

ANA RODRIGUEZ-40 YEARS!

Ana began her career running the firm's mail room at our first location on Liberty Ave. She switched to the position of case manager because she liked working with clients and there was a need for bilingual case managers. According to Ana, the biggest difference between what she does now and what she did when she started is coordinating cases for 16 offices instead of one, but she still enjoys working with the firm's Spanish speaking clients.



Ana and Andrew Finkelstein celebrate her anniversary

MELODY GREGORY-35 YEARS!

Melody began her career as a Case Manager. Because she looked for various responsibilities from other departments within the firm, Finkelstein & Partners provided a full scholarship for Melody to attend Law school at Western New England College School of Law. She attended law school while balancing a full-time job at the firm as a single mother of two young daughters. Ms. Gregory was the first to receive such a scholarship from the law firm.

Melody was recently honored by the City of Newburgh's Police Benevolent Association in recognition for her outstanding contributions in support of their first-ever Fall Classic Golf Tournament held at Osiris Country Club.



Attorney Melody Gregory is honored by the Newburgh PBA

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.

Mary L. "Andrew Finkelstein and all the lawyers were very helpful and were able to answer all the questions I had. Myself being ignorant of the law made it a learning experience and I have a lot of respect for your firm and everyone that helped!"

Christopher P. "Thanks for all your help concerning the matter we had. You worked real quickly and efficiently and I really appreciate it!"

Miriam M. "Just a reminder of my heartfelt appreciation for insuring me with positive updates regarding my case. Your support was very much an uplift in my present physical health."

Elizabeth F. "I felt very comfortable and safe dealing with Finkelstein & Partners."

Deberah M. "I was absolutely satisfied!!! Communications were clear in regard to information. My case worker was wonderful. In my opinion you do not need to improve anything. Your people are wonderful!"

Rosemary V. "I've been wanting to tell you how happy I was getting that letter in June about my Claim and to thank you for all your help and keeping me updated all those years!"

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U.S. TRAFFIC DEATHS JUMP TO 13.5 PERCENT IN 2012 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

According to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) traffic deaths in the first three months of 2012 jumped 13.5 % which is the highest number since 2008. The NHTSA estimates 7,630 people died in vehicle crashes in the first three months, a dramatic increase from 2011. This increase ended the steady decline in U.S. road deaths over the last seven years. While the NHTSA continues to record potential causes pertaining to the crashes, texting and other forms of distracted driving are likely causes.



PLEASE DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE

We've partnered with CBS6 in Albany to launch an extensive, year-long anti-texting program, "No Text Zone". This program will make people aware and inform them of the risks of texting and driving.

Did you know?

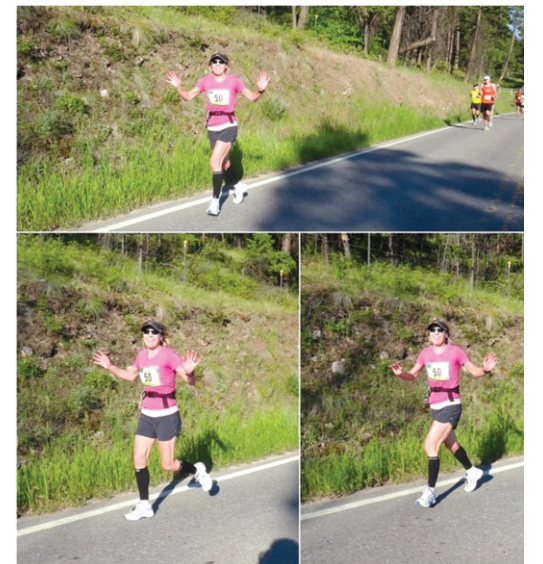
- 20% of injury crashes
- 448,000 injuries
- 5,474 killed in 2009
- 3,092 killed in 2010

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Our free accident toolkit available to download. Perfect for an inexperienced driver.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR COMPLETES MARATHON RUNS IN ALL 50 STATES



Valerie Kilcoin at mile 15 in marathon in Missoula, MT.

