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Ira Sherman

The Importance of Jury Duty

A message from Managing Partner Ira Sherman

The jury system is a key element in the exercise of American democracy. On June 29, 2026, the Supreme Court of the United States refused to review a \$5 Million verdict rendered by a jury against the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. The verdict was a result of a sexual assault claim successfully brought against him by a woman named E. Jean Carroll. Ms. Carroll's lawyer, a lawyer specializing in personal injury, just like those at Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C., represented Ms. Carroll against Mr. Trump and pursued her allegation that she was sexually assaulted in a dressing room in a department store in New York.

After hearing all the evidence, the jury awarded \$5 million. The President appealed the \$5 million verdict and when he lost at the appellate court, he again appealed, this time to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court let the \$5 million verdict against the President stand. They refused to review or modify the verdict. Another court refused President Trump's request to delay the payment of the \$5 million verdict plus approximately \$800,000 in interest.

Our participation in democracy is never as dramatic, and important, as it is when sitting on a jury. As a member of a jury, your vote is one of at least six or, at most, one of twelve members of the jury. Your vote, in that circumstance, and your influence on others on the jury rendering their votes, determines the kind of society we will live in in this democracy. That the Supreme Court refused to alter the decision of a jury, even in a case against the President of the United States, demonstrates the power that each of you assert as our client to obtain justice in the form of compensation. The lawyers at CSCS take pride in the fact that we go to work every day, knowing that our participation in the jury system supports our democracy in a unique way.

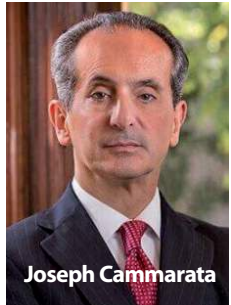
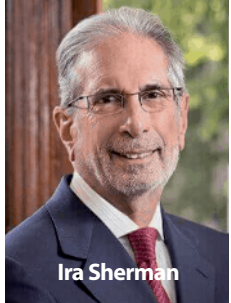
On another note, after the jury rendered its verdict against Donald J. Trump, he publicly accused Ms. Carroll of making a false claim – despite the jury verdict. Ms. Carroll filed another lawsuit against the President. This time, the claim was for defamation – which means damage to her reputation for being truthful. The jury awarded approximately \$83 million to compensate Ms. Carroll for the defamation and diminution in her reputation. That verdict has been upheld by the Court of Appeals of New York but has not yet reached the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court considers this case, it will be next year, and I will be sure to keep you informed of the result of that case.

Many of you will recall that Mr. Cammarata and I pursued a defamation claim against Mr. Bill Cosby on behalf of 7 women who alleged that he defamed them when he said they were lying that he sexually assaulted or abused them. Although the terms of the resolution of that case are confidential, all parties were satisfied with the result.

I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that my partner, Joseph Cammarata, in 1997, successfully sued President Clinton for sexual assault against his client, Paula Jones. President Clinton claimed that he could not be sued while in office, but a unanimous Supreme Court decided that everyone, including the President of the United States, is responsible for their negligent or intentional acts that cause injury to another. Undoubtedly, Mr. Cammarata's Supreme Court decision served as a reminder to the present Court of the propriety of ruling against, or refusing to review a verdict entered against, the President of the United States when it is clear that it is the appropriate thing to do. We are a government of laws, not of people.

I wish everyone a safe and fun summer.

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Partner Joseph Cammarata Selected to 2026 Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame

Partner **Joseph Cammarata** was selected to the 2026 Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

The Hall of Fame recognizes accomplished attorneys who have made a lasting mark on the legal profession, the development of the law, and the improvement of the quality of justice in Virginia.

For over 40 years, Mr. Cammarata has been dedicated to the pursuit of justice, and fierce advocacy for the injured. He secured a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision, obtained tens of millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for injured clients and families, led the effort to reform Virginia's medical malpractice cap, and authored legislation to protect youth athletes from concussion.

Mr. Cammarata is an active leader in the community. He co-founded the Brain Injury Association of D.C., serves on the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Water Authority, and the Workhouse Arts Center, and spent years working on criminal justice and youth violence prevention initiatives in northern Virginia.

Congratulations to Mr. Cammarata for this well-deserved honor!

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

OVER \$1 BILLION RECOVERED

CSCS Wins \$780,000 Settlement for Two Passengers

Partner **Allan M. Siegel** represented two clients who were passengers in a vehicle that was struck by a vehicle being driven by a drunk driver. The drunk driver crossed over to the wrong side of the road, and struck our clients' vehicle head-on, causing serious injuries to both of our clients.

The drunk driver was charged and convicted for her role in the crash and was serving jail time when Mr. Siegel filed the lawsuit. Unfortunately, the drunk driver had a minimum limits insurance policy, which only provided insurance limits of \$30,000 per person and \$60,000 per incident.

Many law firms would have counseled their clients to accept the available insurance limits from the clearly at fault party. However, Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel's investigation revealed that the driver of our clients' vehicle had an opportunity to avoid the drunk driver's vehicle. In fact, there was a witness traveling in the same direction as our clients' vehicle which saw the oncoming vehicle and pulled over. However, the driver of our clients' vehicle was looking at her cell phone and therefore did not see the car coming in the wrong direction until it was too late to react. Mr. Siegel retained an accident reconstruction expert who provided an opinion that our clients' driver could have avoided the crash had she been paying attention.

There can be more than one cause of an accident, so even though our clients' driver was on the correct side of the roadway and was confronted with a clearly reckless and intoxicated driver, Mr. Siegel was able to demonstrate by relying on the eyewitness statement and the expert's opinion that our clients' driver contributed to the collision. The case settled for \$780,000.



Partner Allan M. Siegel Elected to Multiple Leadership Positions at AAJ's Summer Convention in Chicago

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) is a national organization which aims to promote justice and fairness for injured individuals and safeguard their right to a trial by jury. AAJ's main purpose is to ensure that everyday citizens can hold powerful corporations, insurance companies, and government entities accountable in a court of law. AAJ supports the lawyers who represent victims of negligence or other wrongdoing, ensuring that ordinary individuals have a fair shot at justice.

AAJ has Litigation Groups which provide support for lawyers in specific areas of the law. The lawyers at Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. have long history of leading these national litigation groups. In the past, Partner Ira Sherman was the Chairman of the Cyanoacrylate Litigation Group; Partner Joseph Cammarata was the Chairman of the Brain Injury Litigation Group; and Partner Allan M. Siegel was the Chairman of the Bus Litigation Group.

That history is continuing. At the AAJ Summer Convention in Chicago, Partner Allan M. Siegel was elected to the following leadership positions:

1. Chair of the Distracted Driving Litigation Group
2. Vice Chair of the Trucking Litigation Group
3. Chair-Elect of the Rideshare Litigation Group
4. Secretary of the Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group.

Mr. Siegel also currently serves on AAJ's Board of Governors and the Board of AAJ's National College of Advocacy.

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Partner Allan M. Siegel Invited to Serve on the Faculty at the AAJ's First Traumatic Brain Injury College



Allan M. Siegel

Partner **Allan M. Siegel** was invited to serve on the faculty of AAJ's first Traumatic Brain Injury College which took place in California. He lectured on Opening Statements in Traumatic Brain Injury Cases. He also led workshops attended by attorneys from across the country, teaching them how to litigate and win cases involving traumatic brain injuries.

Mr. Siegel has been handling cases involving brain injuries for over 30 years and enjoys sharing his knowledge and experience to help improve advocacy for this vulnerable population.

