

SALLY PERKINS RETIRES

Sally Perkins, an Adjuster who has been with the firm for 22 years retired this spring. Colleagues joined together to wish her well.



Sally Perkins cuts into her cake at her retirement

"I have been so privileged to have been able to work for this firm and have met so many wonderful people during my career here. It was such a wonderful send off with delicious cake and seeing everyone at the retirement event. Thank you for this experience and now onto the next chapter in life. I will miss everyone!" - Sally Perkins

ANN BLOOM'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Ann Bloom celebrated her 30th anniversary as an employee of Personal Injury law firm Finkelstein and Partners this year.

Ann began her career with Finkelstein and Partners in 1985 in the firm's original Robinson Avenue office. In her 30 years at the firm, she has watched the firm grow and evolve from a 100 person operation in the Robinson Ave office, to well over 300 people in 17 locations.

She is currently the "Senior First Impression Specialist" located at the firm's headquarters, 1279 Route 300 in Newburgh. Managing Partner, Andrew Finkelstein applauded Ann for her consistency day in and day out; clients and employees alike know when they walk into the firm they will be warmly greeted by Ann.



Ann and Andrew Finkelstein celebrate her anniversary

WE TALK ABOUT THE DANGERS OF TEXTING AND DRIVING



Andrew G. Finkelstein speaks to WRGB CBS 6

This spring, Managing Partner Andrew Finkelstein spoke to WRGB CBS 6 Albany about the devastating repercussions of texting and driving. Our client, who lost his leg because of a texting driver, joined Andrew to urge other drivers to put down the phone while behind the wheel.

As personal injury lawyers, we see the

damage suffered at the hands of distracted drivers, especially those who text and drive. Research shows that young adults are the most likely to be distracted, and become involved in a car crash. We initiated the Commit to Quit program with the goal of making young people aware of the risks and encouraging them to make safe choices.

OUR CLIENTS ARE TALKING

Do you have something to share about your experience with us?

Please email communications@lawampm.com and we'll share your feedback with the team. We'll also help you to post your comments online.

Linda J. "I just want to thank you for your great work on my case. Although the outcome was not in my favor I always felt your office stands and work ethic was top notch. I always got a return phone call or email. Everyone was pleasant. Thanks again and keep up the great work."

Yvonne H. "I was very satisfied with your firm, starting from the receptionists!"

Dora C. "Mr. Finkelstein, where do I begin? I want to thank you and your wonderful staff for the professional and effective service that was provided during the past four and a half years. It's been a long road, but your staff made us feel so comfortable on a personal and professional level. Especially Mr. Brian Acard. His professionalism, kindness and compassion made it abundantly clear he was willing to do whatever it

took to find the justice my son deserved. It's been a rough couple of years for Nick. At some points I was sure he'd lost all confidence and on the verge of breaking. But Mr. Acard went above and beyond to give Nick the trust, courage and confidence he needed to prevail. Mr. Acard went as far as taking time out of his personal life (evenings, weekends) to accommodate us. He was so patient, kind and understanding with our endless questions and concerns. He by far exceeded our expectations. Nick felt a connection to Mr. Acard which truly lifted his spirits. I don't know how to express our sincere gratitude for what he has done for us. Getting to know Mr. Acard was an honor. Winning the case was a bonus. This is a true reflection of hard work, persistence and dedication. Thank you Mr. Acard for your time, efforts and most of all support, comforting words and kindness. You are truly a good, noble man. Not to mention a phenomenal attorney and I am grateful to have had you representing my son. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! "

New York Locations:
Albany, Binghamton, Bronx, Hempstead, Kingston, Manhattan, Middletown, Newburgh, Port Jervis, Syracuse, Wappingers Falls.

New Jersey Locations:
Newark and Edison

Attorney Advertising.

WE WELCOME STUDENT INTERNS FROM NEWBURGH PREP



From left are Keimira Rivera, Jasmine Sanchez, Attorney Nancy Morgan, Ariana Sanchez, and Adriana Valentin.

