case and every person is different. The losses a client suffers are unique to them. So, the first thing I always do is get to know the client. I like to bring a client in and learn about them; learn about their family and their life. It helps me understand who I'm fighting for. I give all my clients my cell phone so they can always reach me.

From there, the investigation begins. Insurance companies never make it easy. They hide things, surveillance footage disappears, witness information isn't recorded. It's incredibly important to start collecting evidence on how and why the incident occurred. Simultaneously, helping my client get the right medical treatment is critical. Being a personal injury lawyer, all of my clients are injured. Figuring out who is going to pay for the medical treatment and what medical specialists need to be involved is paramount.

All of my cases are prepared for trial. Only 1-2% of cases go to trial but all cases are prepared for trial. Over the years I've tried a lot of cases. In fact, following my partners' footsteps to walk the walk, when I qualified for, took, and passed the Supreme Court's test to become a Certified Civil Trial Attorney in the State of New Jersey, I was the youngest Certified Civil Trial Attorney in the State.

Davis, Saperstein & Salomon never takes the easy way out.

We know this is our client's one chance at justice and we're not afraid to work for it. We collect the medical evidence, we secure top experts, and we engage in discovery, pulling from Defendants all the evidence they don't want to give up.

When we have all of this, we push hard. Insurance companies want to see people as claim numbers. It's our job to bring our clients and the wrong they experienced at the hands of a Defendant to life. When you combine this presentation with the reputation Davis, Saperstein & Salomon has for fighting for everything our clients deserve, I find that insurance companies eventually cave.

### **If you could go back and give your young, inexperienced self any advice about the legal field, what would it be?**

That's a hard question. Personal injury law is the kind of law that touches everything. In one case, a client will be injured in a motor vehicle collision, in another they'll be hurt by a management company who didn't maintain the parking lot or a snow removal contractor. In another by a truck or a bus. I've had drowning cases, explosion cases, negligent security cases, forklift cases, dog bite cases, negligent security cases. The list really goes on and on.

I highlight this because I find that when a case involves something I'm familiar with, I have an advantage. For example, my father runs a wholesale food business. He has a refrigerated warehouse and delivery

vans and trucks. I spent my whole life working in that warehouse. When I have cases where clients have been injured at a warehouse or by a truck, I feel like I have insider information. I know how it operates so I know what the Defendant is hiding. I've driven a truck, so I know what it means to safely operate it. I was a lifeguard growing up. That experience proved invaluable in my drowning cases. I was a waiter through high school and college. When I have cases where a client was injured at a restaurant, I know what should have been done and what that Defendant failed to do.

I think what I'm getting at is, I would have done even more – experienced everything I could. Rounded myself out completely as a person. Some things you can't learn without experiencing them. Having my son helped me understand how a parent feels about their child. Getting married helped me understand the losses a spouse experiences when their partner is injured. But other things, you can choose to experience. Meet people, talk to them,

learn from them. Go out and live. Be inquisitive. Ask questions. Learn how things work. Learn what motivates people.

When it's your time to represent a client, you'll need to draw from those experiences to be at your very best.

### **What would you like your legacy to be?**

At 42, I haven't had much time to think about my legacy. I've been busy building, learning and striving to be the best lawyer I can be for my clients and the best partner I can be for my law firm.

Garry Salomon really took me under his wing when I was an intern and taught me this profession. I've started to take on this role for Davis, Saperstein & Salomon. I hope part of my legacy will be teaching, guiding, and building young lawyers.

Beyond that, I hope I can leave behind a legacy of someone who worked hard, was well respected by colleagues and the judiciary, supported my co-workers, and left it all on the field for my clients.



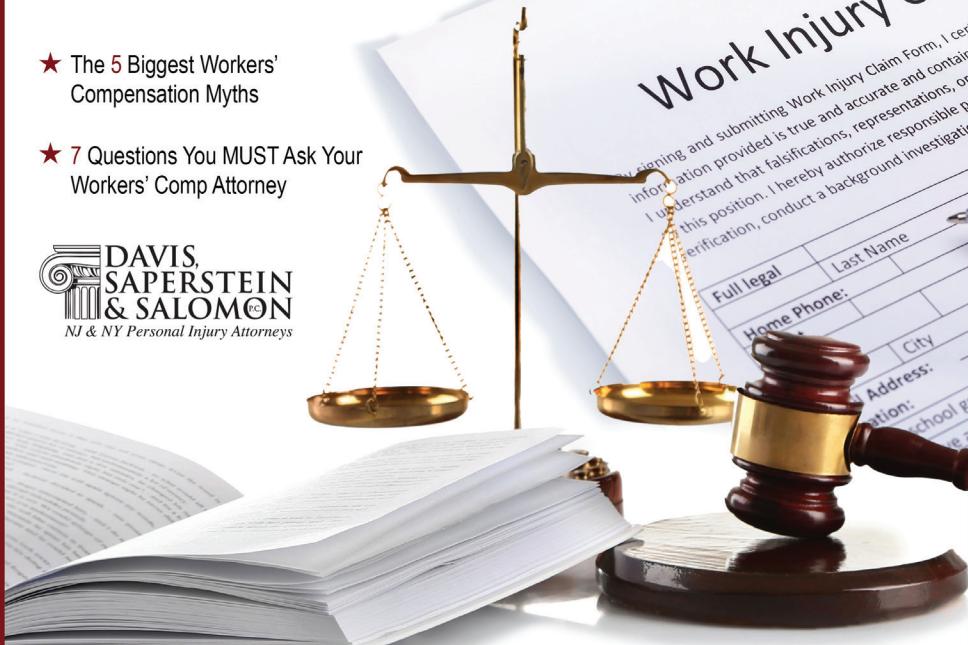
# What You Need to Know About NJ Workers' Compensation

## WORKER'S COMP GUIDE

### Getting the Benefits You Deserve

Steven Cohen, Esq.

- ★ The 5 Biggest Workers' Compensation Myths
- ★ 7 Questions You MUST Ask Your Workers' Comp Attorney



Everything You Need to Know About Your Workers Compensation Claim to Get What You **ALL** Deserve

**FREE DOWNLOAD**  
[DSSLAW.COM/WORKERS-COMPENSATION](http://DSSLAW.COM/WORKERS-COMPENSATION)

or request via email: [community@dsslaw.com](mailto:community@dsslaw.com) or phone: [201-444-4444](tel:201-444-4444)



# The Anatomy of a LAWSUIT

---

## — A STEP-BY-STEP TIMELINE —

When legal disputes arise, understanding the stages of a lawsuit can help demystify the process. Here's a breakdown of what happens during a typical lawsuit, from the initial steps to the final resolution.



### 1 The Incident

Every lawsuit starts with an event—a car accident, a breach of contract, medical malpractice, or any other incident where someone suffers harm. This is the moment where one party believes their rights have been violated, which ultimately leads to legal action.

**Timeline:** This varies depending on when the injury or issue occurs, but it's important to keep an eye on the statute of limitations, which sets a deadline for filing a lawsuit.