Valerie Kilcoin been with the firm for sixteen years. She is the head of the telecommunications division, facilitating voice and data messaging throughout our seventeen offices. Valerie has been running most of her adult life and ran her first marathon in 1988.

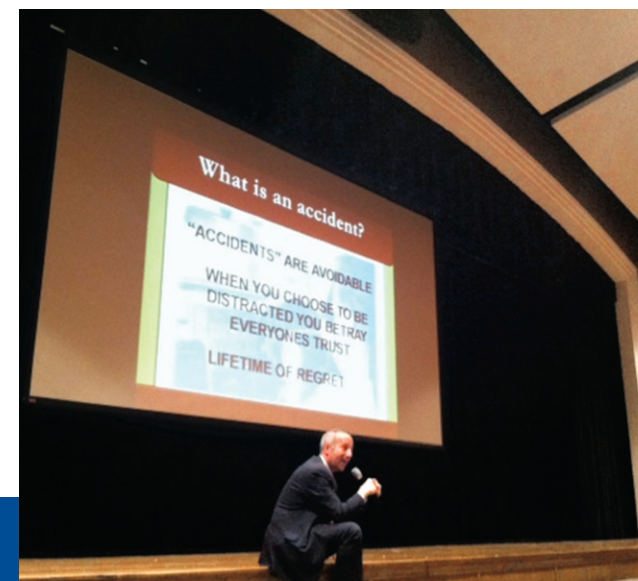
Her quest to complete her goal took six years and she finished her 75th marathon and 50th state in Missoula Montana on July 8, 2012. Valerie became the 207th women and 704th person to have completed this feat. Congratulations, Valerie!

ANTI-TEXTING AND DRIVING: WOULD YOU LIKE US TO SPEAK AT YOUR TEEN'S SCHOOL?

In 2011 we launched a public service campaign with the goal of making young drivers aware of the dangers of texting and distractive driving. Research shows that people under the age of 24 are the most likely to text and drive and, because new drivers are inexperienced, they are also the most at risk for becoming involved in a car crash. In addition to

radio and online ads we also speak to high school students (at no cost) about the great dangers of distracted driving and how to make the right choices to prevent accidents and injuries due to texting and driving.

For more information visit our website or email dmackey@lawampm.com.



Andrew G. Finkelstein speaks to Marlboro High School students

FIRM AND COMMUNITY NEWS



Anne Marie Holloran, her daughter Emilie and Jacqueline Banks proudly represent the firm.

NANCY MORGAN NAMED TO NYS BAR ASSOCIATION’S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS

Firm partner Nancy Y. Morgan has been appointed to the New York Bar Association's Special Committee on Veterans. "Nancy is a talented attorney and an outstanding advocate for our nation's veterans. She works diligently to ensure that these brave men and women receive the programs and support they not only need, but have earned, in service to our nation," says Andrew Finkelstein. *"It comes as no surprise to me that the New York State Bar Association has tapped Nancy to be a member of the Special Committee on Veterans; her experience and expertise will be invaluable to serving*

the needs of veterans of all ages."



Attorney Nancy Morgan

In March of this year Nancy Y. Morgan received an AV Preeminent (4.5-5.0) rating

from Martindale-Hubbell, the legal world's preeminent peer review rating system. AV Preeminent, as earned by Nancy, is a significant rating accomplishment - testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence.

If you or your spouse served in the military, have a resulting injury, and were denied VA disability compensation benefits or received a disability rating decision from the VA that you would like to appeal, we may be able to assist you.



WE GO PINK FOR OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

On October 16 we hosted a firm-wide "Go Pink" dress down day to raise funds for the organization Breast Cancer Options. More than \$425 was collected and will be donated to Breast Cancer Options on behalf of the firm's staff.

