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Ira Sherman

We Love Our Clients and We're Always Happy to Talk or Meet

A message from Managing Partner Ira Sherman

At Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C., our commitment has always been to provide personal attention to each of our clients. We are a firm that provides direct hands-on representation from experienced partners and not layers of distant case managers or lawyers. We do not currently have—and never had—TV commercials. We do not say, “If you have a phone, you have a lawyer.” Instead, we focus on our reputation, built by decades of personal relationships and successful performance. You do not just have a lawyer; you will have a group of lawyers nationally and locally recognized with the highest “AV Preeminent” rating available by the lawyer rating service Martindale-Hubbell. We emphasize the recognition we receive from national, as well as local, organizations. For instance, we have been selected as the “preferred attorneys” in the Washington, DC metro area by the Brain Injury Association of America because of our experience handling cases that involve traumatic brain injury. The named partners—Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, and Allan Siegel—have all been designated Washington, DC “Super Lawyers”, an honor that includes only 5% of all lawyers in each geographical region. Similarly, Washingtonian Magazine and Northern Virginia Magazine have, year after year, included our partners as “Top Lawyers” in personal injury litigation.

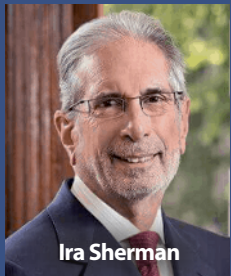
When you call Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, you don't just get any lawyer; you get individual attention by a partner-level attorney. We build relationships with our clients and understand the consequences and sacrifices that they now have to make because of an injury that is sustained due to the carelessness of others. Those who call Morgan & Morgan will not speak to John Morgan, the lawyer that you see most of the time during their advertisements. In fact, neither he nor any of his lawyer family members will actually serve as your counsel because they are licensed in Florida, not DC, Virginia, or Maryland. So, when seeking a lawyer for you, a loved one, or a dear friend, you can be certain that either Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata, Allan Siegel, or Stephen Ollar will be managing your case from the outset, and all the way through the litigation process if that becomes necessary. At Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, you are not a stranger calling in response to a TV ad; you are an individual that we fight for because we care about you and those you love. The courtroom is our battleground, and that is one of the reasons we have so many client testimonials on our website and positive Google reviews. Those are the people who serve as our advertisements. Those are the ones who have had a positive and successful result when they placed their trust in the lawyers at Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel.

Moreover, when your case concludes, our relationship does not end. We want to be your lawyers for life. We want to be the people you call about any legal problem knowing we will do the best we can to resolve the problem you present to us. So please, we love you all, and we are always happy to talk or meet with you.

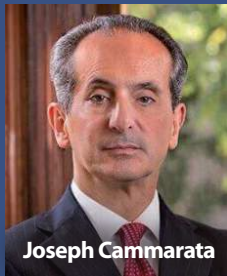
I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Law Firm Named a 2026 “Best Law Firm” and All 4 Partners Are Recognized by Best Lawyers®



Ira Sherman



Joseph Cammarata



Allan M. Siegel



Stephen Ollar

Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. (“CSCS”) has been named a “Best Law Firm” by *Best Lawyers*® for the seventh consecutive year. *Best Lawyers*® is the oldest and one of the most respected Purely Peer Review® companies performing lawyer and law firm ratings and evaluations. *Best Law Firms*® rankings highlight firms that have consistently demonstrated excellence in legal expertise and industry knowledge. Each firm included has been rigorously evaluated based on client feedback, peer recommendations, leadership interviews and the depth of their practice. The ratings they produce are a comprehensive guide for consumers seeking top-tier, respected and skilled legal counsel in the Washington DC Metropolitan area and throughout the country.