### 2 Consultation with a Qualified Personal Injury Attorney

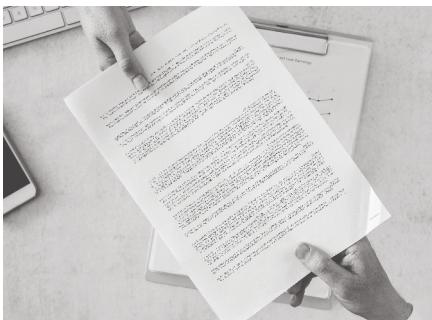
*(like the attorneys at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon)*

The injured person, also known as the plaintiff, consults with a lawyer to discuss the details of the case. During this phase, the lawyer evaluates the merits of the case and gives advice on legal options while explaining potential outcomes. If the case looks viable, the attorney may agree to represent the plaintiff on a contingent fee basis.



### 3 Settlement Discussion

Once medical treatment is done and all injuries identified, often the lawyer and insurance company will enter settlement negotiations. If a settlement cannot be reached, a lawsuit is filed.



## 4 Filing the Complaint

If the plaintiff decides to move forward, the lawsuit officially begins when the lawyer files a complaint with the court. This document outlines the plaintiff's claims against the defendant (the person or entity being sued), the legal basis for the lawsuit, and the compensation being sought.

**Timeframe:** A complaint can be filed usually within two years of the incident.



## 6 The Answer (or Motion to Dismiss)

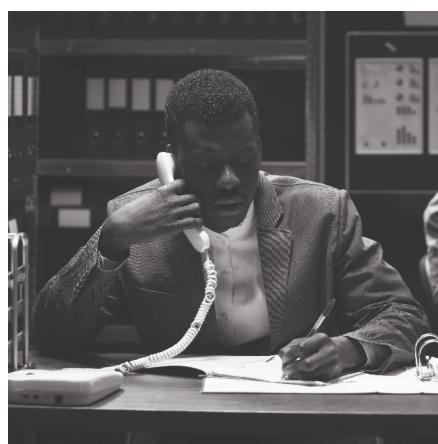
Once served, the defendant has a limited time (usually 35 days) to respond. They can either file an "answer," admitting or denying the claims, or submit a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing that the case lacks legal grounds.

**Timeframe:** This step should happen within a month of the complaint being served, however it is often extended.

## 5 Serving the Defendant

After the complaint is filed, the next step is to notify the defendant by serving them with the complaint and a summons to appear in court. This ensures that the defendant is aware of the lawsuit and has a chance to respond.

**Timeframe:** Service typically occurs within a few weeks after the complaint is filed.



## 7 Discovery: Gathering Evidence

Discovery is the most time-consuming part of a lawsuit. Both sides exchange evidence, conduct depositions (interviews under oath), request documents, and gather expert testimony. Discovery also includes medical examination by the defense physician. This phase allows both parties to build their case by uncovering as much information as possible.

**Timeframe:** Discovery can last between 300 and 400 days, depending on the complexity of the case.

## 8 Pre-Trial Motions and Settlement Talks

During discovery, both parties often file motions asking the court to make specific rulings on evidence or even dismiss parts of the case. Simultaneously, settlement talks may take place to resolve the case out of court. Many lawsuits are settled before trial, saving both parties time and expense.

**Timeframe:** Pre-trial motions and settlement negotiations can take place before, during, or after discovery. Cases that settle may conclude faster than those going to trial.



## 9 Trial

If no settlement is reached, the case proceeds to trial. Both sides present their evidence and arguments to a judge or jury. The trial will involve opening statements, fact and expert witness testimony, cross-examinations, and closing arguments before a verdict is rendered.

**Timeframe:** Trials can last anywhere from a day to several weeks, depending on the case's complexity.



## 11 Appeals and Post-Judgement Motions

If the losing party is dissatisfied with the outcome, they may file an appeal, asking a higher court to review the decision. In other cases, post-judgment motions may request changes to the judgment amount or payment schedule.

**Timeframe:** Appeals and post-judgment motions can take several years to resolve, depending on the complexity and jurisdiction.

## 10 Verdict and Judgement

After hearing the evidence, the judge or jury delivers a verdict. If the plaintiff wins, the court issues a judgment, which states the amount of compensation the defendant must pay. The defendant may appeal the decision within 45 days if they believe errors occurred during the trial.

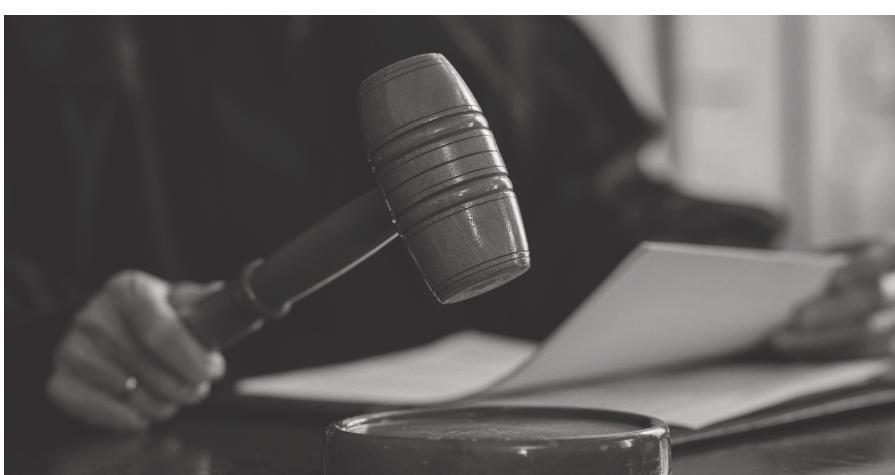
**Timeframe:** A verdict is typically reached immediately after trial, but appeals could extend the case for months or even years.



## 12 Enforcing the Judgement

If the defendant does not voluntarily pay the judgment, the plaintiff's lawyer may take steps to enforce the judgment, such as garnishing wages or placing liens on property. This ensures the plaintiff receives the compensation awarded by the court.

**Timeframe:** Enforcement can take several months, depending on the defendant's willingness to comply and the complexity of enforcement actions.

