

## **RECENT CASES:**

### **SANITATION WORKER WINS \$5.1 MILLION FOR SLIP AND FALL IN GARAGE**

Sanitation worker slipped and fell on grease due to a downed truck at the Brooklyn South 10 garage. As a result, he sustained a knee injury which eventually required knee replacement. He never returned to work. The City of New York offered \$500,000 to settle, however, a trial was held and a Brooklyn jury awarded him \$5.1 million dollars.

### **SANITATION WORKER WINS RIGHT TO SUE THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Sanitation worker, Christian Coppola, was riding the back step of his sanitation collection truck when it hit a pothole and caused Coppola to fall off the back. He sustained head injuries including a fractured skull. Unfortunately, he didn't file a Notice of Claim with the City within 90 days and risked barring his chances from suing the City. Our office commenced a special proceeding in Supreme Court and won his right to sue for injuries he sustained

### **STUDENT FRACTURES ARM PLAYING INDOOR FOOTBALL, GETS \$250,000.00**

A young student was forced to play indoor touch football at P.S. 238 in Brooklyn with unprotected brick walls near the "end-zone". Our client caught the ball and struck the wall causing a severe fracture of her elbow requiring surgery. She lost several weeks from work. The matter was successfully settled for \$250,000.

### **PEDESTRIAN STRUCK IN CROSSWALK, FRACTURES LEG, GETS \$200,000.00.**

A 35 year old man, with down-syndrome, was struck in the crosswalk by a van which left the scene. As a result, he sustained a fracture of his lower leg but eventually recovered with no subsequent problems. Following extensive litigation, the matter was successfully settled for \$200,000.

### **SANITATION SUPERVISOR LOST 4 MONTHS DUE TO CAR ACCIDENT ON THE JOB AND GETS \$4,751 FROM COMPTROLLER!**

Sanitation Supervisor was involved in a Line of Duty motor vehicle accident. Our office promptly filed for NYS no-fault benefits with the NYC Comptroller's office for lost overtime, chart days, holidays, etc. He returned to work after 4 months and the Comptroller's office issued our client a check for \$4,751.00. **Remember: You must file for no-fault benefits within 30 days of your accident.**

### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

☞ **World Trade Center Presumptive Disability Bill: If you qualify for receiving benefits under this bill, you MUST file a Notice of Intention by 6/13/07 with NYCERS. Forms are available at [www.nycers.org](http://www.nycers.org)**

☞ **IF YOU WERE INJURED AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK IS RESPONSIBLE IN ANY MANNER, YOU MUST FILE A NOTICE OF CLAIM WITHIN 90 DAYS.**

☞ **YOU HAVE 2 YEARS FROM DATE OF YOUR L.O.D.I. TO FILE FOR AN ACCIDENT DISABILITY PENSION WITH NYCERS.**

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