Our Director of Legal Operations, Nancy Morgan, welcomed students from the alternative high school, Newburgh Prep, to our headquarters in Newburgh. She brought them to the various departments in our building, explaining the function of each area to the students as they went along. "By meeting with our staff, the students were able to gain a better understanding of the many career choices available in a law office." said Ms. Morgan.

On their final visit, the students accompanied Nancy to the Orange County Courthouse in Goshen, where they watched her present several cases before Justice Elaine Slobod.

When the morning Court session ended, the Judge visited with the students. She encouraged them to continue with their educations. "Education is the most important thing you can do for yourself. No one can ever take your education away from you.", said Justice Slobod.

While in Goshen, the students also met with Orange County Clerk, Annie Rabbitt. Ms. Rabbit, who is also a former New York State Assembly representative, explained Civil Service testing and encouraged the students to look over the list of current job openings in Orange County.

17 FINKELSTEIN & PARTNERS ATTORNEYS NAMED TO THE 2015 SUPER LAWYERS AND RISING STAR LISTS!

13 of our Lawyers have been named to the 2015 Super Lawyers list and 4 have been named as Rising Stars. This year, the following attorneys were nominated and named:

Andrew Finkelstein, also 2015 Top Upstate New York Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers[®] 2015

- Nancy Morgan
- Eleanor Polimeni
- Ron Rosenkranz
- Sharon Scanlan
- Tom Yatto
- Tom Pronti
- Ken Fromson
- Victoria Lightcap
- Michael Feldman
- Greg Blankinship
- Jeremiah Frei-Pearson
- Todd S. Garber

- Rising Star:**
- Melody Gregory
 - Nicholas Maiorano
 - Elizabeth Wolff, Shin Y. Hahn



Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our blogs for the latest in safety news and food recalls.

[Facebook.com/FinkelsteinAndPartners](https://www.facebook.com/FinkelsteinAndPartners)

PROMOTING LITERACY WITH THE LITERACY CONNECTIONS' 23RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY SPELLING BEE!

This was our fifth year as a sponsor and participant at the annual Literacy Connections Community Spelling Bee. This year Nicole Giovinazzo made it to the finals! Literacy Connections Mission is to help people read, write, and reach their full potential. The funds raised from this annual event support literacy services for adults and children in the Hudson Valley.

Legal Assistant, Nicole Giovinazzo



BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL PUBLICATION FEATURES MANAGING PARTNER ANDREW FINKELSTEIN

Brooklyn Law School's 2015 Spring Publication features Managing Partner, and BLS alumnus, Andrew Finkelstein. The article touches on Andrew's efforts to change the rules of the U.S. legal industry, and to continue to grow the firm his father, Howard, also a BLS graduate, founded.

capital structure, Finkelstein is where he always wanted to be - in the thick of the business of lawyering - championing change and inspiring new ways of thinking about old ways of working. He has sparked a spirited dialogue on a topic that will likely end up before the highest court in the nation."

"Whether pushing the boundaries of technology or loosening the rules of

NEW MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN

If you're heading west on Route 17 in the Middletown and Fair Oaks/Pine Bush areas of New York, chances are you'll see our two new billboards, a reminder to drivers to put the phone down!

goal to educate young drivers of the dangers of texting and driving.

Remember, texting and driving is not only against the law, it can have deadly consequences, so please don't text and drive!

In 2011 we launched our Commit to Quit Texting and Driving program with the

Route 17, Middletown NY



TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

The Tail Waggin' Tutors program is set up to help improve children's reading levels. The team of volunteer owners and their trained service dogs regularly stops by the Newburgh Library. For the past 2 years these gentle dogs have assisted children in overcoming shyness by acting as reading partners. Firm employees and sisters, Kathy Sheehan-Trappe and Joanne Woodruff volunteer their service dogs, Sadie and Lily to the program.



ALBANY ATTORNEY LIZ WOLFF

TALKS TO STUDENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF TEXTING AND DRIVING

Once again, we have teamed up with Albany-based TV station WRGB CBS6, to alert teens to the dangers of texting while driving, an ongoing public service commitment for both agencies. This spring, Finkelstein & Partners visited Stillwater High school, Halfmoon High school, and Ballston Spa High, all located in Saratoga County, NY.