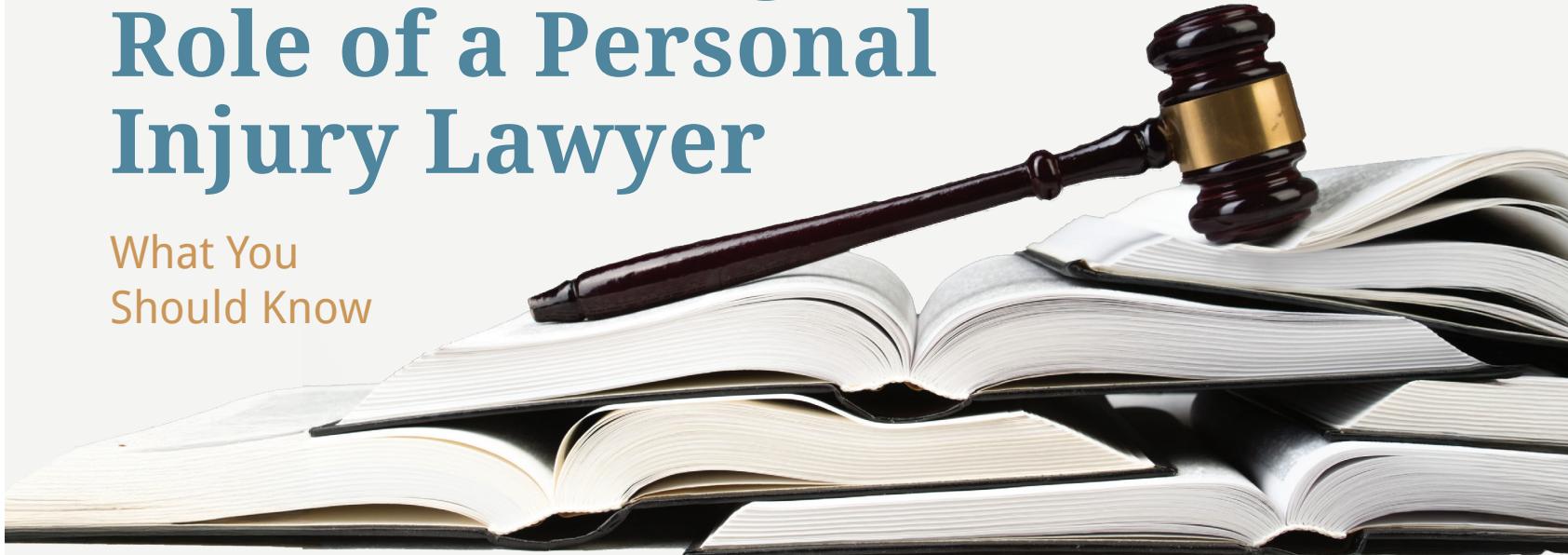


## Conclusion

Lawsuits are complex, multi-stage processes that can span months or even years. Each phase, from filing a complaint to enforcing a judgment, plays a critical role in determining the case's outcome. While many lawsuits settle out of court, understanding the anatomy of a lawsuit helps set realistic expectations for both plaintiffs and defendants navigating the legal system.

# Understanding the Role of a Personal Injury Lawyer

## What You Should Know



When life takes an unexpected turn due to an accident or injury, a personal injury lawyer steps in to help navigate the legal complexities. These legal professionals specialize in representing individuals who have been harmed by negligence, accidents, or intentional acts. Their primary goal? To secure fair compensation for their clients' injuries, which can lead to medical expenses, lost wages, and emotional distress. Let's dive deeper into what it means to be a personal injury lawyer and how they support those in need.

### The Range of Cases They Handle

Personal injury lawyers tackle a diverse array of cases. Whether it's a car accident, workplace injury, medical malpractice, defective products, or slip-and-fall incidents, these attorneys are equipped to handle it all. Each case is unique and demands a thorough investigation to uncover the details. Personal injury lawyers gather evidence, interview witnesses, consult medical experts, and, when necessary, even reconstruct accident scenes. This diligent groundwork is crucial in building a strong case that effectively advocates for their clients.

### Advocating for Fair Compensation

At the heart of a personal injury lawyer's work is to prove and win a monetary settlement or verdict. Injuries can lead to immediate medical bills and long-term costs such as rehabilitation, lost income, or even permanent disability. Personal injury lawyers consider the full impact of an injury on a client's life, ensuring that any settlement offers or court awards consider pain and suffering, and current and future needs. Compensation isn't just about covering medical expenses; it should include damages for pain and suffering, emotional trauma, and loss of enjoyment of life—factors that, while significant, can be challenging to quantify.

### Essential Skills and Expertise

To excel in their field, personal injury lawyers must possess strong negotiation, litigation, and case management skills. While many cases are settled out of court through negotiations with insurance companies, lawyers need to accurately evaluate claims and negotiate settlements that truly compensate the injured party. When cases do go to trial, personal injury lawyers must be ready to present

compelling arguments, cross-examine witnesses, and clearly demonstrate the responsible party's liability to judges or juries.

Beyond their legal expertise, personal injury lawyers must have a good understanding of medicine and trauma care and must also be empathetic and supportive. Clients often face a whirlwind of stress, pain, and uncertainty. As advocates, these lawyers guide their clients through the legal process while remaining attuned to the personal impacts of their injuries. Building trust and maintaining clear communication is crucial for achieving successful outcomes.

### Navigating Challenges in Personal Injury Law

The field of personal injury law comes with its own set of challenges. Proving fault can be particularly tricky, especially if the responsible party denies negligence or if the insurance company offers a less-than-satisfactory settlement. Personal injury lawyers must meticulously construct their cases using medical reports, accident reconstructions, and expert testimony to establish negligence or misconduct.

Additionally, the emotional and psychological effects of injuries can be profound. Personal injury lawyers must consider these aspects when advocating for damages, as emotional and psychological harm can be just as debilitating as physical injuries.

### A Lifeline in Difficult Times

Being a personal injury lawyer goes beyond simply navigating the legal system; it's about helping individuals during some of the toughest times in their lives. By offering skilled legal representation and empathetic support, personal injury lawyers strive to secure justice and fair compensation for those affected by negligence or misconduct. Whether they're negotiating settlements or litigating in court, these lawyers play a vital role in ensuring injured individuals receive the fair treatment and support they need to recover.

If you or a loved one has suffered a serious injury due to someone else's negligence, the personal injury attorneys at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. are here to help. Contact us today for a free and confidential case evaluation, available 24/7 online at [www.dsslaw.com](http://www.dsslaw.com).

# THE LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

So, you've set your sights on becoming a lawyer? Congratulations! Law school applications can seem daunting, but with the right preparation and guidance, you can approach the process with confidence.



Meet Valentina, a law student at Rutgers Law School, and a case manager at Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C.! We spoke with her and got to know a little more about her experience in law school and navigating the application process.

## How did you approach the application process? Did you start early, and if so, how?

I first gathered my letters of recommendation about 3-6 months before I wanted to apply and then I prepared my personal statement 3 months before I wanted to apply. I also ordered my undergrad transcripts about 3 months before the application deadline.

I took the LSAT the last day it was offered in August but ideally, I should have taken it earlier in the summer and then re-taken it, as needed, in the late summer/early fall. I applied for the early decision windows that the law schools offered, mostly all in early September so I could get my applications in early.

## How did you prepare for the LSAT? Any resources or study plans you'd recommend?

I signed up for the Kaplan LSAT prep course but way earlier than I took the exam, so it was not as effective.

I know a classmate who got a high score and used Khan Academy's prep course.

## What did you focus on in your personal statement?

Life struggles and how that made me a perfect candidate for the trials and tribulations of law school.

## What did you wish you knew before applying to law school?

That notes are tremendously important and that study groups are an amazing resource to prep for exams. The friends you make might also have access to outlines and guides that you don't have so it's very important to create a buddy system early on.

## Are there any skills you recommend students acquire before applying to law school?

Time management and reading analysis.

Time management is a requirement because you won't be able to do everything at once no matter how good you are.

Reading analysis and comprehension is vital because the cases are rarely ever straightforward, and you must read between the lines.

Also, pay attention to what the professor is saying during class

and not just go off online outlines and resources. At the end of the day, you're going to get graded on what your professor taught you, not on what you read somewhere else. I would quote directly from my notes on exams.

