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The highest compliment I can receive is a referral. If you were satisfied with my service, please send your friends and family my way! Please ask them to mention your name.

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Fall 2018

Welcome to my new firm!

I am beyond pleased to have opened my law firm in the beginning of the year. I am now fully up and running, and the pedal is to the metal. I clerked for a prestigious Superior Court Judge in Essex County in 2000, and then worked for just one law firm after that and where it seemed I would be an associate for life. Being a business owner is one of the most rewarding things I have accomplished in my career. I could not have done it without the personal support of my loving wife, Keri, and my entire family. I also could not have done it without the encouragement and mentorship of longtime friends, Thomas Walsh, Frank Smith and Robert Stahl.

As a board-certified criminal trial attorney by the NJ Supreme Court, my new firm still focuses on criminal defense. I have also expanded my practice and I am pleased to offer my legal services to victims of personal injury cases. I offer personalized legal representation to clients who have been injured due to the negligence of another person or entity. I will personally work with you to recover the compensation to which you are entitled, or to defend you against any criminal charges in NJ.

My clients can expect a level of personal attention and service that large law firms simply cannot offer. When you retain the services of my law firm, you know I will personally handle your case from beginning to end. I am available 24/7 and can be reached every day of the year.

I believe it is a privilege when a client decides to retain me for a legal matter. I take that responsibility seriously and take great pride in handling all my cases.

As my own boss, not only can I focus all my energy on my clients' cases, but I now have more time to spend with my family! And speaking of family, these kids and their schools donated well over 200 pounds of Halloween candy!

I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season!

Howard



Well over 200 pounds of Halloween candy was donated this year!



My NJ Injury Lawyer, Howard P. Lesnik, Esq. Referral Rewards

I love referrals! Please give my name and number to anyone who may need my help. I thank the kind people who have referred my law practice to their family, friends, and colleagues by making a donation to this month's featured charity.

Donations are being made to the Somerset Hills YMCA in appreciation for referrals given to me by these kind people:

Francis M. Smith, Esq.

Robert G. Stahl, Esq.

Joseph D. Rotella, Esq.

For more about Somerset Hills YMCA visit <https://www.somersetcountnymca.org/locations1/somerset-hills-ymca>

Serious Injury Case

Slip and Fall Settlement: Fractured Ankle Caused by Fall Off NJ Transit Bus Settles for \$149,000

I recently resolved a case in which I represented a lady who was commuting to work on public transportation. When the bus pulled up to her bus stop, the driver refused to “kneel” the bus and lower the exit door down to curb level. As a result, my client fell several feet down to the sidewalk, and fractured her ankle in three places. The bus driver knew that the door for the bus exit was too high above the street level, but still refused to lower the bus so my client could safely get off.

Instead of owning up to their mistake, NJ Transit literally tried to “throw my client under the bus” by alleging she was pushed off the bus. However, there was no evidence to support this story. The driver should have lowered the bus for my client and his refusal caused a dangerous condition for my client and other passengers. The resultant fall caused fractures so severe that my client's ankle had to be surgically repaired with rods and screws. After the surgery, she had to stay in a rehabilitation facility for over 30 days. The hardware in her ankle eventually had to be replaced with new hardware in a second surgical procedure.



To prepare for trial, I obtained a medical expert to testify about her permanent injuries. I used medical illustrations of the dramatic X-rays of the fractures and the hardware used to repair her ankle. I also obtained story board illustrations to explain how both intricate surgeries were performed by the surgeon.

The case settled the week before trial was slated to begin. It was my pleasure to force the defendant to recognize the seriousness of my client's injuries and how they affected her everyday life. I was gratified that I was able to obtain a reasonable amount of compensation for my client's pain, suffering and change of life style—all due to the negligence of the bus company and its employee.

Fall Giveaway
In honor of Thanksgiving, I am offering
**\$25 Shoprite gift cards to the first 10 callers
who contact my firm!**
Call 908-264-7701 or email howard@lesniklaw.com

Featured Charity

Somerset Hills YMCA

Each month I make donations in appreciation of the people who have recommended my services to friends who have been seriously injured. In their honor, this month's donations go to the Somerset Hills YMCA. The YMCA is so much more than a “swim and gym.” It is a powerful association of men, women, and children joined together by a shared commitment to nurture the potential of kids, improve health and well-being, and foster a sense of social responsibility.

At the Y, they believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health, and our neighbors. As a community-based nonprofit, the Y programs and services help individuals and families to grow in spirit, mind and body.

What makes Ys special is not the space between the walls, but the people in the halls.