During the course of the day, Liz had an opportunity to speak to large groups as well as one on one with students. Part of our presentation includes ways for kids to deal with a texting driver. Remember to talk to your kids about the dangers- and set a good example!

For more information about our Commit to Quit Anti-Texting and Driving program, please visit: LAWAMP.com/community-relations/commit-to-quit

RECENT CASE RESULTS

\$10,000,000 SETTLEMENT MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Our client was a one year old New Jersey infant who was admitted to the hospital suffering from pneumonia. Several days after admission, his doctors suggested intubating him to help him breathe more easily. Mistakes were made during the procedure leaving our client brain damaged. This child was left with catastrophic injuries and we were able, with co-counsel, to secure enough money to help with his lifetime care. A settlement in the amount of \$10,000,000 was reached.

\$925,000 SETTLEMENT TRIP AND FALL ACCIDENT

Our client was a 46 year old Highland, New York resident who was employed as a Police Officer by a Westchester County Police Department. He was responding to a call at a Chappaqua, New York residence where a burglar alarm had gone off. As our client ran down the driveway of this private house he fell in a 10" x 10" hole in the unlit driveway. He sustained a severe knee injury which eventually required a total knee replacement and multiple surgeries, and he is no longer able to work in his chosen profession.

His lawyer was able to settle the case before trial.

\$600,000 VERDICT SNOW PLOW STRIKES PEDESTRIAN

A jury has awarded a client of Finkelstein & Partners LLP \$600,000 settlement for past & future suffering. The 22-year-old victim was struck by a commercial plow while crossing the street. The impact sent him approximately 60 feet across the road and into a ditch, resulting in multiple fractures.

Said trial attorney Nicholas W. Maiorano, "This was a challenging case, but ultimately the jury determined that drivers should be held accountable when they are driving too fast and not keeping a careful lookout for pedestrians. As a result of their decision, we hope that future injuries can be avoided." The Jury awarded verdict of \$600,000

SUMMARY JUDGMENT OVERTURNED ON APPEAL TRIP AND FALL ACCIDENT

Our client, a 43 year old Poughkeepsie woman, was leaving her job as a dental assistant in Fishkill, N.Y. when she tripped and fell in the parking lot. A heavy rain had filled a pot hole with water, making it invisible to pedestrians. She stepped in the depression and fell, seriously injuring both her knees. Her case had been handled by another attorney, and was dismissed by an Orange County Supreme Court Judge

after a summary judgment motion was made by the defendant. The original attorney then referred the case to us to handle the appeal. Finkelstein and Partners appealed the dismissal and had the decision overturned. Our papers demonstrated that the defect was not trivial based on our client's deposition testimony that the depression was filled with water and the parking lot was dark due to a defective light. This action is currently pending in Orange County New York.

KINGSTON NEW LOCATION



572 Broadway, Kingston, NY

On Wednesday, March 18th, we celebrated the grand opening of our new location in historic downtown Kingston. "Finkelstein & Partners is proud to reaffirm its commitment to the City of Kingston," said Partner Kenneth Fromson. "My wife grew up here, my kids go to school here, my family lives here, and I work here. We're part of the community and it's a community we care about. We're dedicated to doing our part to make this an even better place, a safer place - and we're here if anyone needs us."

For more information about the Kingston location and our various locations visit: LAWAMP.com/areas-we-serve

YOU SHOULD KNOW THE TAKATA RECALL



The Takata Corporation, a Japanese airbag manufacturer that provides airbags for big names like Ford, BMW, and Toyota has declared 33.8 million vehicle airbags defective. This is one of the largest auto recalls in US history.

The faulty airbags have already resulted in six deaths and more than 100 injuries. Not all, but some of the airbags have the capability of

exploding, shooting out dangerous metal fragments. Officials say those in high humidity areas have a higher risk of airbag default- those who live in areas with seasonal humidity are at lower risk but should still follow recall protocols.

If you or a loved one has been hurt by a defective product, contact us today. 1-877-483-9889 Read our blog to learn more. LAWAMP.com/blog