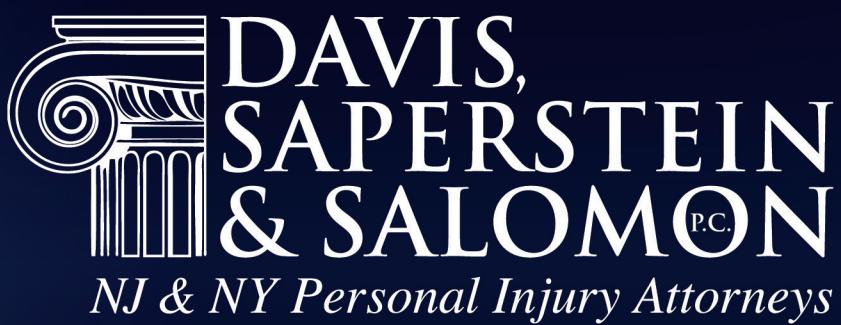
## What is the most important piece of advice you could give to someone considering law school?

To follow along in class and gather outlines early in the semester so you're not scrambling to find them later. Most importantly, go to the events, go to the club mixers, go to whatever you can go to that will connect you to other students and other resources. Law school is so much more enjoyable when it's a team effort.



# RANKED AS A

## in Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs for the



**CONTACT US FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION CONSULTATION!**

# “TIER 1” FIRM

Hackensack Metropolitan Area by Best Law Firms®



WE'RE HERE 4 YOU! (201) 444-4444

375 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

[www.dsslaw.com](http://www.dsslaw.com)

*\*Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney*

\*Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. NJ Required Disclaimer: No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of NJ. "Best Law Firms" rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of clients and professional reference evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys, industry leader interviews and review of additional firmographic highlights provided by law firms as part of the formal research submission process. Firms that have at least one lawyer who is currently recognized in the current edition of The Best Lawyers in America® in a practice area and metro jurisdiction ranked by Best Law Firms are eligible to receive a firm ranking in that practice area and jurisdiction. Recognition by Best Lawyers® is based entirely on peer review. Best Lawyers methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical region and legal practice area. Best Lawyers employs a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services. Our belief has always been that the quality of a peer-review survey is directly related to the quality of its voting pool. Davis, Saperstein & Solomon, P.C. has been named as a Tier 1 firm for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs for the Hackensack metropolitan area by Best Law Firms®. Bergen County's Top Lawyers is based upon the results of a peer-review survey. Bergen Magazine recognizes Marc C. Saperstein, Garry Salomon, Adam B. Lederman, Evan Baker, Steven Benvenisti, and Paul Garfield as Top Lawyers in Personal Injury Law, and Sam Davis as a Top Lawyer in Personal Injury and Civil Litigation. For more information on the selection process and rating criteria of the above awards and recognitions, please visit: [www.bestlawfirms.com/methodology](http://www.bestlawfirms.com/methodology); [www.bestlawyers.com/methodology](http://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology); [www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process](http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process); [www.thenationaltriallawyers.org/top-100-about](http://www.thenationaltriallawyers.org/top-100-about); [www.bbb.org/all/bbb-accreditation-standards](http://www.bbb.org/all/bbb-accreditation-standards). Awards and recognitions may apply to some or all of the firm's attorneys.



# Best New Je

**D**iscover the best that New Jersey has to offer! Whether you're searching for the perfect venue to host your next event or the ideal town to call home, we've got you covered in this special lifestyle section. Explore the top five unique venues in New Jersey, where elegance meets functionality in stunning settings across the state. Then, dive into our guide to the best places to buy a home in the Garden State, where we highlight communities that offer both charm and convenience for homebuyers.

# of New Jersey

## TOP 5 UNIQUE VENUES IN NEW JERSEY

### 1 THE PARK SAVOY ESTATE

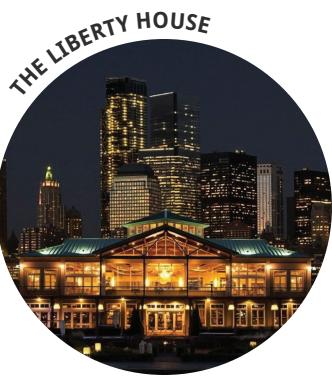
Located in Florham Park, NJ, The Park Savoy isn't just a pretty face. It boasts several spaces to accommodate different party styles. Their Grand Ballroom features stunning millwork, columns, and floor-to-ceiling windows. The picturesque gardens are the perfect place to celebrate under the open sky. The Park Savoy's landscaped gardens offer a charming backdrop for an outdoor ceremony, cocktail hour, or a relaxed summer party. For a party that exudes elegance, charm, and functionality, The Park Savoy is a top contender in New Jersey.

### 2 SPACE

SPACE in Englewood, NJ, is a premier event venue renowned for its modern, industrial-chic aesthetic and unparalleled flexibility. They offer a one-stop-shop experience, providing detailed event planning, design, and entertainment services. With nearly two decades of experience, SPACE has a reputation for delivering exceptional events.

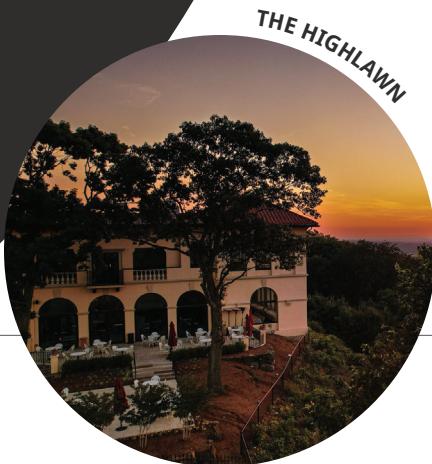
### 3 THE LIBERTY HOUSE

The Liberty House is a premier event venue located in Jersey City, offering breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline. Its stunning waterfront location, coupled with elegant indoor and outdoor spaces, makes it an ideal choice for hosting a variety of events, from weddings and corporate events to lavish parties.



### 4 THE HIGHLAWN

Nestled atop Eagle Rock Reservation in West Orange, NJ, The Highlawn combines natural beauty, refined elegance, and impeccable service to create an unforgettable experience for you and your guests. The iconic skyline backdrop creates a magical ambiance for any event. The venue is renowned for its exquisite cuisine, ensuring your guests are delighted.



### 5 THE CRYSTAL PLAZA

Whether you're planning a wedding, corporate event, or social gathering, The Crystal Plaza in Livingston, NJ, provides an unforgettable setting, combining historic and modern amenities. From the grand ballroom to the enchanting gardens, The Crystal Plaza offers various spaces to accommodate different event sizes and styles.

# TOP PLACES TO BUY A HOME IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey offers a surprising amount of variety for homebuyers. Whether you crave the thrill of a vibrant city center or the serenity of a peaceful suburb, New Jersey has something to suit every taste. Beyond its diverse landscapes, the state has excellent school districts, a strong job market, and easy access to major cities such as New York City and Philadelphia. Let's delve into some of the best towns in the Garden State to purchase a home!

## HO-HO-KUS

Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ offers a unique combination of tranquility and opportunity. This affluent borough attracts families with its top-ranked school district and safe environments. Despite its suburban charm, Ho-Ho-Kus residents have easy access to New York City thanks to nearby train stations and bus stops. With a strong sense of community, Ho-Ho-Kus stands out as one of the most desirable places to purchase a home in New Jersey.

## HARRINGTON PARK

Nestled in Bergen County, Harrington Park offers a family-friendly atmosphere. Residents enjoy a suburban lifestyle with access to nature preserves, and recreational activities. While close-knit, Harrington Park isn't isolated, as it has convenient access to nearby towns and a short commute to New York City for those seeking a more urban option.

