

FIRM COORDINATES DRIVE FOR HUDSON VALLEY VETERANS

Finkelstein & Partners organized a drive to benefit the Hudson Valley Veterans Alliance, a one-stop resource/peer-to-peer/counseling center for veterans and their families located in Poughkeepsie. We delivered 22 boxes of items including men's interview clothing (shirts, ties, and suits), food and new bedding.



Volunteer Brooks Mackey helped unload the van.

The drive was a great success due to the generosity of firm employees and the folks at Target in Newburgh who helped us organize and pack bedding, food, and donated a \$50 gift certificate! It was great to see a big company like Target get involved in the local community.

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From left, Case Manager Ed Reid, Finkelstein & Partners Managing Attorney and Veterans' Services Group Founder Nancy Morgan, Hudson Valley Veterans' Alliance Peer Mentor Anthony Kavouras and F&P Director of Marketing, Danielle Mackey, who coordinated the drive.

ATTORNEY MELODY GREGORY NAMED HUDSON VALLEY HERO

Managing Attorney Melody Gregory was named Hudson Valley Magazine's September Hudson Valley Hero. Melody exemplifies commitment to community day in and day out through her work and participation in various community organizations, including the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, Big Sisters Big Brothers, Habitat for Humanity, Town of Newburgh PBA, the D.A.R.E program & Jr. police academy camp in the town of Newburgh, HONORS, and the Walden Rotary's annual backpack drive. Melody joins firm family members Nancy Morgan and client Eric Hurlbert who are past winners.

Melody recently celebrated her 40th anniversary at Finkelstein and Partners. "The firm was founded 56 years ago, and it's taken a lot of people, effort, energy and commitment to build what we've been able to build together, central to that has been Melody, on lots of different levels" said Managing Partner, Andrew Finkelstein. Congratulations Melody, and thank you for your years of service!

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Melody!

Hudson Valley heroes are your friends and neighbors who volunteer their time and talents to assist others; their sole reward is knowing that they've contributed to making our region an even better place to live. Nominate a hero today: hvmag.com/Hudson-Valley-Hero/



FIRM AND COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This year the Finkelstein team was busier than ever supporting a number of community initiatives!

SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Our semi-annual blood drives provide an opportunity for our community and staff members to donate life-saving pints that can make a difference in lives right here in our own community.

HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES

We returned to Dutchess Stadium to sponsor another Hudson Valley Renegade's game where we were once again paired with our friend's from NY STOP DUI.



Colin Zipp, son of legal assistant Tracy Zipp, did a great job throwing the first pitch of the game!

NEW WINDSOR COMMUNITY DAY

We have been proud participants at New Windsor Community day for several years now. Our sponsorship helps fund this event and other year round community initiatives.



Attorney Lawrence Lissauer at New Windsor Community Day

WALDEN BACKPACK DRIVE

Attorney Melody Gregory sponsored and attended the Walden Rotary's annual backpack giveaway. 500 backpacks were handed out to local students in need, along with free haircuts and other school supplies!

VFW VETERAN 5K FUNDRAISER

An event that helps raise funds to support our local veterans and their families. Attorney Melody Gregory attended and cheered fellow firm employee Valerie Kilcoin, and daughter Sky Gregory on as they both placed first in their class.

MARY RANDALL HONORED IN HABITAT OF NEWBURGH VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Although Mary works full time at Finkelstein & Partners, she volunteers every Saturday at the Habitat for Humanity Re-store. Mary, a born and bred Newburgher, has a deep connection to the region, since her family has been here for years. Mary has also been employed at Finkelstein and Partners for 30 years.

The funds raised at the Habitat ReStore go directly towards building houses for those in need. The success of the ReStore is contingent upon the efforts of trustworthy and dedicated individuals like Mary. Store management considers Mary an integral part of the store's success.

ReStore staff is especially appreciative of Mary's cool and joyful personality. "Mary makes going through Saturdays a breeze". -Diane, ReStore Associate



LARKFEST 2016 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Larkfest is upstate New York's largest one day festival. The firm has participated in previous years and was thrilled to return. Personal injury attorney Elizabeth Wolff was in attendance to greet the tens of thousands of people that came out to support the event. Elizabeth had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of Albany community members about the dangers of distracted driving. The Finkelstein & Partners team also gave away hundreds of free tote bags, 'Street Safety' coloring books, and other items!



