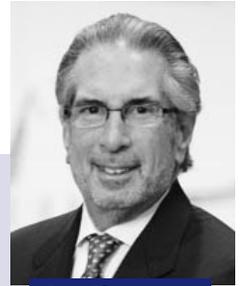


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Exciting things are happening *A message from the Managing Partner*



Ira Sherman

Springtime is the time of renewal, and it provides a sense of excitement. No matter how many years we have seen the cherry blossoms, tulips, or azaleas bloom and show their beautiful colors, we eagerly anticipate the spring and the opportunity to see them again. When they are in bloom, it is as if we have never seen them as beautiful as they are now. Invariably, we all express the sentiment “look how beautiful those flowers are.”

The excitement of spring also provides other changes. We are very proud at **Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C.** (CSCS) for all of the wonderful changes that have taken place here. All three partners—**Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, and Allan M. Siegel**—have been included in the 2012 *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers* publication. We invite you to stop by to view our “Wall of Honor,” which contains the many plaques showing the partners’ selection as Super Lawyers, Top 100 Trial Lawyers from the National Trial Lawyers Association, and *Washingtonian Magazine* awards for excellence.

We have also recently successfully completed several noteworthy cases. For instance, we have successfully resolved the case of the gentleman who unfortunately perished in the metro crash. We hope that you will take the time to view our website and see our “Current Cases” and “In the News” sections.

On behalf of everyone at CSCS, we hope you all had a wonderful Easter and Passover holiday and that your springtime brings you joy, peace, and happiness.

\$1 million policy limits obtained from dump truck company

Our client was riding his bike in Washington, D.C., when a dump truck driver negligently caused his dump truck to run over our client, causing serious bodily injury. Our client was travelling with the right of way, with a green traffic signal, and the dump truck was stopped at a red traffic signal. The dump truck made a “right on red.” As a result of this collision, our client suffered multiple fractures requiring surgery and extensive rehabilitation.

The truck driver adamantly contended that our client was at fault and that our client drove his bike into the side of the dump truck. The law firm located and secured the testimony of an independent witness who confirmed our client’s version of the collision.

Fueled with this testimony, the case settled with the truck driver’s insurance company paying its policy limits of \$1 million.

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All three partners selected to be included in 2012 publication of *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers*

Super Lawyers

For a second consecutive year, partners **Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, and Allan M. Siegel** were all selected to be included in the *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers* publication. In addition, for the first time, partner Joseph Cammarata was named to the "Top 100" list. The partners were featured in the April 29, 2012, edition of *The Washington Post Magazine* in recognition of this honor.

Super Lawyers Magazine limits their list to 5 percent of the top attorneys in the Washington, D.C., area. They use a rigorous rating process, which includes peer nominations and evaluations, and third-party research. The magazine evaluates each candidate on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. The objective of the magazine is to create a list of outstanding lawyers that can be used as a resource for attorneys and consumers searching for lawyers.

The law firm of **Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C.**, is also in an elite group of law firms in which all three practicing partners were named to the list. We are very proud of this achievement.

June 22, 2009 Metro crash case settles

The law firm represented the family of Dennis Hawkins, one of the men who lost his life in the June 22, 2009 Metro crash. The crash occurred on the Red Line, near the Fort Totten Metro station, when one train failed to stop and struck the rear of another train. The crash was the deadliest crash in Metro history, killing 9 people and resulting in injuries to at least 70 to 80 people.

Despite what appeared to be a clear case of negligence, the defendants in the lawsuit, which included Metro, two part manufacturers, and the company that created the alarm system for Metro, aggressively litigated the case, all attempting to shift blame for the crash. As a result of these tactics, the innocent victims of this crash, such as the families who lost loved ones and the other injured parties, had to endure years of litigation, without compensation.

Mr. Hawkins was 64 when he was killed. He was beloved by family, friends, and coworkers, over a thousand of whom attended his funeral. He was an administrative aide at Whittier Education Campus in Northwest Washington. On the day of the crash, he had just left the school and was on his way to teach vacation Bible school at church when the crash occurred. It is believed that Mr. Hawkins was reading his black, leather-bound Bible at the time of the crash, which was found at the crash scene. The Whittier School where Mr. Hawkins mentored teachers, students, and staff members dedicated its library in his honor, and now has a plaque commemorating him on a wall outside the library.