## PRINCETON JUNCTION

Princeton Junction offers an attractive blend of small-town and big-city charm. This safe community allows residents to enjoy a suburban feel with parks and green spaces, while also enjoying the cultural offerings of Princeton. Convenient train stations make for easy commutes to New York City, Philadelphia, and the Jersey Shore.

## CHATHAM

Chatham, NJ is a magnet for homebuyers seeking a quintessential suburban lifestyle. Renowned for its exceptional public school district, it is a haven for families. The town boasts a vibrant downtown area with shops, restaurants, and cafes. Commuters benefit from easy access to New York City via trains.



## HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

Seeking a safe and charming, suburban hometown? Hasbrouck Heights in Bergen County, NJ, offers a strong community and very low crime rate, making it an ideal location for families. Hasbrouck Heights offers a delightful downtown area filled with shops and restaurants. With nearby park and recreational activities, it's a great place to live for outdoor lovers. It is also conveniently located near major highways and only a few miles from New York City.

## HAWORTH

Haworth, NJ is a good fit for homebuyers in 2024 seeking a peaceful, suburban lifestyle with access to New York City. The borough offers a charming atmosphere with top-rated schools, making it ideal for families.

## CHERRY HILL

Cherry Hill, NJ is a desirable location for homebuyers seeking a blend of suburban comfort and access to amenities. It offers a family-friendly atmosphere and is a great environment for raising children.

## HADDONFIELD

Haddonfield, NJ could be the perfect place to purchase a home if you crave a charming, small-town atmosphere with big-city access. This historic borough has beautiful, Victorian-style homes, and a vibrant downtown packed with shops. Haddonfield provides easy access to Philadelphia via train, allowing residents to enjoy big city career opportunities while living in a picturesque environment.



Pictured right >  
PRINCETON, NJ



# THE ULTIMATE VACATION PACKING CHECKLIST

## Everything You Need for a Stress-Free Trip

Are you counting down the days until your next vacation? To ensure you have everything you need for a smooth and enjoyable trip, we've put together the ultimate vacation packing checklist.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

Passport and ID, Visa, boarding passes, and itinerary.



**MONEY AND PAYMENT ESSENTIALS**

Cash, credit/debit cards, wallet/purse.

**CLOTHING**

When it comes to clothing, think ahead. Plan out how many outfits you will need and pack accordingly. Remember to bring both formal and casual outfits so you are prepared for any occasion. Don't forget the necessities such as Sleepwear, undergarments, socks, and comfortable shoes. Sunglasses, swimwear, and a hat may also be necessary if you are traveling somewhere warm!

**PERSONAL CARE**

Toothbrush/toothpaste, Shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, tweezers, razor and shaving cream, makeup/cosmetics, and a hairbrush. If necessary, also pack Sunscreen, insect repellent, and feminine hygiene products.

**HEALTH**

Pack vitamins/supplements and any prescription medicine that you regularly need to take. In case of an unexpected event, it is also smart to pack over-the-counter medications such as pain relievers.

**ELECTRONICS**

Phone/charger, Laptop and charger if needed, and headphones.

**ENTERTAINMENT/MISCELLANEOUS**

Books/E-books, Blanket, travel pillow, snacks, and other items that you may need for planned activities.

See our complete detailed checklist on reverse side. [»](#)



# THE ULTIMATE VACATION PACKING CHECKLIST

## CLOTHING ESSENTIALS

- Underwear
- Socks
- T-shirts
- Casual shirts/blouses
- Pants/jeans
- Shorts
- Dresses/skirts
- Swimsuits
- Pajamas
- Jackets/coats
- Sweaters
- Formal wear
- Workout clothes
- Raincoat
- Hats

## MEN'S CLOTHING:

- Dress shirts
- Polo shirts
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Sports jacket
- Suit(s)
- Slacks
- Jeans
- Underwear
- Socks
- Belts
- Winter clothing
- Scarfs
- Shorts
- Gym clothing
- Bathing suits

## WOMEN'S CLOTHING

- Tops/Blouses
- Pants/Skirts
- Pants suit
- Dress
- Bathing suit
- Underwear
- Bras
- Accessories (belts, bags, jewelry)

## FOOTWEAR

- Sneakers
- Sandals
- Dress shoes
- Flip-flops
- Hiking boots
- Slippers
- Water shoes
- Shoe polish
- Shoe insoles
- Shoe bags

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- Passports/ID
- Visas
- Travel insurance documents
- Flight tickets
- Hotel reservations
- Car rental confirmations
- Emergency contact information
- Copies of important documents

## ACCESSORIES

- Hats/caps
- Scarves
- Belts
- Watches
- Jewelry
- Handbags
- Backpacks
- Travel pillows
- Umbrellas
- Sunglasses
- Wallets
- Keychains
- Travel-sized umbrellas
- Luggage tags
- Travel organizers

## ELECTRONICS

- Smartphones
- Chargers for all devices
- Power banks
- Laptops/tablets
- Headphones/earbuds
- Travel adapters
- Camera and accessories
- E-readers
- Portable Wi-Fi hotspot
- USB cables
- Smartwatch
- Portable speakers
- Memory cards
- External hard drive
- Laptop/tablet stand

## PERSONAL CARE

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bodywash/soap
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving cream
- Hairbrush/comb
- Hair ties/clips
- Nail clippers
- Tweezers
- Cotton swabs
- Face moisturizer
- Body lotion
- Hand cream

## COSMETICS

- Moisturizer
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Makeup
- Makeup remover
- Perfume/cologne
- Face wash
- Toner
- Cotton pads/Q-tips
- Makeup brushes
- Concealer
- Blush
- Eyeshadow palette

## EYE CARE

- Eyeliner
- Makeup sponge
- Prescription glasses
- Sunglasses
- Contact lenses
- Contact lens solution
- Eye drops
- Eyeglass case
- Spare contact lenses
- Reading glasses
- Eyeglass cleaning cloth
- Eye mask

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- First aid kit
- Prescription medications
- Pain relievers
- Allergy medications
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks
- Thermometer
- Insect repellent
- Band-aids
- Antiseptic wipes
- Motion sickness pills
- Vitamins
- Cold medicine
- Antacids
- Sunscreen

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Travel guides/maps
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Travel locks
- Laundry bags
- Sewing kit
- Travel games/toys for kids
- Books/magazines
- Notebooks/pens
- Travel-sized laundry detergent
- Reusable shopping bags
- Travel-sized umbrella
- Travel blanket
- Travel-sized pillow
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Travel-sized hair dryer
- Travel-sized iron
- Travel-sized steamer
- Travel-sized lint roller
- Travel-sized sewing kit

## BABY/TODDLER ESSENTIALS

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby formula
- Baby bottles
- Pacifiers
- Baby food
- Baby clothes
- Baby blanket
- Baby carrier
- Stroller
- Car seat
- Baby toys
- Baby monitor

## BABY ESSENTIALS

- Baby sunscreen

- Baby shampoo

## OUTDOOR/ADVENTURE GEAR

- Camping gear
- Hiking gear
- Fishing gear
- Beach towels
- Snorkeling gear
- Surfboard
- Kayak
- Life jackets
- Binoculars
- Travel hammock

## ENTERTAINMENT

- Portable gaming console
- Board games
- Card games
- Coloring books
- Puzzles
- Music player
- Travel journal
- Sketchbook
- Art supplies
- Travel-sized board games