Firm teams also participated in various Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events in New York. The F&P team raised more than \$600. Employees at the firm's associate law firm Fine, Olin & Anderman in New York City participated in the Making Strides event at Jones Beach and raised \$760 in donations.

LAW TO IMPROVE BREAST CANCER DETECTION SIGNED

In July of this year Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed a piece of New York State legislation designed to help improve breast cancer detection and prevention by requiring mammography services to inform patients if dense breast tissue is found during an exam.

Dense breast tissue, although not abnormal, can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and may be associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. Flagging its detection during a mammogram will raise awareness about these associations. Women can use this information to talk to their doctors about their risks for breast cancer; at that time, it may be useful to seek for more follow-up screening tests and other preventive measures.

This new law will take effect in January 2013.



RECENT CASE RESULTS

\$725,000 PEDESTRIAN KNOCKDOWN

Our client was a town of Chester police officer who was struck by a vehicle while writing a ticket. He sustained injuries to his hips and back. The defendant's policy of \$25,000 was tendered. Our client was unable to return to work as a police officer and unfortunately had to retire. We were able to assist him in receiving medical and Social Security Disability Benefits.

Team: Attorneys Steven Cohen and David Akerib Case Manager Kathy Sheehan-Trappe Paralegal Barbara Rignanese Adjustor Kevin Hines and Nicole Oliva

\$899,200 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

On November 1, 2012 after a damages trial that lasted nearly three weeks, a jury returned a verdict of \$899,200 in favor of our client. The victim, from Highland, NY, suffered a fractured foot, fractured wrist and a mild traumatic brain injury in an automobile collision in 2010. In addition, she was diagnosed with uterine cancer after the incident. The defense tried to raise a "seatbelt defense", where they claimed our client would not have suffered her head injuries if not for the fact that she was not wearing her seat belt. However, the jury discounted this defense and awarded our client and her husband

\$899,200 for pain and suffering, lost earnings, medical costs and loss of services.the case settled for.

Team: Managing Attorneys David Gross and Ronald Rosenkranz, Trial Attorney Robert Borrero, Motions Attorney George Kohl, Case Manager Jesus Vasconez, Paralegal Christine Higgins, Adjustor Kevin Hines, Calendar Coordinator Nicole Oliva

\$200,000 WRONGFUL DEATH

Our client was a resident of the VA Medical Center at Canandaigua, NY. He was undergoing resident treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and related conditions as a result of his service in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Our client was admitted to the VA Medical Center on July 23, 2009 with a diagnosis of PTSD, history of Hepatitis C with abnormal liver functions, polysubstance dependence and major depressive disorder.

On August 14, 2009, our client signed out on a day pass from the medical center at 3:20 p.m.. Surveillance tapes from the facility confirm that our client returned to the facility around 10:00 p.m. that night. There was no documentation showing that he was checked back into the

facility, nor was there any evidence that he was tested by a breathalyzer as required by the VA's own policy. Our client was found dead in his room at approximately 9:00 p.m. on August 15, 2009, a full day later.

No one bothered to check on the veteran despite his absence from meals and scheduled meetings during that time. The cause of death was determined to be "terminal aspiration with postural asphyxia." The VA's own records and statements indicate that he was not screened upon return to the medical center as required by the VA's policies and that the facility was unable to account for our client's whereabouts for almost an entire day while he was dead or dying in his room at the VA medical center from a condition easily treated with proper care. After honorably serving his country, this veteran was dead at the age of 24. This case was instrumental in making changes to the safety procedures at this VA facility.

Veterans Services Group Team Attorney John Dowd, Case Manager Angela Fontaine

IT IS EASY BEING GREEN!

In 2011 firm employees agreed to make an effort to save energy and conserve resources. Creating fewer copies and sharing documentation electronically whenever possible, the firm was able to reduce paper copies by 30,000 pages per month which is equivalent to saving 36 trees!

