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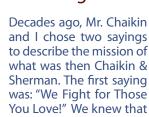
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A message from Managing Partner Ira Sherman



our first obligation was to pursue justice for our clients and we dedicated ourselves to creatively and aggressively fighting for each and every client, whether the injury was profound and permanent or one from which our client would recover. And, although we always try to resolve every case without having to file a lawsuit, when it is necessary to go to court to seek just compensation, then we have a second saying that identifies our ability and commitment. That statement is "The Courtroom is our Battleground." From the day you become a client of this law firm you have a team dedicated to assisting you and getting a fair and just result whether by winning a settlement or a trial!

We have a proven track record of our successes in the courtroom that spans decades. But the last few years have been particularly outstanding. In 2019 Mr. Cammarata received a \$35 million verdict in a medical malpractice case in Virginia. (Unfortunately, the law of Virginia limited the recovery to \$2.2 million) More recently, Mr. Siegel won a verdict of \$17.1 million in a medical malpractice case in the District of Columbia. Of course, not every case has a catastrophic injury. Attorneys Allan M. Siegel and Stephen Ollar received an award of \$700,000 in a case involving an assault and battery. Mr. Cammarata has won two settlements in excess of a million dollars in cases resulting from automobile collisions. We are equally proud of the consistently excellent results Attorney Stephen Ollar has received in cases where the client recovered from their injuries. Mr. Ollar has received many verdicts in the District Court of Maryland that far exceed the offer made by the insurance carrier. He certainly fights for those you love and is a warrior in the courtroom.

We are proud that other personal injury lawyers and attorney rating services continue to recognize the exceptional quality of lawyering that we have provided at Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. For the 13th year in a row, all three partners, Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, and Allan M. Siegel, were named "Super Lawyers," and attorney Stephen Ollar was again listed as a "Rising Star" within the legal community of personal injury lawyers. Joseph Cammarata and Allan M. Siegel have achieved the extraordinary distinction of being named two of the top 100 lawyers in the metropolitan DC area by Super Lawyers. All three partners also continue to receive "AV Preeminent" ratings from the esteemed attorney rating company, Martindale-Hubbell.

Other examples of the esteem in which we are held by our peers is shown by the fact that Joseph Cammarata just completed his term of Chairman of the American Association for Justice's (AAJ) Brain Injury Litigation Group—which is a group of highly skilled lawyers across the country that focus on representing individuals with a traumatic brain injury. Allan M. Siegel has recently been elected Chairman of the Bus Litigation Group, and he continues to serve on the Board of Governors of both AAJ's Trucking Litigation Group and the Brain Injury Litigation Group.

We have occupied the "Law Building" at 1232 17th Street, N.W., since the late 1970s. While it is fun to look back, it is also fun to look forward. We have a very special chemistry at our law firm, and we intend to keep going for many years to come. With that in mind, we decided that it was time to refresh and redecorate our offices. Led by Mr. Cammarata's daughter, Diana, a superb interior designer, the office will soon have a newly redecorated reception area, fresh paint on all the walls, and new carpet in most of the common areas. When the job is done, you will receive an invitation to stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee, get a tour of the building, and walk away with some special Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. mementos!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, Allan M. Siegel and Stephen Ollar all Receive 2023 Super Lawyers'® Awards









The 2023 Washington DC Super Lawyers® annual list was recently released. Super Lawyers® does an annual survey every year that rates the top lawyers in every state and Washington, D.C.

This is the 13th consecutive year that Partners Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, and Allan M. Siegel have been named Super Lawyers®. We are also proud to announce that Associate Stephen Ollar was named, for the second consecutive year, as a Rising Star.

Partners Joseph Cammarata and Allan M. Siegel both made the Washington, D.C. Top 100 list for the 5th consecutive year. Partners Cammarata & Siegel were 2 of only 9 personal injury lawyers to make the Top 100 list. Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. was one of only two personal injury law firms with two lawyers named on the Top 100 list.

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Partner Joseph Cammarata Wins Two Settlements Totaling \$3.1 Million Dollars

Partner **Joseph Cammarata** was successful in obtaining two settlements in cases involving serious permanent injuries.

One case involved a member of the U.S. military, now age 45, who was sideswiped as he was riding his motorcycle on Interstate 395, near the Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia. As a result of the collision, our client suffered, among other things, a traumatic brain injury, an injury to his foot requiring multiple surgeries, an amputation of his big toe, and complex regional pain syndrome. Due to his injuries, he was forced to take a disability retirement.

The law firm took over the case from another attorney. When the law firm took over the case the insurance company had offered \$60,000. Partner Joseph Cammarata, along with associate Stephen Ollar, vigorously litigated the case and were successful in winning a settlement in which the insurance company paid all the available insurance of \$1,300,000.

The second case involved a woman, now age 27, who was riding her bike in Arlington County, Virginia, when a car appeared from a side street and violently struck our client's bicycle, propelling her across the roadway.