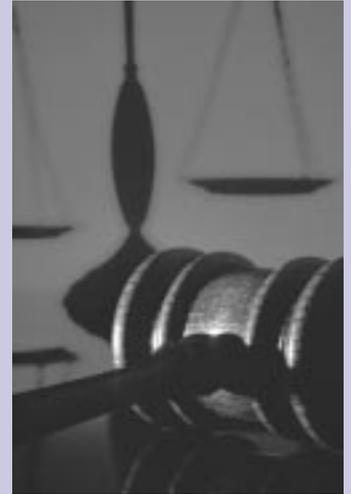
The amount and the terms of the settlement are confidential. Two of the death cases and two of the injury cases are still pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The trials are scheduled for October.

Law firm obtains \$825,000 settlement from tow truck company

Our 67-year-old client was driving his minivan when it was struck by a tow truck whose driver failed to yield the right of way and turned left in front of our client's vehicle. As a result of the collision, our client suffered extensive injuries and damages, including an injury to his hip which, after a failed surgery, required a hip replacement.

The law firm filed suit against the tow truck company and its driver. Partner **Joseph Cammarata** identified the losses and damages suffered by our client and his wife, and presented them to the attorney for the tow truck driver and the tow truck company, which led to settlement discussions.

Following two rounds of mediation before a retired judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the case settled for \$825,000.



Pedestrian struck by bus suffers brain injury

Our client was crossing a street in D.C. in a crosswalk when he was struck by a bus. As a result of the collision, our client suffered a traumatic brain injury, which negatively affected his ability to process information.

As a result of his brain injury, he lost his job at a local nonprofit organization, where he had been employed for over 10 years.

Our client had significant preexisting medical conditions, such as recurrent sinusitis, which required extensive medical care; he was also blind in one eye and visually impaired in the other. Our client's internist believed it was these medical conditions which prevented our client from continuing to work.

Despite the internist's opinion, and after conducting discovery, partner Joseph Cammarata was able to win a confidential six-figure settlement for our client.



Insurance company pays full policy limits of \$250,000

Our client was driving his car in Fairfax County, Va., when he was struck in the rear by another car. Our client had played football in high school and had suffered a herniated disk in his neck, but had recovered, without surgery, and had not had any problems since that time. After the collision, he was diagnosed with a second herniated disk in his neck, and it was found that his old football injury was aggravated. He had to have a multiple-level disk surgery to repair the damage.

Partner **Allan M. Siegel** filed a lawsuit against the wrongdoer. The defendant argued that she should not be responsible for the surgery, since our client had a preexisting injury. Ultimately, the insurance company paid its full policy limits of \$250,000 to settle the case.



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CSCS Ethiopian Heritage College Scholarship update on past winners

We are very proud to have awarded scholarships to three successful applicants for the Ethiopian Heritage College Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who has been accepted to a two- or four-year college and other criteria which can be found on our website.

The first of the awardees entered the University of Maryland three years ago and is successfully completing her course study in political science. The second awardee is attending Princeton and is completing her second year. She was invited to return to the National Institutes of Health for an internship this summer after successfully completing an internship there last summer. The most recent awardee is a freshman at Harvard and has performed exceedingly well so far.

We are seeking applicants for the 2012 scholarship award. If you have a family member who is a senior in high school and is applying to college, please encourage them to visit our Web site and apply for this financial aid provided by the law firm.



Partner Joseph Cammarata speaks as legal expert on Fox News affiliate

Many of you may have recently seen **Mr. Cammarata** on television. He has regularly appeared on the Fox News affiliate for Washington, D.C., providing his views, as a prominent trial attorney, on legal matters of interest. He has spoken about matters such as the allegations of sexual harassment against Herman Cain, the legal and insurance issues involved in the unexplained disappearance of Robyn Gardner in Aruba, the Penn State sexual-abuse scandal, and evidentiary issues involved in the murder trial involving George Huguely, who was recently convicted for the death of his former girlfriend, Yeardley Love.

