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- ☞ Motorcycle Accidents
- ☞ Wrongful Death
- ☞ Uninsured Motorist
- ☞ Premises Liability
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- ☞ Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- ☞ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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This newsletter is intended for current and former clients of Marasco & Nesselbush. We thank you for your many kind referrals, and for placing your trust and confidence in our firm.



BACK TO SCHOOL Bus Safety Tips

As summer comes to a close and children return to school, parents are reminded of the dangers children can face on and around school buses. Though traveling via school bus is safer for children than riding in a car, the danger lies in approaching and/or exiting the bus. In a recent report by *School Transportation News*, of the 8,500 to 12,000 children injured in school bus accidents annually, 96% are considered minor (scrapes, bumps, bruises, etc.) with approximately 350 to 475 of these accidents being “serious” (broken bones or worse).

One serious accident being too many, the following safeguards can help parents teach their children how to prevent accidents. Education and repetition being key, here are some helpful ways to remind children (and yourself) to be safe when approaching and/or exiting school busses.

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Leaders in Disability Law

This past spring, partners Joseph P. Marasco and Donna M. Nesselbush presented a number of seminars and keynote addresses to help attorneys and other professionals better understand Social Security disability law and its relationship to Personal Injury law.

On March 30, 2012, Attorney Marasco and Associate Attorney Chace Wessling presented a keynote address entitled, “Social Security Disability for Brain Injury Patients: An Overview” to more than 200 people attending the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island’s annual conference. The audience included doctors, health and human service professionals, Traumatic Brain Injury survivors and their families.

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MEET OUR ATTORNEYS Anthony S. Buglio, Esq

Anthony S. Buglio is an Associate Attorney in the Personal Injury Division of the firm. Anthony joined Marasco & Nesselbush in early 2012 with nearly 30 years extensive trial experience practicing before the Rhode Island Superior and District

Courts. Before joining Marasco & Nesselbush, Attorney Buglio devoted his legal career to civil litigation and personal injury law.

What do you enjoy most about working at Marasco & Nesselbush?

I enjoy working with this large collection of people here at M&N; that includes the varied assortment of clients. My lengthy practice has been in a smaller firm with no more than 5 people. I enjoy distilling complex problems our clients come through the door with to the important issues and getting things resolved. I have more than 28 years of experience and accordingly take a practical approach to my

advice to clients. I feel that being honest and up-front from the very first client contact is the best for the attorney-client relationship. I try never to let a client leave with any confusion or misunderstanding. My final question at every meeting is “do you have anything you want to ask me before you leave?” I want the client to trust me and feel comfortable in telling me the truth.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I am a cyclist. From May to October I ride on the road. I have ridden the Narragansett Bay Wheelman “The Flattest Century in the East” (TFCE) for the past ten years each September. TFCE is a 100 mile ride all in one day and could be considered the equivalent of a runner’s marathon. It usually takes about 6 ½ hours of saddle time. From October to May when the weather is cooler, I get out of the speed and wind of the open road and ride in the woods of the Arcadia Management Area, Burlingame Management Area and Big River Reservoir. The fall colors are so beautiful in the woods. I usually pedal between 1,000 to 2,000 miles each year.

NOTABLE CASE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

Marasco & Nesselbush is proud to represent injured and disabled clients throughout Rhode Island. Our goal is to provide our clients with the utmost care, respect and achieve extraordinary results. Recently, our Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice division has litigated a few cases resulting in millions of dollars for our deserving clients.

Some of our recently settled cases include:

- Confidential resolution reached in medical negligence death claim on behalf of family of 20 year-old. Defendants failed to obtain diagnostic testing and neglected to provide proper care in the emergency room. The insurance carrier for the hospital resolved the case after liability was established through litigation and our client’s well-credentialed experts were disclosed.
- \$100,000 recovery for two separate bicyclists. Each client received maximum policy limits resulting from a collision with obstacles after motorists negligently entered lane of travel. The Firm continues to pursue underinsured motorist recoveries for both clients
- \$115,000 recovery for the family of a wrongful death victim due to complications of treatment medications from a low-impact automobile accident. The recovery amount was limited by the liability insurance limits available.
- \$100,000 settlement for shoulder injuries sustained in auto accident. Defendant’s insurer strenuously defended case on liability and comparative fault basis. Ultimately, after sustained litigation, the policy limit is offered and accepted. The firm is currently pursuing underinsured motorist recovery.
- \$200,000 recovery exhausting defendant’s policy limits and underinsured motorist policy limits for auto accident victim who was forced to undergo spinal surgery.