As a result of the collision, our client suffered, among other things, a traumatic brain injury and hip and pelvic fractures requiring multiple surgeries. Our client was an avid rock-climbing enthusiast and cyclist. The injuries from the collision had a significant impact on her enjoyment of everyday life. After extensively documenting the nature and extent of our client's injuries and damages during litigation of the case, Partner Joseph Cammarata was successful in winning a settlement of the case in the amount of \$1,800,000.

Partner Allan M. Siegel Elected Board of Governor of the American Association for Justice and Chairman of the Bus Litigation Group

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) is a national organization of lawyers devoted to promoting justice and fairness for injured persons, safeguarding victims' rights — particularly the right to trial by jury — and strengthening the civil justice system. Partners **Ira Sherman**, **Joseph Cammarata**, and **Allan M. Siegel** have all served as Past President of the Trial Lawyers Association of Metropolitan Washington, DC, which is a local affiliate of AAJ. In addition, Chaikin Sherman Cammarata Siegel P.C is a member of AAJ's Leaders Forum.

Accordingly, it is with great pride that we announce that Mr. Siegel has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of AAJ. AAJ's Board of Governors is made up of some of the best trial lawyers in the country, whose experience is called upon to navigate and guide AAJ. This is the first time in the firm's long history that any of our lawyers have been elected to serve on AAJ's Board of Governors.

In addition, Mr. Siegel was elected as the Chairman of AAJ's Bus Litigation Group at the AAJ Summer Convention that took place in Philadelphia in July, 2023. In that role he will be leading a group of lawyers committed to getting justice for clients who were involved in bus crashes. Mr. Siegel has successfully handled many bus crashes involving DC Metro buses and other public transit buses, as well as private charter buses, and school buses. Congratulations to Mr. Siegel for his election to these two positions.



Allan M. Siegel and Stephen Ollar Win \$700,000 Arbitration Award in Assault and Battery Case

This case involved an assault that occurred at a private house party. The owner of the house hired the services of two individuals to act as private security for the party. Although the party was scheduled to end much later in the evening, the owner of the house abruptly ended the party and instructed his security personnel to immediately clear the residence of all the guests. As our client was leaving, he paused in the foyer to wait for his Uber. The two men providing security insisted that he leave immediately. When he tried to explain that he was a friend of the homeowner, and that his Uber was on its way, the two men violently tackled our client, slamming him face first onto the hardwood floor of the adjoining living room knocking him unconscious. The two assailants then carried our client outside and dumped him on the front lawn. Our client suffered, among other things, two broken wrists, and fractures to the orbital and cheek bones in his face. Partner **Allan M. Siegel** and **Stephen Ollar** filed a civil lawsuit in Superior Court of the District of Columbia against both assailants, and the homeowner.

We claimed that the two men providing security were acting on behalf of the homeowner as security or "bouncers," when they injured our client. The homeowner claimed that the two men were "greeters" and that he should not be responsible for their actions because it was not foreseeable that these "greeters" could have inflicted harm on his guests. To make matters worse, one of the assaulters was charged criminally, but was acquitted by a Judge in the criminal trial. The law firm was not involved in the criminal prosecution, but it was nonetheless very frustrating that the Judge found the assaulter not criminally responsible for this heinous act.

The parties agreed to forego a jury trial, and agreed to submit the case to binding arbitration. Binding arbitration is a proceeding where the parties submit all the evidence to a mutually selected neutral party, who then decides the contested issues. The arbitrator's decision is binding, and neither party is allowed to appeal. In this case, the parties agreed to use a retired judge who had previously served as the Chief of the Civil Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the arbitrator. Following submission, and consideration of all the evidence, the arbitrator found in our client's favor and we secured a \$700.000 award for the client.

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Partner Joseph Cammarata Ends His Term as Chairman of National Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group



In recognition of Mr. Cammarata's career of advocating and litigating on behalf of individuals with brain injury, in July 2022, Partner **Joseph Cammarata** was elected to serve a one-year term as Chairman of the Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice, which is a national trial lawyers' organization.

Among his accomplishments during his tenure, Mr. Cammarata was able to create a membership program for less experienced trial lawyers, launch a website to increase communication among the members, work to increase diversity in the membership, and expand the sharing of resources among members.

We congratulate Mr. Cammarata for a successful year as Chairman.





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Employee Spotlight



Pam Frye and Sandra Tome Celebrate Their 10th Anniversary at the Law Firm

We are proud to celebrate two extraordinary employees who are celebrating their 10th anniversary with the firm.

Pam Frye has worked as Partner Allan M. Siegel's legal assistant for 10 years. She started at the firm as a temporary employee, but as soon as Mr. Siegel started working with her, he knew she was special.

Sandra Tome is a Claims Assistant and is an invaluable asset to our clients in the beginning of their cases. She works closely with Managing Partner Ira Sherman, and Case Managers Melonie Mills and Tira Barnes to make sure each client's case proceeds smoothly.

Both Sandra and Pam have been integral members of our team over the years, and we look forward to many more years with them.