## FOOD AND DRINK

- Travel mugs
- Reusable straws
- Travel-sized spice kit
- Travel-sized condiments
- Portable cooler
- Picnic blanket
- Travel-sized utensils
- Travel-sized plates
- Travel-sized bowls
- Travel-sized cups

## PET ESSENTIALS

- Pet food
- Pet water bowl
- Pet leash
- Pet carrier
- Pet toys
- Pet bed
- Pet waste bags
- Pet grooming kit
- Pet medication
- Pet travel documents

## SPECIAL ITEMS

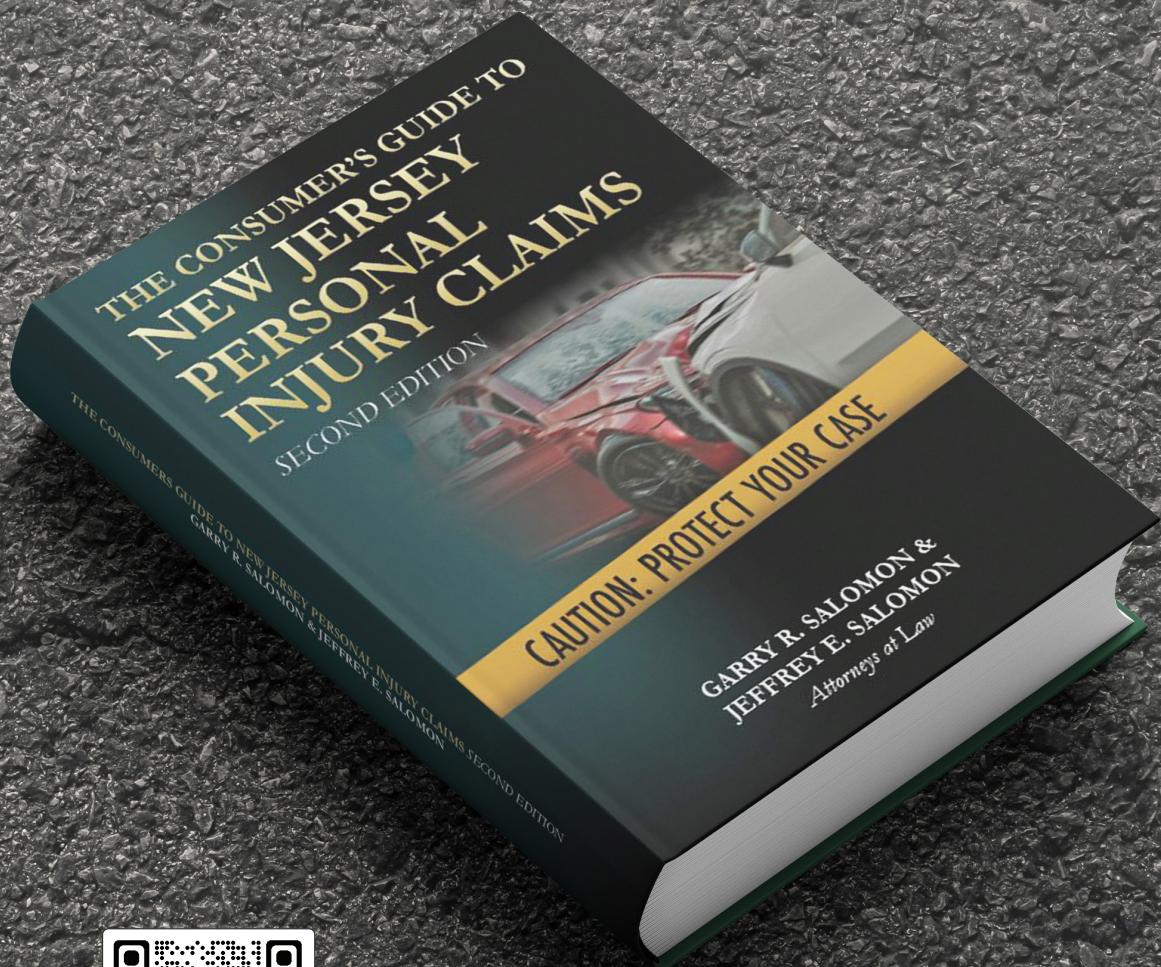
- Gifts/souvenirs
- Special occasion outfits
- Musical instruments
- Sports equipment
- Fitness equipment



BOOK

FREE

DO YOU KNOW  
YOUR RIGHTS?



Request your **FREE** copy of Garry R. Salomon, Esq.'s  
**THE CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO NEW JERSEY PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS**  
EMAIL: [community@dsslaw.com](mailto:community@dsslaw.com) | PHONE: 201-444-4444

# SUBSCRIBE TO DSSMEDIA ON

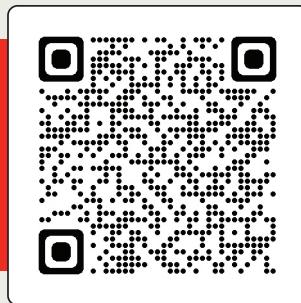


# YouTube

Client Testimonials, Injury Guides,  
and much more online.



**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**



# AIRLINE ACCIDENTS: WHO'S TO BLAME?



While statistically one of the safest modes of transportation, airline accidents can be devastating. In the aftermath, a crucial question arises: who's to blame? The answer, unfortunately, isn't always clear. Let's explore some common causes of airline accidents and who might be held liable:

## Take Off & Landing

Statistics show that these phases are the most accident-prone. Factors like pilot error during takeoff, bad weather causing visibility issues, or landing gear malfunctions can contribute.

## Mid-Air Events

Although rare, incidents like bird strikes or sudden mechanical failures can occur. Improper maintenance or manufacturing defects in the aircraft could be at fault.

## Human Error

Pilot fatigue, errors in judgment, or even air traffic control mistakes can play a role in accidents.

