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Getting Injuries Paid For After An Uber or Lyft Accident Can Be Complicated Without An Attorney's Help

While Uber and Lyft have become a convenient way of finding on-demand transportation, ride-sharing services have been linked to a rise in traffic fatalities since its conception in 2009.

When an accident happens in an Uber or other ride-share vehicle like a shuttle or taxi, it can be extremely difficult to figure out who is going to pay for your injuries. There are usually multiple insurance companies and trying to locate a police report when you may not even know where you are can seem next to impossible.

On top of that, to successfully prove an Uber or taxi driver's negligence, a claimant must establish the following:

- **The defendant driver owed a duty of care to the plaintiff**
- **The ride-share driver breached their duty of care**
- **Their breach of duty directly caused the plaintiff's injuries**
- **The plaintiff suffered actual harm or loss as a result**

What does this all mean? Basically, it's up to the injured person to prove that he or she did not cause the accident, that the accident caused the passenger's injuries, and that the injuries were significant enough to result in medical bills.

It sounds simple, but the amount of paperwork and communication involved can be steep, on top of trying to figure out which insurance company is going to pay for the cost of medical treatment, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

If you were injured in an accident in any type of ride-share vehicle, even if it didn't happen in New York, contact us and we can help you. The most important thing to remember is never to sign any paperwork from an insurance company or the ride-share company without first speaking to an attorney. We'd be happy to review your case – for free – to make sure you are protected.

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Legacy Lessons: When Working At A Young Age Meant More Than Just Pocket Money

At 14, I started delivering Newsday and The Long Island Press. There was simply no question that I had to work. No work simply meant no money. I'm not talking about discretionary stuff like hanging out with friends or some fad like CB radios (remember those?); I mean clothes for school, haircuts, and other necessities. I worked and so did my friends. It was never difficult to wake up in the morning and whatever I made was mine to do with as I please. So, if I wanted a pair of jeans or a shirt, I would hop on the bus to Kings Plaza and head to "Just Shirts" or some other store of the day.

My friend Mike Auerbach and I worked in a fish store where we were treated like dogs, but we worked any time we could. My friend Larry Giordonello and I once waited all night standing in front of a church with a hundred other kids to get a summer job, but we got it! It was painting adult diaper rooms in a nursing home, but we were thankful to be chosen. Tough job, but at the end of the summer we had enough money to go to Disney, so we were thrilled. I've worked at the Christmas Trim a Tree department at Macy's and the linen department as well. I've worked as a busboy at the Washington Hotel 12 hours straight and got \$1.80 an hour. Not bad, huh? No regrets here.

Mom took care of the home for as long as she could and strongly encouraged working. Grandma worked as a seamstress and always loved what she did. You don't have to work for a charity or saving lives on a daily basis to find significance in the job. It doesn't matter what you do, every job has value and significance and while it may not be easily measured by numbers, it is measured in every heart and soul of all people doing that job. What job stands out in your life? How did your first jobs change your outlook on life? Send your story to goldstein@eglaw.com or share it on our Facebook page, @longislandlawyers.



Neal & co-worker

Recipe of the Month Puff Pastry Chicken Pot Pie

With fall right around the corner, this dish is perfect for the cooler evenings. This version saves time with puff pastry instead of typical pie dough and tastes even better!

Ingredients

- 1 package frozen puff pastry (17.3oz)
- 2 lbs cooked chicken breast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat and sauté onion until tender, 5-7 minutes. Add garlic, cook one minute longer. Stir in flour until blended; cook and stir one minute. Gradually stir in broth and cream. Bring to a boil, stirring

constantly, until thickened, about two minutes.

3. Stir in vegetables, lemon juice, chicken, salt and pepper; return to a boil. Transfer to a greased 2-quart baking dish. Top with puff pastry, trimming to fit.

4. Bake uncovered until bubbly and golden brown, 45-55 minutes. Let sit for 15 minutes before serving. Enjoy!



Goldstein & Bashner To Sponsor Bike MS New York City In Honor of Shirley Goldstein



Goldstein & Bashner is excited to take part in the Bike MS this year that will be held on October 20th, 2019. The bike ride through New York City helps those affected by multiple sclerosis and their families.

Besides helping people with MS, the National MS Society raises funds research into the disease and potential cures. This organization is the largest contributor to MS research in the world.

Through spreading awareness of the disease and providing access to medical care so desperately needed, we can take one step closer to finding a cure for MS together. We are excited to work with Bike MS as this is a cause near and dear to our hearts.

“Multiple sclerosis really hits home for me,” Attorney Neal Goldstein said. “I watched my mother’s health decline throughout my childhood as she battled MS and her disease changed the trajectory of our entire family’s lives. Helping the National MS Society is one small way I can pay tribute to her and honor the fight she fought each day.”

Bike MS NYC will be held on Sunday, October 20th and will start at 7am at 711 West 54th Street and the West Side Highway in Manhattan.

To show your support for Bike MS you can register for the event, which is available online all the way up until the event (note that the registration price increases as you get closer to the ride). There is a fee to register for the ride and there is a \$200 fundraising minimum. If you can’t attend the event, there is also an option to register as a virtual cyclist!

For more information on registration, please visit eglaw.com/-bike-ms-new-york-city-2019 or type “Bike MS” in the search bar.



Neal's late mother, Shirley

Remember When: Having Fun In Long Island Meant Getting Out Of The House

Back before streaming movies and video games, people loved to get out of the house in order to have fun. Roller skating, go-kart racing, and relaxing with friends at the park always beat being inside, even if the weather was less than ideal. What was your favorite activity to do growing up?



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RAVING FAN OF THE MONTH

“The staff at Goldstein and Bashner make you feel like family. They really look out for you. They exceeded my expectations and fought to get me the best possible outcome.

Thank you, Mr. Bashner, Mr. Goldstein, Steffany, Maureen, Gail and the rest of the staff for all you guys did for me.”

- Cadratela



Case of Interest - Neighbor Dispute Results in Big Win for Our Client

Our client was a 62-year-old woman who was having issues with her neighbors. They had created a homemade gate to help keep their children and dog in their yard, but the gate blocked our client’s access to her own driveway and garage. When she went to the neighbors to talk about it, the discussion quickly escalated into a heated argument with pushing and yelling. The neighbor slammed the gate closed on our client’s hand, causing serious damage. The injury resulted in Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as RSD, a condition that is common after a serious injury. Two years of physical therapy was required, twice a week. In addition to the physical injuries, she has dealt with harassment and threats from this neighbor. “You’re dealing with all young people here and you have no idea who you are dealing with,” the neighbor allegedly screamed to our client. We told the neighbor’s lawyers we were going to need depositions from everyone and were prepared to take the case to trial. We collected strong evidence to bolster our case. The lawyers ultimately negotiated with us for the money we knew our client deserved.

Our client was extremely happy with the outcome and wrote us a note, “From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for all the hard work, hours and years you put into my case and believed in me. Your professionalism, dedication, efforts and patience are much appreciated. I am so happy I chose you as my lawyer.”

