



MESSA & ASSOCIATES WELCOMES NEW ATTORNEY, PAUL D. BRANDES

Messa & Associates is pleased to welcome attorney, Paul D. Brandes, Esq. to our Philadelphia catastrophic injury law firm. Joining the firm as a partner, Mr. Brandes brings over 30 years of experience representing injured victims in cases involving medical malpractice and birth injury, defective products, premises liability, civil rights violations, and tractor-trailer and motor vehicle crashes. Among his many clients in medical negligence cases are the parents of infants and children who were the victims of birth trauma or who were the victims of medical or nursing negligence during their newborn, toddler or adolescent years.

Mr. Brandes attended Temple University's law school in Philadelphia, and is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C., and has also represented many clients in major cases in several other states around the country. He has been named a Philadelphia Super Lawyer every year for more than a decade.

Mr. Brandes surpasses expectations when it comes to getting the best outcome for his clients and is known to be a very thorough and methodical attorney in litigation and the courtroom.

Paul also represented victims of environmental disasters and toxic torts. He was one of the lead attorneys prosecuting a mass toxic tort/environmental pollution lawsuit and subsequently secured a \$27.8 million settlement for over 800 property owners.

Paul is a long-time member of the American Association for Justice and its Birth Trauma Litigation Group. He is also a longstanding member of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association (PTLA). Paul sat on the Board of Directors of PTLA for several years, including on its Executive Board as Assistant Secretary. Additionally, since 2013, Paul has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project.

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“The safety of the people should be the highest law.”

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL INJURY LAW

Personal injury law protects people who were injured by other people or party's negligence, wrongdoing, malpractice, strict liability or intentional act. A few examples of personal injury cases we handle are:

- Slip and Falls
- Medical Malpractice
- Injuries at your Workplace
- Injuries to Children
- Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Defective Products (product liability)
- Nursing Home Abuse or Negligence
- Wrongful death
- Dog Bites
- Assault and Battery



If you or a loved one were injured due to the negligence of another party, it is important to seek an attorney right away. In most cases in Pennsylvania and many other states there is a two year statute of limitations, meaning you only have two years to seek attorney representation to pursue your claim. This is not always the case, especially if a child is involved, but nonetheless, it is important to be prompt.

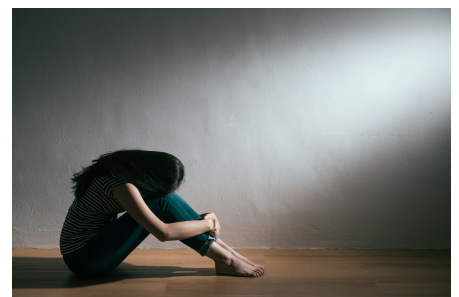
After you are signed as a client here at Messa & Associates, we go into an in-depth and comprehensive review of your case. We work with the nation's leading professionals, physicians, engineers and university professors as experts to assist in each case we take on.

The law can be a very confusing concept, but with Messa & Associates, we are with you every step of the way to keep you confident and well informed. **"When we represent people who have lost a loved one, a child that has been injured, or faced an injury themselves, we truly want to fight for them, not for us."** -Joseph L. Messa Jr., Founder of Messa & Associates, P.C.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

A hard topic for everybody is suicide, but it is important to bring awareness and learn how to talk about it, especially if you or someone you know has faced or is facing suicidal thoughts.

Don't be afraid to ask for help for yourself. You are never alone, and there is always someone available to get you the resources you need. Just by calling or texting 988 you will be connected with the Suicide and Crisis Hotline, available 24 hours a day.



Settlements and Verdicts

- 520K Recovery after the staff at a bar overserved a visibly intoxicated person who then got violent and shot and killed another bar patron.
- 240K Settlement after a tractor ran over a father and son when the safety measurements failed.

Yo' South Philly Phestival with the Firm!

Congratulations to Luke & Danielle on winning our raffles! Enjoy the Phillies and Flyers Games!



MDL Updates



CPAP: Philips is now faced with their 5th recall of 2022. The FDA announced the recall after plastic pieces in the machine are noted as contaminated and putting the consumers at risk. The contaminated plastic pieces could cause the machines to suddenly fail while in use or release hazardous materials. The amount of recalled devices is currently around 5.5 million and now growing with the additional release of information.

In the most recent Department of justice press release they announced CPAP maker Philips agreed with a settlement payment of \$24M to the US government to resolve claims Philips was engaging an illegal kickback scheme where the company was providing illegal inducements to the suppliers.



Zantac: Zantac class action judge issued an order on September 13th saying he was officially closing the claim registry on September 14. On September 21, a Daubert hearing started, which will help the judges to determine if experts proposed by both parties should or should not be able to testify, this hearing is very important because it will give the plaintiff's experts the chance to explain to the judges with scientific evidence that Zantac cause them to develop one of the cancers listed. If not convinced the judges can dismiss the lawsuits making of this the most important event in the Zantac class action lawsuits



3M: Judge Casey Rogers issued an order on September 6th requiring 3M to take part in another settlement mediation that was set for September 15 in Pensacola, FL. They had settlement talks for two days giving 3M the choice of settling the cases or starting another wave of trials in October. 3M didn't reach any settlement at the settlement talks but Judge Rodgers pointed the mediation as "worthwhile and productive." Another mediation is to be scheduled in the next 14 days.



Boy Scouts of America: A judge in Delaware federal bankruptcy court granted final approval Thursday for the confirmation of a reorganization plan for the Boy Scouts of America – one set to pay out more than \$2.4 billion in compensation to more than 82,000 sexual abuse survivors. "The Court found that the BSA's liability for abuse claims is most likely between \$2.4 billion and \$3.6 billion, and approved settlements that will provide for initial funding of \$2.279 billion to survivors: \$78 million from the BSA, \$515 million from local councils, \$30 million from the United Methodist Church, and \$1.656 billion from settling insurers." It was also stated in court that in addition to the payout, the organization is required to implement safety measures to protect future Scouts.

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