## Airline

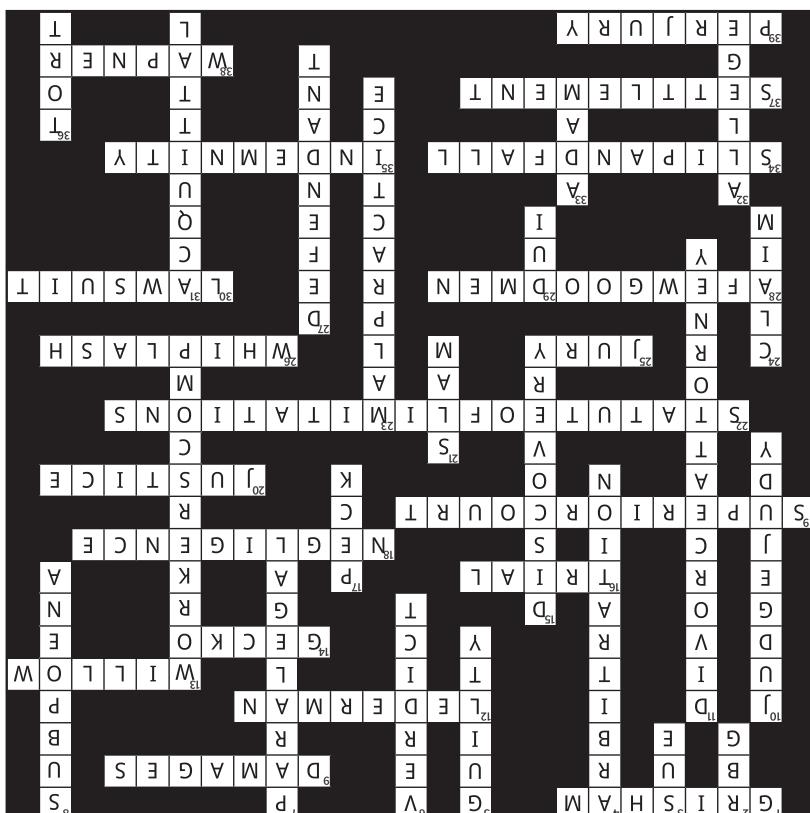
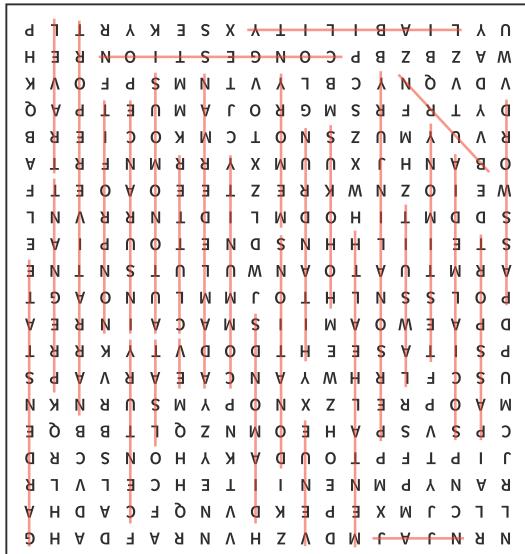
Airlines have a high legal duty of care for passengers. This means they're responsible for taking reasonable steps to prevent passenger injuries. If their negligence, such as failing to maintain the airplane properly, contributes to your injury, they could be liable.

## Other Passengers

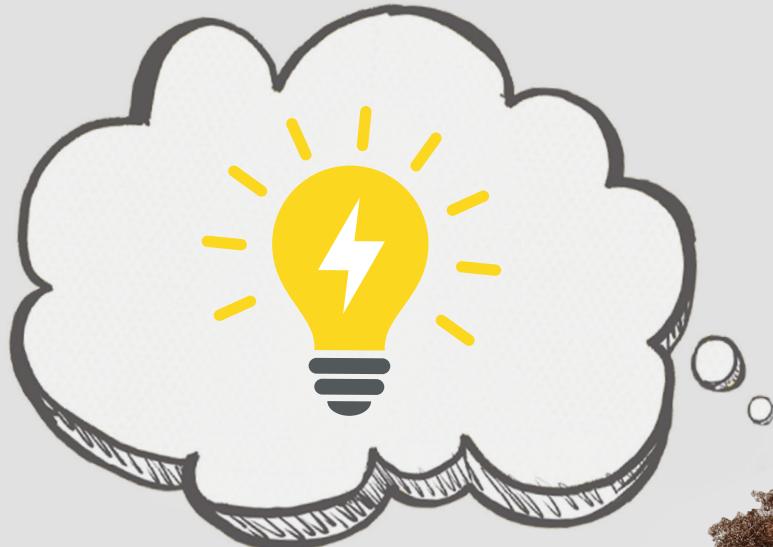
If another passenger's unruly behavior caused your injury, like a fight, they might be responsible.

*The aftermath of an airline accident is a physically and emotionally taxing experience. If you've been injured or lost a loved one in an airline accident, an experienced attorney can advise you on your rights and legal options.*

## Answers to puzzles from pages 52-53



# SEND US YOUR MARKETING IDEAS!



Email your idea to  
[elizabeth.sheldon@dsslaw.com](mailto:elizabeth.sheldon@dsslaw.com)  
for a chance to win!

IF WE USE YOUR  
IDEA, YOU WIN  
**\$250!**



U S E

Y O U R

B R A I N

# The Injury Lawyer

# CROSSWORD +

# WORD SEARCH



## WORD BANK

ADAM LEDERMAN  
HIT AND RUN  
BURN  
GARDEN STATE  
CONGESTION  
PERSONAL INJURY  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
MENTAL HEALTH  
EV  
AUTONOMOUS  
DIAMONDS  
NONPROFIT  
DONATION  
PASSWORD  
NARRATIVE REPORT  
TESTIMONY  
MEMORY  
CLUTTER  
INSURANCE  
CENTURY  
LAWSUIT  
PREGNANT  
LIABILITY  
VENUE  
COMMUNITY  
HOHOKUS  
NJAJ  
LSAT  
PASSPORT  
TRAVEL

# Justice for All

## ACROSS

1 Bestselling novelist known for legal thrillers, John \_\_\_\_

9 Often given in cases of harm to restore what was losts

12 DSS Partner highlight, with 33 down

13 Tree known for its slender branches and often found near water

14 Insurance company mascot

16 You might call this your "day in court"

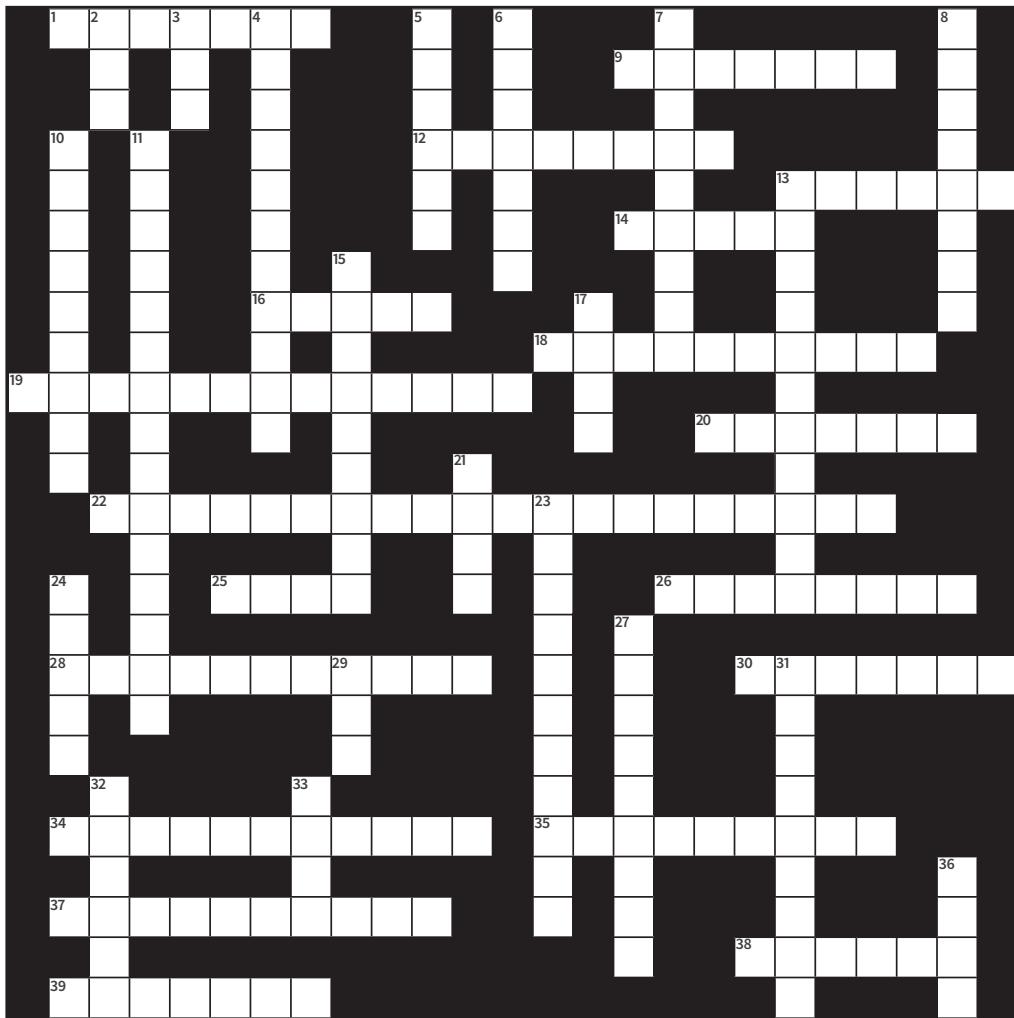
18 Legal term for a breach of duty causing harm