The 2026 ratings name CSCS a “Tier 1 Best Law Firm” for the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area in the following categories:

- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs

For a firm to even be eligible to receive a “Best Law Firm” rating, the firm must have at least one lawyer recognized in the current edition of *Best Lawyers*®. In 2026 **all 4 CSCS’ partners** were recognized in the 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers*®. The 2026 *Best Lawyers*® rankings name Partners **Ira Sherman, Joseph Cammarata** and **Allan M. Siegel** as “Best Lawyers.” Partner **Stephen Ollar** was named in the “Ones to Watch in America” list. *Best Lawyers*® “Ones to Watch List” says the list is “a celebration of acuity and brilliance displayed by the exceptional attorneys pioneering the profession into the next decade.”

Partner Joseph Cammarata Wins Settlement of \$1,250,000 for Rear-End Crash



Partner **Joseph Cammarata** successfully won a settlement of a rear-end car crash case in Warren County, Virginia.

Our client, a lawyer and a passionate photographer, was travelling near the Shenandoah Mountains to find a beautiful spot to photograph the Milky Way. She slowed down to turn into a parking lot when a driver took his eyes off the road to look at his phone or radio, and caused his vehicle to violently strike the rear of our client’s vehicle.

Our client suffered severe injuries, including a traumatic brain injury with brain bleeding; visual deficits (an inability to focus at close range, and double vision and blurring); and gait imbalance. The visual deficits made it difficult for our client to read short items; and it was exhausting and uncomfortable for her to read lengthy items or do prolonged work on a computer. As a lawyer and avid photographer, our client’s injuries had a significant negative impact on her professional and personal activities.

Mr. Cammarata filed suit in the Warren County Circuit Court. After engaging in extensive fact-finding and development of the client’s claim for damages, Mr. Cammarata was able to convince the wrongdoer’s insurance carriers, and our client’s own insurance carriers, to collectively settle the matter for the total amount of \$1,250,000.

Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. Will Be Featured in *Washingtonian Magazine* as the “Face of Personal Injury Law”

Every year *Washingtonian Magazine* highlights “The Faces of Washington.” The Magazine features one business in each industry. We are excited to announce that Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. is *Washingtonian*’s 2026 “Face of Personal Injury Law.” The magazine identifies Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. as an “Industry Icon” and a local business leader who is “making our region a better place to live.” The magazine will be on newsstands and online starting December 18, 2025.

Personal injury lawyers backed by more than 50 years of proven results and recognition.

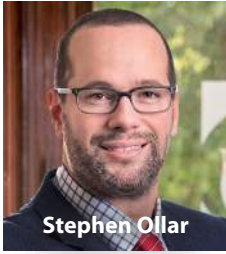
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Celebrating Two Courtroom Victories

Commitment to Excellence in Every Case



Partner **Stephen Ollar** had two recent trial verdicts that underscore a core principle of our practice: every case—large or small—receives the same level of meticulous preparation, zealous advocacy and unwavering dedication.

A Six-Figure Jury Verdict in Arlington County

In the first matter, a two-day jury trial in Arlington County, Virginia, Mr. Ollar represented a client when the insurance company refused to fairly compensate her for significant injuries and anticipated future surgical needs. The collision occurred when a driver abruptly pulled from a parking space and violently struck our client's vehicle.

Despite the insurance company's persistent undervaluation of the claim, Mr. Ollar's presentation of the medical evidence, expert testimony, and the client's long-term prognosis persuaded the jury to deliver a **\$175,000 verdict** — **exceeding the insurance company's offer by \$100,000.**

A Bench Trial Victory in Prince George's County

Mr. Ollar's second win came in a bench trial in

Prince George's County District Court, where he represented a father and son injured in an automobile collision. The father, a Metropolitan Police Department officer and longtime youth sports coach, suffered injuries that made fulfilling his professional responsibilities and participating in the youth team he cherished profoundly difficult. Stephen emphasized the human impact—how the injuries interfered with the officer's service to the community and, just as importantly, the emotional loss of not being able to be present and active with the young athletes he mentored. The Court awarded the father approximately \$22,000, **nearly \$10,000 more than the insurer company's last offer.**

The officer's son, who regularly assisted his father with the youth sports team and was also injured, received a **\$15,000** award, a result that exceeded expectations and reflected the seriousness of his experience.

