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Polito & Quinn selected "Super Lawyers"

Michael and Bert are pleased to have been selected by their peers as "Super Lawyers" in the area of personal injury law.

This year, the publishers of *Connecticut Magazine* and *Law & Politics* conducted a survey of 13,000 Connecticut lawyers who nominated fellow attorneys as the best in their area. From that survey, a blue-ribbon panel reviewed nominees in 50 practice areas, ranking and evaluating the top vote getters. The panel conducted independent research into the areas of professional achievement, verified data regarding the attorneys, and confirmed that the attorneys were in good standing.

After finishing their analysis, the Connecticut Super Lawyers were selected. Both Bert and Michael were chosen as Connecticut Super Lawyers in the area of personal injury law.

Michael and Bert would like to thank their clients, whose loyalty and referrals of friends and family have enabled them to demonstrate their dedication to the victims of physical and financial injury.

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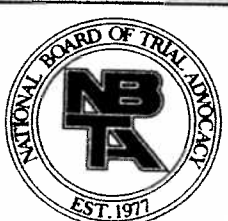
OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Bus safety

Ron and Carol Scott of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, know something about bus and driver safety. For the past five years, Ron and Carol have transported students with special needs. In addition, Ron is a State Coordinator for the AARP Safe Driving Program, where he teaches driver safety to seniors. Here are some bullet points from Ron and Carol that are worth repeating:

- Slow down and live—excessive speed puts everyone at risk on the road.
- Aggressive drivers put schoolbus operators in a precarious position.
- Give yourself adequate space to stop behind or near a bus.
- Remember that busses need adequate time to turn and stop to drop off and pick up students.
- Leave plenty of space when you are following a bus on the road.
- Remember that a bus driver is required to obey all posted speed limits.

Humbert J. Polito, Jr., Esquire



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We take your family's safety and security very seriously.

Patients' rights in hospitals

Going to a hospital for an emergency or a prescribed surgery or treatment can make anyone anxious. On top of that, many individuals and their families fail to understand what their rights are as patients.

Since most hospitals and care-providing centers prepare documents that specify their patients' rights, everyone can request a copy. Many institutions' patients' rights statements comply with the requirements of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.



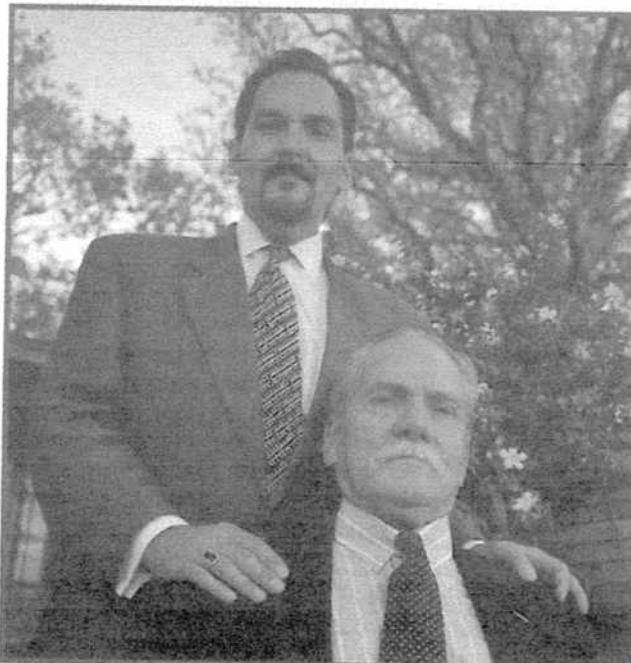
Patients believing their patient rights have been transgressed should contact legal counsel.

The rights patients should be entitled to include:

- Respectful care
- Notification of next of kin upon admission
- Privacy
- Personal safety
- Confidentiality of treatment
- Understand the full extent of medical conditions
- Comprehend the ramifications of all prescribed treatments
- Participate in decisions about treatment
- Request or refuse service or treatment, according to law
- Formulate advance directives for care
- Review and contest billing
- File a grievance about service or treatment
- Receive service and care without regard to gender, economic status, educational background, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, or the source of payment for care.