19 Higher-level trial court in many states

20 Ideal of fairness and equality, often sought in court

22 Time window for bringing legal action

25 Group that decides guilt or innocence in a trial



## DOWN

2 Initials of late Supreme Court justice

3 To take legal action against someone

4 Alternative to courtroom litigation

5 The verdict when evidence proves someone's crime

6 The decision in a criminal or civil case

7 Legal assistant who supports lawyers

8 Court order to compel testimony or document production

10 Television personality known for presiding over small claims

11 Legal professional specializing in marital dissolution

13 Insurance for employees injured on the job

15 Pre-trial process of exchanging evidence

17 Actor who played Atticus Finch in the 1962 film

21 To reject or criticize a case or argument forcefully

23 Negligence by a professional, often leading to lawsuits

24 Request for compensation or benefits

27 Party accused in a criminal or civil case

29 Reckless driving, especially with a few too many drinks

31 Finding of 'not guilty' in a criminal trial

32 To assert without proof

33 With 12 across, first name

36 Civil wrong that leads to legal liability

38 Lying under oath



We're looking for experienced paralegals  
and attorneys to join our DSS family.

Send your resume to

**HR@DSSLAW.COM**

CONTACT US FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION CONSULTATION!



Super Lawyers®  
2024



# DAVIS, SAPERSTEIN & SALOMON, P.C.

NJ & NY Personal Injury Attorneys



DAVIS, SAPERSTEIN & SALOMON, P.C. 2024  
RECOGNIZED BY  
**Best Lawyers**

ACREDITED BUSINESS  
**A+**



Evan Baker, Esq.\* Grace E. Robol, Esq.\* Luis Haquia, Esq.\* Jeffrey Salomon, Esq.\* Sherwin Tsai, Esq.\* Rachael Nass, Esq.\* Steve Cohen, Esq.  
Patricia Boguslawski, Esq.\* Paul Garfield, Esq.\* Marc Saperstein, Esq.\* Samuel Davis, Esq.\* Garry Salomon, Esq.\* Steven Benvenisti, Esq.\* Adam Lederman, Esq.\*

Never Settle “4” Less!

27

ATTORNEYS  
highly qualified

\$1

BILLION+  
in verdicts and settlements

35

THOUSAND  
people and families helped

*Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*

375 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Appointments also Available Through New Jersey and New York

*\*Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney*

(201) 444-4444 [www.dsslaw.com](http://www.dsslaw.com)

\*Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. NJ Required Disclaimer: No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of NJ. \*Best Law Firms® rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and professional reference evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys, industry leader interviews and review of additional firmographic highlights provided by law firms as part of the formal research submission process. Firms that have at least one lawyer who is currently recognized in the current edition of The Best Lawyers in America® in a practice area and metro jurisdiction ranked by Best Law Firms are eligible to receive a firm ranking in that practice area and jurisdiction. Recognition by Best Lawyers® is based entirely on peer review. Best Lawyers methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical region and legal practice area. Best Lawyers employs a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services. Our belief has always been that the quality of a peer-review survey is directly related to the quality of its voting pool. Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. has been named as a Tier 1 firm for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs for the Hackensack metropolitan area by Best Law Firms®. Bergen County's Top Lawyers is based upon the results of a peer-review survey. Bergen Magazine recognizes Marc C. Saperstein and Adam B. Lederman as Top Lawyers in Personal Injury Law, and Steven H. Cohen as a Top Lawyer in Workers' Compensation Law. For more info on the selection process and rating criteria of the above awards and recognitions, please visit: [www.bestlawfirms.com/methodology](http://www.bestlawfirms.com/methodology); [www.bestlawyers.com/methodology](http://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology); [www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process](http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process); [www.thenationaltriallawyers.org/top-100-about](http://www.thenationaltriallawyers.org/top-100-about); [www.bbb.org/all/bbb-accreditation-standards](http://www.bbb.org/all/bbb-accreditation-standards). The above awards and recognitions may apply to some or all of the firm's attorneys.

**When Results Matter...  
Never Settle for Less!**



**DAVIS, 1-800-LAW-2000  
SAPERSTEIN  
& SALOMON**  
P.C.

*New Jersey & New York Personal Injury Attorneys*



**LEGAL CONSULTATIONS ARE ALWAYS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**1-800-LAW-2000 | 1-800-529-2000**

**Live Chat**

**LEGAL QUESTIONS?  
CALL OR CHAT WITH US NOW!  
Log on at [www.dsslaw.com](http://www.dsslaw.com)**

NJ Required Disclaimer: No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of N.J. \*Best Law Firms® rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of clients and professional reference evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys, industry leader interviews and review of additional firmographic highlights provided by law firms as part of the formal research submission process. Firms that have at least one lawyer who is currently recognized in the current edition of The Best Lawyers in America® in a practice area and metro jurisdiction ranked by Best Law Firms are eligible to receive a firm ranking in that practice area and jurisdiction. Recognition by Best Lawyers® is based entirely on peer review. Best Lawyers methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical region and legal practice area. Best Lawyers employs a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services. Our belief has always been that the quality of a peer-review survey is directly related to the quality of its voting pool. Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. has been named as a Tier 1 firm for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs for the Hackensack metropolitan area by Best Law Firms®. Bergen County's Top Lawyers is based upon the results of a peer-review survey. Bergen Magazine recognizes Marc C. Saperstein and Adam B. Lederman as Top Lawyers in Personal Injury Law, and Steven H. Cohen as a Top Lawyer in Workers' Compensation Law. For more information on the selection process and rating criteria for the above awards and recognitions, please visit their respective websites: [www.bestlawfirms.com/methodology](http://www.bestlawfirms.com/methodology); [www.bestlawyers.com/methodology](http://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology); [www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process](http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process); [www.thenationaltriallawyers.org/top-100-about](http://www.thenationaltriallawyers.org/top-100-about); [www.bbb.org/all/bbb-accreditation-standards](http://www.bbb.org/all/bbb-accreditation-standards). The above awards and recognitions may apply to some or all of the firm's attorneys.

**COPYRIGHT © 2025 DAVIS, SAPERSTEIN & SALOMON, P.C. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**