These victories highlight Mr. Ollar's commitment to going to trial to obtain justice, and dedicating the same strategic precision, compassion and determination to every matter, whether the stakes involve a jury trial for a client who had permanent injuries, or a bench trial (heard by a Judge) for clients who had serious injuries but fully recovered.

Partner Allan M. Siegel Obtains Over \$1.9 Million Dollars in Premise Liability Cases in 2025



A premise liability case arises when an individual is injured as a result of a dangerous condition on a person's or business' property. It could also involve an injury that occurred on public land owned by the United

States, or a state, city or county government. Some examples include: ice that was not properly removed by a landowner; defective sidewalk or parking lot conditions; defective store displays; loose carpet in a public space; and failure to provide adequate handrails in violation of building codes. All of these examples are real cases that Partner **Allan M. Siegel** won settlements for in 2025. In fact, Mr. Siegel obtained over \$1.9 million dollars for people injured in premises liability cases in 2025.

These cases can be particularly challenging in Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia because all three places are governed by the law of contributory negligence in these cases. There are only 4 states (and the District of Columbia) that still apply this terrible law. (The other 2 states are North Carolina and Alabama) This means that if someone is injured in a premises liability case in Washington DC, Maryland or Virginia and if the property owner can prove that the injured party is even 1% at fault, then the injured party cannot recover. There

would be a very different outcome in the states that apply a law called comparative negligence. Comparative negligence laws usually allow a person who is injured to have some responsibility for the happening of the occurrence but usually reduces the amount recoverable by the percentage of fault. For example, in states that apply the law of comparative negligence, if the injured party was found 25% at fault, then they would still recover 75% of the verdict.

Because the law of contributory negligence can present such difficult challenges, many lawyers in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia will not take these cases. CSCS has always been willing to take these challenging cases and has been tremendously successful in getting fair recoveries for our clients, as demonstrated by Mr. Siegel's results in 2025.

This is particularly important as we approach winter. We always get calls when the weather turns cold. Snow storms, ice storms and freezing rain can cause sidewalks, parking lots and other walking surfaces to become difficult to navigate. In addition, days after a snow event or ice storm the snow or ice sometimes melts and refreezes on these walking surfaces, causing treacherous conditions which can be prevented. These cases often cause life altering injuries such as brain injuries, broken bones and spinal injuries. If you or a loved one is injured in any fall, please call our office for a free consultation.

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and those you love!*



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CSCS Welcomes Associate Justin Wood

We are excited to announce that **Justin Wood** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Since 2021, Justin has handled cases throughout the nation and brings with him a wide breadth of experience spanning five jurisdictions: Maryland, D.C., Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Prior to joining the team, Justin worked as a general practitioner, serving as lead counsel on cases across multiple legal fields—including personal injury, defamation, contract, business, probate, and family law. He has secured millions in settlements, obtained favorable trial judgments, and when necessary, successfully taken cases all the way through to appeal.

In 2024, he won a landmark victory for sexual assault survivors following a two-week defamation trial, and this favorable verdict was cited by The Guardian as a sign of hope for abuse survivors facing retaliation for speaking out. This victory is emblematic of his passion for client advocacy — he is not afraid to take risks and stand up against powerful actors to ensure that the law is applied fairly and equitably for everyone.

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A referral is the greatest professional compliment we can receive. If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who is in need of legal representation, please consider referring them to our firm. We will do our best to provide the highest possible level of service and deliver winning results.



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CSCS Celebrates Holiday Season

This year we all put our bowling shoes on to celebrate the holiday season at The CSCS Annual Holiday Party. Bragging rights go to Partner **Stephen Ollar**, who bowled a 149 and our receptionist Sharice Foxx for winning the trophy for the best holiday sweater! All of us here at CSCS wish all of our past and current clients, and their families, a happy holiday season.

