

RECENT CASE RESULTS

\$34.3 MILLION PFIZER ORDERED TO PAY FINKELSTEIN & PARTNERS CLIENT

On November 23, 2009 a Philadelphia, PA jury found against Wyeth (a division of Pfizer) over its hormone therapy drugs Premarin and Prempro and awarded our client, Donna Kendall, compensatory and punitive damages totaling \$34.3 Million. The evidence presented at trial showed Wyeth's unrelenting campaign to make billions of dollars in profit from these drugs while keeping the truth about the drugs' dangers secret.

Jurors were shocked to learn that:

- Wyeth was on notice of the need to study whether combination hormone therapy causes breast cancer as early as 1975, but failed to conduct a single breast cancer study over the course of the next three decades – despite over a dozen red flags that breast cancer was a safety problem;
- Wyeth also downplayed and dismissed other data released from studies that showed such risk.
- It was not until a government study was stopped early because of breast cancer that the world learned the truth.

• Studies now confirm that 200,000 women – grandmothers, mothers, sisters and wives – would not have suffered breast cancer but for their use of combination hormone therapy drugs.

Said attorney **Ron Rosenkranz**, "this verdict was probably the single most rewarding thing that has ever happened to me, professionally. You feel so much for your client, who went through hell."

Donna Kendall vs. Wyeth
(Phila. CCP, June Term, 2004, No. 0965):

JURY VERDICT:

Compensatory Damages: \$6,300,000
Punitive Damages: \$28,000,000

\$5,500,000 SETTLEMENT

Our client was paralyzed from the neck down when the vehicle he was traveling in, which was stopped at a red light, was rear-ended by a 19 year old driver who stepped on the gas instead of the brake. Trial attorneys **Andrew Finkelstein** and **Thomas Yatto** successfully negotiated the maximum amount of insurance coverage.

\$4,087,077 SETTLEMENT AT MEDIATION

Our client, a 7 year old child, suffered a severe skull injury when a commercial lawn mower ran over a baseball that then struck the child in the head. Trial attorney **George M. Levy** argued that the mower's defective design caused the injury, and also that the landscaper failed to police the lawn for objects prior to mowing.

\$2,000,000 SETTLEMENT

Our client lost her leg when her vehicle hit and was severed by a guardrail. Trial attorney **George M. Levy** successfully demonstrated liability by proving that the guardrail was improperly maintained.

\$584,000 JURY VERDICT

Our client required knee surgery after his car was hit by a teenage driver who stepped on the gas instead of braking. Trial attorney **Victoria Lightcap** successfully argued that driver inexperience directly caused our client's injuries.

The screenshot shows the website's header with the firm's name and contact information. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories such as Motor Vehicle Collisions, Slip, Trip and Fall Injuries, Other Injury Cases, Medical Malpractice, Dangerous Drugs, Brain and Head Injuries, Workers' Compensation, and Other Practice Areas. A central banner features a photograph of the firm's attorneys and a testimonial. To the right is a contact form with fields for name, email, and phone number, along with a 'We're here to help' section. Below the banner are sections for 'Client Resource Center', 'History of Success', and 'Online Legal Documents'. The footer includes logos for various legal associations and a 'Share County Bar Association' link.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEBSITE

Designed to provide easier navigation, more information and additional legal services.

Our "Client Resource Center" is a new area where we are proud to offer informational videos and pamphlets on a wide range of personal injury topics. We hope you will find these helpful, and encourage you to share them with others who may benefit.

Also new to our website is "Online Legal Documents." Here you can purchase a Will, Power of Attorney and many other legal documents and letters. Best of all you can try every document for free before you buy it! Unlike other do-it-yourself legal websites, our legal documents are attorney reviewed, so you can rest assured that you'll receive the same quality you've come to expect from us.

FINKELSTEIN & PARTNERS STRIVES TO SERVE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

The largest personal injury law firm in New York State has opened its latest office, located at 234 Broadway in Newburgh, NY to serve the Spanish-speaking members of our community.

Edward Elias, who speaks fluent Spanish, is the office manager. "234 Broadway is in the heart of the Latino community, where I grew up. It feels great to help 'the little guy' who sometimes gets swallowed up in the system. These are hard working people who have been hurt in car accidents or by a machine in the factory where they work. Their families need them and that's where we come in – to help."

Finkelstein & Partners employs 6 attorneys and 17 staff members who speak fluent Spanish. Our staff also includes people who are fluent in Creole, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian and Urdu.



234 Broadway, Newburgh, NY

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY



The sisters and their years of service include Kathy Trappe, 25 years; Joann Woodruff, 21; Ellen Sheehan, 21; Sharon Hectus, 20; Kim Maines, 17; and Margaret Raymond, 13. Their children on staff include Laura Maines, Jennifer Hectus, Veronica Raymond and Josephine Hectus.

There's something pretty terrific about the office staff at the law firm of Finkelstein & Partners' Newburgh headquarters. Six sisters are longtime employees, and in recent years four of their 17 children have been placed on the payroll.

A HAPPY ENDING FOR A DESERVING VETERAN



Our team of Veteran Advocates includes accredited attorneys to represent Veterans seeking compensation.

We handle disability benefit claims related to combat wounds, PTSD, TBI, chemical exposure and other service-related medical problems. We can protect your rights from Regional Office denial to CAVC and US District Court.

Leonard Luna was a homeless Vietnam Era Veteran. In the Fall of 2008 he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge in Florida and served 75 days in jail. Upon his release he moved to California, but failed to notify the Veterans Administration about his period of incarceration in Florida. When VA discovered this, they suspended his entire pension benefit instead of deducting 15 days benefits from his next check. (VA can suspend non-service connected pension benefits after 60 days of incarceration.) Since Mr. Luna had no source of income, he turned to the California Center for Veterans Advancement. There he was referred to Rick Little who runs the attorney pro-bono program, who in turn contacted Finkelstein & Partners attorney Nancy

Morgan. In November 2009 Finkelstein & Partners attorney **John Dowd** spoke to Mr. Luna and his Counselor George Smith. **John Dowd** advised what needed to be done to reinstate the pension and recover the past benefits. As a result Mr. Luna's full pension was reinstated and he received a retroactive payment in excess of \$4,000. With the assistance of the California Center for Veterans Advancement Leonard Luna is now living in an apartment in the Los Angeles area.

The Veterans Service Group handles claims nationwide.

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