LAWSUIT CAPS... *Who's really hurt?*

Limits on noneconomic damages discriminate against our nation's seniors. If retirees are injured or killed by medical negligence, they have no lost wages to be reimbursed by economic damages. The only compensation a jury can provide for injury itself—as opposed to reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses—is noneconomic damages for death, permanent life-altering injury, pain, suffering, or loss of companionship.



A surgeon's error

Supporters of medical malpractice caps consider any case resulting in an award of greater than \$250,000 to be a "frivolous" lawsuit. This arbitrary limit would apply to a 60-year-old retired New York harbor barge captain and Vietnam War veteran. After being diagnosed with a bleeding tumor in his left lung, this retiree's surgeon mistakenly removed his healthy right lung. Because of this negligent error, the patient suffered a reduced quality of life. He survived for only three years, permanently connected to an oxygen tank, before his tumor killed him.

I've never filed a personal injury lawsuit

What should I know about timing?

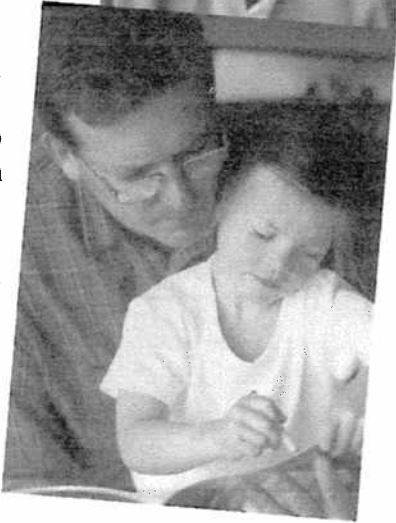
No one really wants to file a lawsuit, but sometimes it is the only recourse if you've been injured due to someone else's negligence. However, anyone who is seriously injured and considering filing a personal injury lawsuit should understand the implications of timing.

Although an injured person may have up to a year to file an injury action, it's usually good to contact an attorney right away. Memories are fresh. Evidence and witnesses are available. A

plaintiff's attorney can promptly document the extent of injury and assess insurance policy coverages.

Legal actions usually have time limits, called "statutes of limitations." These vary not only by state, but also by type of injury. Cases alleging harm suffered as a result of medical malpractice, government negligence, or premises liability may have different filing deadlines.

Finally, physical or psychological injuries may sometimes appear weeks or months after an accident or assault occurs. The earlier an attorney can document potential causes, the better the plaintiff's case may be.



FOR YOUR SAFETY Recalled product roundup

Here are some recently recalled products you may have in your home or at work:

- ✓ **Atico International USA, Inc.**, asked consumers to return 480,000 Surf Club™ Arm Bands. Seams can tear, causing the inflatable child flotation device to deflate, exposing young children to drowning.
- ✓ **World Wide Cycle Supply Inc.** has voluntarily recalled 25,000 Harley-Davidson 16-inch BMX bicycles with front-wheel fork welds that can separate and cause rider injuries.
- ✓ **American Greetings Corp.** called back 120,000 Sesame Street Toy Sunglasses with lenses that can separate from frames and choke young children.
- ✓ **Target Stores** recalled 494,000 Back Trails Jr. Toddler, Youth and Child Bicycle Helmets, which fail to meet U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards and can cause head injuries to bicycle riders.
- ✓ **Lamplight Farms, Inc.**, wants 963,000 Tiki® bamboo torches and about 18,000 replacement fuel canisters returned. The painted surfaces can absorb fuel, ignite, and burn users and their property.

What you mean to us

Those who use our legal services mean everything to us. That's why our promise to you is to always do our best every time you need to call on us for assistance.

We hope that the quality of our service pleases you. Behind the scenes, we are always working hard to make sure that each client receives the benefits of our hard work.

Client focus

We have a genuine interest in every client's satisfaction, and we also have a very strong work ethic. We train all our employees to bring integrity and honesty to all we do to be sure clients always feel that they receive our best efforts. We empower all our employees to make decisions that foster client satisfaction and loyalty.

Professionalism

If you have questions about service, consultation, billing, or anything else, we will give you straight answers. If we don't know an answer, we'll find out and get back to you right away.

You mean everything to us.