Attorney Elizabeth Wolff at Larkfest 16'

Thank you to those who stopped by our table! If you'd like to learn more about the dangers of distracted driving or to see how you can get involved in prevention efforts visit: lawampm.com/community/commit-quit

BAKE FOR A CURE FUNDRAISER

The firm called upon employees to consider baking their favorite sweet treats to donate to the firm's annual bake sale.



Proceeds raised during the bake sale help to support the Finkelstein & Partners 'Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Team'. This year the team exceeded their fundraising goal of \$3,500.



Make strides
to end breast cancer.

Thank you to everyone who helped to support 'Bake for a Cure' by donating or purchasing baked goods!

PROUD PARTICIPANTS OF THE 2016 BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK'S 'MARCH ON FOR BRAIN INJURY' HUDSON VALLEY WALK

We were proud participants of the Brain Injury Association of New York's 'March on for Brain Injury' in the Hudson Valley. The Brain Injury Association of New York State is a statewide non-profit that advocates on behalf of individuals with brain injuries and their families.

Proceeds from the 'March on for Brain Injury' walk help to fund the Brain Injury Association of New York's ongoing efforts to promote awareness, understanding, and prevention of brain injury through education, advocacy, and community support services that strive to improve the quality of life of those effected by brain injury, and to ultimately reduce the incidence of brain injury.

A brain injury is defined as a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating injury that disrupts the function of the brain. As a personal injury law firm we are all too familiar with the devastating effects of brain injuries. Falls cause over 35% of brain injuries, while motor vehicle crashes cause close to 20% of brain injuries. Our nation's Veterans are also commonly diagnosed with brain injuries. Brain injuries often require costly, ongoing medical treatment. It is our role as a law firm to advocate for our client's right to compensation.

For more information about brain injury, visit <http://www.lawampm.com/practice-areas/brain-and-head-injuries>



Employees proudly marching with the Finkelstein & Partners banner

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH EVENT: BRAzaar brazART

It was our privilege and honor to participate in BRAzaar brazART during Breast Cancer Awareness Month this past October. The event, hosted in Newburgh NY, was a paint-along and silent auction that helped to raise funds to provide local women no-cost breast exams and also to support our neighbors fighting breast cancer.

The firm received a heartfelt thanks from the YWCA of Orange County following the event, "It is my pleasure to thank you for the generous sponsorship and participation of the Finkelstein & Partners Law Firm to the YWCA's major fundraiser BRAzaar brazART on behalf of October's Breast Cancer Awareness month. With the firm's assistance much needed money was raised to help individuals in our local community, an accomplishment we can all be proud of. It is through the continued support from many wonderful friends like you that the YWCA is able to fulfill its mission to offer medical services to our local community. The Finkelstein firm was well represented by a warm and caring group of talented artists who contributed enthusiasm and an energetic spirit."



Danielle Mackey Director of Marketing, BRAzaar Organizer
Brenda Goldfarb & Managing Partner Andrew Finkelstein



The firm's paint and sip group

NEWBURGH ILLUMINATED, FIRM CELEBRATES COMMUNITY ROOTS

Although we truly enjoy each event we partake in, Newburgh Illuminated is especially meaningful as our booth coincidentally sits just a couple blocks away from the firm's very first office location. While the firm has grown in size, the principals on which Finkelstein & Partners was built have remained the same.

Howard S. Finkelstein founded Finkelstein & Partners on Robinson Avenue in Newburgh in 1959. Since then the firm has grown from just one location to multiple offices throughout New York and New Jersey. To this day the heart of the business is still located in Newburgh.

We are tremendously proud to be a part of the ever changing Newburgh community and to have had the opportunity to serve our Newburgh neighbors for the last five decades. We look forward to continuing to support the great community of Newburgh.



Managing Partner Andrew Finkelstein, Attorney Melody Gregory and Legal Assistant Jennifer Castrovinci



OUR CLIENTS ARE TALKING

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"I know riding a motorcycle is dangerous, but I take every precaution possible to be safe. When the car cut me off I knew I couldn't avoid the crash. I was pretty badly hurt and knew I needed the best personal injury lawyer. My wife used to work for an insurance defense law firm and she told me to consult with Finkelstein and Partners. She was correct. The law firm collected all the insurance from the car who caused the accident. They were able to collect the full amount of insurance money from my personal insurance company. They were professional and knowledgeable and I thank their team for all their help. Larry Lissauer, David Akerib, George Kohl and Lynn were excellent."

-Michael R.

