

Whether your case is big or small, we fight for all!

In 2017, the law firm of Ross, Legan, Rosenberg, Zelen & Flaks LLP obtained millions of dollars in compensation for our clients who experienced a wide variety of accidents and injuries. Regardless of the nature and extent of the injuries, the firm aggressively prosecuted each claim until a favorable result was achieved. So if you are injured in an accident – whether your injury is severe or moderate – call us at (212) 967-8500 for a free consultation to discuss the merits of your claim.

Examples of recent awards

The following is just a sampling of the myriad of cases that our law firm successfully prosecuted in 2017. They demonstrate the results that are achievable when you have a powerful, skilled, knowledgeable, tough, determined, experienced law firm on your side:

• An asbestos worker's leg fell through a hole in a roof, resulting in disabling back and knee injuries. The defendants asserted that the cause of the hole was unproven and that the plaintiff was exaggerating his injuries. Our firm retained a civil engineer, orthopedic surgeons, a vocational expert and an economist to prove liability and damages. Over \$34,000 dollars was spent on litigation expenses. After seven years of hotly contested litigation, a **\$2,500,000** recovery was achieved.

• A painter was working on a ladder that was knocked down by a forklift in a commercial seafood warehouse. As a result of the accident the worker sustained broken heel bones. The initial offer was \$150,000. Our firm fought hard for the undocumented, injured worker, which resulted in a **\$1,600,000** recovery. *This case exemplifies that in New*



York even undocumented individuals can recover damages for injuries sustained in an accident.

• An elderly woman who was crossing a Chinatown Street was struck by a police patrol cruiser. She sustained multiple fractures and loss of memory. The city was compelled to pay **\$1,250,000** even though the pedestrian/plaintiff was not crossing the street in a marked crosswalk.

• A laborer's lower back was broken when the unsecured ladder he was on slipped out. Our firm proved that the general contractor purposefully disposed of his original, truthful accident report and thereafter submitted a fraudulent report, which compelled the insurance company to tender its full **\$1,000,000** policy.

• A victim of medical malpractice received **\$800,000**.

• An injured pedestrian obtained \$725,000 despite the driver's claim that his brakes suddenly failed.

• A pedestrian struck by a car while crossing a roadway suffered a fractured thigh bone. Our client settled for **\$510,000**.

• A \$400,000 trial verdict was awarded to a welder who sustained a low-back fracture





when he fell off the edge of the first floor of a building being constructed.

• A pedestrian struck by a car sustained a broken knee. Case settled for \$400,000.

• \$340,000 was recovered for an Amtrak passenger who sustained back fractures due to a train derailment.

• A tenant sustained a broken femur when she tripped due to a hazard within an exterior pathway alongside her residence. The claim was resolved for \$300,000.

• A man tripped over a raised slab of concrete in an exterior walkway leading to an apartment building and suffered a broken arm. Despite the insurance company's claim that the plaintiff fell on wet grass in the rain while chasing his dog, \$275,000 was obtained.

• New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1214 prohibits a driver or passenger of a motor vehicle from opening a door on the side of moving traffic until it is safe to do so. Accordingly, a bicycle delivery man who struck a suddenly opened car door while riding in the designated bike lane prevailed. He received \$270,000.

• A pedestrian struck by a car being driven by an employee of the city council sustained a broken leg, loss of teeth and broken ribs. Our law firm staff went door to door in the vicinity of the accident to find a video of the occurrence, which proved that the driver lied when he told the police the pedestrian was crossing outside of the crosswalk. Compensation received by the victim – \$225,000.

• A leaky hydrant resulted in ice accumulation on a roadway. This caused the plaintiff to slip and fracture a wrist that required surgery. Google satellite photos were discovered by our firm, which showed that the hydrant had been broken for a long time before the accident. The city was forced to pay \$200,000 in compensation for the plaintiff's pain, suffering, medical expenses and lost wages.

• A woman sustained a broken wrist when *FIGHTING FOR ALL, continued on 2*

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she slipped on frozen snow and fell on a sidewalk adjacent to a three-family residence. Resolution – \$135,000.

• A pedestrian was hit by a vehicle and sustained skull fractures. The offending vehicle only had a \$25,000 insurance policy. The pedestrian owned a car, which provided supplemental underinsurance coverage of \$75,000. Both policies were fully recovered for a total of \$100,000. This case demonstrates the reason it is imperative for all households with a car to buy supplemental uninsured/ underinsurance coverage, which will enable you to collect from your own insurance company when you are injured by a hit-and-run, uninsured or inadequately insured vehicle.

Firm fights vigorously even on smaller cases

As demonstrated in the examples above, the law firm of Ross, Legan, Rosenberg, Zelen & Flaks LLP has respected attorneys with a potent support staff, which enabled numerous clients to receive multi-million dollar and six-figure recoveries. However, our firm also prides itself on helping clients with smaller claims earn the maximum award to which they are entitled.

Here are some examples:

• \$50,000 was obtained for a young woman who suffered burns on her legs due to the city parks department leaving a toxic cleaning agent on the stone bench that the victim sat on.

• \$45,000 was received by a shopper who suffered a fractured hand when store security crashed into her while chasing a shoplifter.

• \$32,500 was secured for a woman who sustained soft-tissue injuries when she slipped on oil leaking from the air conditioning vent of a New York City subway car.

• \$30,000 was attained for a woman who fractured her ankle after slipping on a wet catering-hall dance floor while attending a relative's communion celebration.

• A pedestrian tripped on a broken sidewalk in front of a commercial garage and suffered a broken nose and facial abrasions. Despite the adjacent landowner's claim that the subject defect was miniscule, the lawsuit reaped \$30,000.

• A one-year-old infant descended a park slide while on the lap of her elder cousin.

The child's right lower leg was broken when it jammed against the side rail of the slide. Despite the manufacturer proving that the slide satisfied all applicable safety standards, the claim successfully resolved for \$25,000.

• A mentally unstable man falsely informed the police that his brother-in-law repeatedly threatened his life. Without due diligence, the police arrested the relative/plaintiff who was released after eight hours in jail. The city paid our client \$25,000 for the arresting officer's negligence.

• A motorcyclist struck by a car suffered knee injuries. Our client received about \$17,000 for his pain and suffering, property damage and medical expenses.

• \$15,000 was recovered for a woman who was attacked by a mugger in a supermarket parking lot. Our firm was able to establish that the supermarket had provided inadequate security given the rash of crime that had recently occurred near the store.

• A young boy walked into a barrier for a dinosaur display at the American Museum of Natural History and suffered a forehead laceration. The case resolved for \$6,000.

Accordingly, if you are injured in an accident, call us immediately at (212) 967-8500.

Call to set up your free consultation

You have legal rights to be fully compensated for your injuries <u>regard-</u> <u>less of your immigration status</u> in the United States. Don't be afraid to call us at (212) 967-8500 – the consultation is free. All information disclosed is confidential.

We currently operate offices in Manhattan and Flushing/Queens.

Free legal information in English, Chinese and Spanish is also available on our law firm's website at <u>www.rlrzf.com</u>.

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