If you, a loved one, or someone you know is injured or the victim of medical negligence, do not hesitate to call our office today for a free case evaluation.



M & N staff member Erika Maisen (pictured left) presents Amos House development director, Jessica Salter (pictured right), with basket of hygienic items.

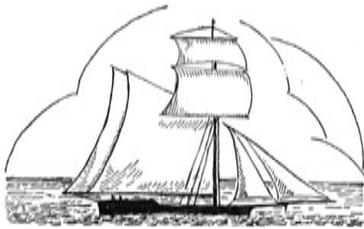
Recently, a staff member heard that Amos House, a local non-profit social services agency, had a need for basic toiletries during the busy and warm summer months.

MARASCO & NESSELBUSH Staff makes Donation to Amos House

Compelled to help, the Marasco & Nesselbush staff brought in over a hundred new bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors and various other hygiene products for the clients of Amos House. We are proud of our staff's commitment to serve our community.

Amos House provides hospitality and direct services for the homeless and poor in Rhode Island. Focusing on those who are hungry, poor, or in crisis, Amos House strives daily to provide the tools

necessary to build a better life. Like many organizations that service those in need, the demand for essentials has no season. Summer is often a time of shortage of hygiene products due to higher usage and demand. Looking at the basket of goods, Amos House Development Director, Jessica Salter, smiled and said, "These items are so valuable to the various clients we serve. We cannot thank the Marasco & Nesselbush staff enough for their support. Our clients will be truly grateful."



**"A ship in the harbor is safe, but
that is not what ships are built for."**

~ WILLIAM SHEDO

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY Bus Safety- continued from page 1

- ✎ Have children put all items in a backpack to prevent dropping items along the way;
- ✎ Warn children that, if they drop something, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions. If they bend over to pick up a dropped object, they might not be seen by the driver and could be hurt if the driver pulls away from the stop;
- ✎ Encourage safety in numbers. If your child is younger, walk them to the bus stop and have older children walk in groups. Larger groups are easier for drivers to see;
- ✎ Ensure children completely check for traffic – stopping to look left, right and left again if the child must cross the street;
- ✎ Teach your children to secure loose drawstrings and other objects that may get caught in the handrail or door of the bus as they are exiting;
- ✎ Urge children to leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive safely before the bus appears;
- ✎ If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the same side where the child is dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

As drivers, a few extra seconds of precaution can prevent major accidents. When driving in neighborhoods and school zones, stay alert for young people who may dart into the street without looking. Children can often be distracted and not thinking about safety. Often, careful driving and alertness can be the difference in causing an accident or preventing one.



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In May, 2012 Attorney Marasco and Associate Attorney Wessling presented two *Food for Thought* seminars for members of the Rhode Island Bar Association. These lunchtime trainings, held in Wakefield and Providence, attracted about 45 attorneys and offered Continuing Legal Education credits to lawyers.

Finally, on May 21, 2012 partners Joe Marasco and Donna Nesselbush presented a full-day seminar for the National Business Institute entitled "Social Security Disability Boot Camp." Joe and Donna presented participating attorneys with complete information regarding the Social Security disability determination process from intake to adjudication, including legal terminology, applicable law and SSRs (Social Security Rulings), and the relationship between Worker's Compensation and Social Security. Associate Attorney Jennifer L. Belanger helped to prepare the curriculum and attended the seminar.

Our Legal Assistants Team



We are very proud of our legal assistants and paralegals. We have chosen them because of their intelligence, skills and abilities, attention to detail, and ability to help win cases. If you are changing addresses, health insurers, doctors or phone numbers, or if you are going back to work, please contact your legal assistant. All of them can be reached at (401) 274-7400, or by e-mail.

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