"I've lived in Orange County and worked in Newburgh for many years and always heard positive things about Finkelstein & Partners, Personal Injury Attorneys, but it wasn't until I needed them did I realize how great a law firm it is. I was shopping in a store when a box fell onto my head. I had no idea how badly I was hurt. I actually had a mild traumatic brain injury. A good friend suggested I call the attorneys and I am so glad I did. Everyone was so nice and caring. Even though it is a big law firm, I always felt like my case was a priority, and it was. The Lawyers always returned my calls and I can't say enough positive things about my experience with them."

-Barbara R.

"I had a very bad situation where I needed a great lawyer. I saw Finkelstein & Partners TV ads and thought I'd give them a try because they had offices throughout the Hudson Valley and I always drive by the Newburgh office. It was the best decision I could have made. All of the lawyers were helpful and answered all of my questions throughout. I had a very serious injury that required surgeries and the law firm was always there to help. I especially liked Ken Fromson because he always returned my call promptly and thoroughly explained everything to me. He did a great job settling my case and I tell anyone who is in a car crash they should definitely use them."

-Shanell

"I served in the Army and saw combat in Vietnam. I developed a service related disability years after my in service toxic exposure to herbicides, including Agent Orange. With my honorable discharge, I applied for Veterans' Compensation Benefits. The VA denied me service connection for my disability, so I had to hire a lawyer. I live in Missouri and I called a local lawyer. They told me that Finkelstein & Partners is the best in the USA because they have a dedicated Veterans' Services Group to help vets get the benefits they deserve. Well, they were right and the best thing I did was to call Finkelstein & Partners. Even though they are in New York, they told me they handle cases Nationwide, so I hired them. It was such a pleasure working with them. They did everything they promised and got me the results I wanted. If you have a service-related disability from being in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard – and whether it is for diabetes with neuropathy or PTSD – I highly recommend Finkelstein & Partners to help with your appeal."

-Joe C.

RECENT CASE RESULTS

\$2,250,000* SETTLEMENT NURSING HOME ABUSE

A Hudson Valley nursing home and a food delivery service company were held accountable for ignoring clear doctor's orders to provide only soft food to a resident due to the resident's disability. We discovered during our lawsuit that the doctor's orders were clearly given to both the nursing home and the food service company but neither had sufficient protocols and systems in place to ensure the doctor's orders were in fact followed. Shockingly, our client was served a hard-boiled egg which caused her to choke to death.

This was precisely what the doctor feared and was completely preventable. Our clients family brought this lawsuit to make sure this does not happen to other nursing home residents. They are satisfied that the \$2,250,000 will awaken the nursing home administration and change their ways.

*Team: Attorneys: Andrew Finkelstein, Michael Feldman, Mary Ellen Wright
Case Manager: Guy Gonzalez*

\$850,000* SETTLEMENT NAIL SALON HELD ACCOUNTABLE

After getting a pedicure at a nail salon in a shopping mall in the Hudson Valley, our client developed a bacterial infection requiring the surgical removal of a portion of her foot. While we knew it was from the nail salon, we had to prove it. We hired an instructor from a beauty school who regularly lectures on what nail salons must do to comply with the NYS Appearance Enhancement Law. She told us how the nail salon violated several sections of the law. We also hired a bio-chemist who analyzed the type of bacteria and confirmed it was consistent with the type of bacteria that is found in dirty nail salon equipment. While the nail salon lawyer attempted to point to other causes, our client was satisfied with the \$850,000 settlement offer from the insurance company.

*Team: Attorneys: Kenneth Fromson, Mary Ellen Wright
Case Manager: Samantha Howland*

\$750,000* SETTLEMENT MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Our client, a Rockland County motorcyclist, was on his way to a work appointment in Ramsey, New Jersey when he was seriously hurt in a motorcycle crash. Another driver switched lanes without looking and crashed into his motorcycle. Our client was removed from the scene by ambulance. He underwent emergency surgery on his ankle, which was shattered in the crash. He also sustained serious lacerations that required stitches and suffered from painful road rash. Other issues, including wound infections, required further surgery. 18 months post accident he had a picc line inserted to deliver antibiotics to his wounds which still were not healing. Prior to the crash our client was an avid hiker, unfortunately his injuries dramatically curtailed his ability to continue and enjoy his favorite recreational activities. His injuries are permanent and will probably cause him pain for the rest of his life, getting worse as he ages. His Finkelstein and Partner's attorneys assisted him in filing a workers' compensation claim and were able to successfully arbitrate and settle his case without going to trial.

*Team: Attorneys: David Gross, Antonio Grillo
Case Manager: Haliyah Walker*

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