New Jersey DWI's Increase During the Holiday Season



Each year in New Jersey, DWI arrests increase dramatically during the holiday season. The holidays see an increase in both traffic travel on the roads, and the number of holiday celebrations, festivities and events throughout New Jersey. As a result, law enforcement in NJ has made a strong commitment to increase DWI patrols and crackdown on impaired driving. NJ police agencies participate in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” statewide crackdown with high profile enforcement with additional man-hours and fixed DWI checkpoints. If you or a family member is charged with a DWI at any time or during the holidays, you should consult with an experienced, skillful and aggressive NJ DWI attorney.

It's Not WHAT You Drink, But HOW Much You drink...

A drink may not be what you think. One “drink” depends on what you choose to drink. A standard drink can be 12-ounces of beer (approximately 5% alcohol); 5-ounces of wine (approximately 12% alcohol); or 1.5-ounces of hard liquor (40% alcohol). You must pay attention to what you drink, as many wine and beer manufacturers have increased the alcohol content in their beverages. You also need to closely watch how much hard liquor is poured for you, especially in mixed drinks. Most people underestimate how much they drink because they don't realize how much alcohol is in their drink. Around the holidays, many festive beverages are mixed so they do not taste strong, but they can be very potent.

Tis the Season to Be Safe

The best way to be safe this holiday season is to not drink and drive. In NJ, the legal limit for driving is 0.08% blood alcohol content (BAC). BAC measures the amount of alcohol in your body. However, a driver can still be guilty of DWI in New Jersey with a BAC below 0.08% if the alcohol negatively impacts your ability to operate a motor vehicle. Even small quantities of alcohol can impair a driver's judgment, senses and reaction time. If you plan on having some holiday “cheers” this season, there are many safe alternatives:

- Use a sober, designated driver;
- Order a rideshare such as Uber or Lyft (both frequently offer holiday promotions);
- Call a taxi
- Utilize public transportation; or
- Stay with the host or another friend and drive home safely the next day.

Professional Representation

If you or a family member is charged with a DWI, contact an experienced NJ DWI lawyer immediately. I handle NJ DWI cases on a regular basis. Contact me by email, by phone 908.264.7701, or by completing a form on my website (MyNJInjuryLawyer.com) to schedule your complimentary 30-minute strategy session.

Featured Expert

Herbert H. Leckie, J.D., DWI-DRE Consulting Services

I often pull in experts when building strong cases for clients, and Mr. Leckie has been particularly helpful when defending clients facing DWI and DUI charges. He is a retired New Jersey State Police Sergeant with prior experience in the Alcohol Drug Test Unit and has a Juris Doctor degree. Mr. Leckie has valuable expertise on proper processes and procedures, including:

- Breath testing instruments
- Scoring of the tests administered in DWI Investigations
- Propriety of “Refusal” cases including procedural issues related to the Subjective Refusal charge
- Blood samples

I appreciate the valuable contributions Mr. Leckie provides for my clients who are confronted with drastic consequences of DWI and DUI charges.

You can find out more here <http://dwi-dreconsulting.com/herbert-h-leckie/bio>.

Client Review

Mr. Lesnik has represented me in two cases and has been very professional, punctual and has exceeded all of my expectations. I will continue to use this law firm.

—Stevan Ramdeen

Annabelle's AMAZING Chocolate Chip Pancakes

Ingredients

1 egg	1 TBSP maple syrup	1/2 tsp salt
3/4 cup milk	1 cup flour	1/4 cup chocolate chips
2 TBSP canola oil	2 tsp baking powder	

Directions

1. Crack the egg into a large mixing bowl. Whisk in the milk, canola oil, and maple syrup.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add this dry mixture to the egg mixture and stir just until all the ingredients are wet. The batter should be lumpy.
3. Gently stir in the chocolate chips. Add more if you like an extra chocolatey treat!
4. Lightly butter or oil a nonstick frying pan and let it warm over medium heat for about a minute. Turn the heat down to medium low. Use a 1/4 cup measure to pour the batter for each pancake into the pan.
5. When the tops of the pancakes start to bubble, carefully flip them over with a spatula. Continue cooking until the undersides are golden brown. Serve with butter and syrup and ENJOY!

Communication Policy

I pride myself on delivering high quality legal work. It is my policy to return phone calls and emails in the order they are received and based on the priority of the situation. If you leave a message or send an email, one will be returned usually within 24 hours. Exceptions may occur if I am involved in or preparing for a big event like a deposition, mediation, or arbitration. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours, I believe you have the right to complain. Some clients feel that calling multiple times a day will get their call answered faster, but that is not the case. Email is the quickest way to get a response, since I can return emails any time (I get them on my cell phone). We meet and take important calls by appointment only, so your meeting or call is meaningful and productive and so I am prepared to answer your questions to the best of my ability.

New address or phone number?

Help us stay current by letting us know! Call me at (908) 264-7701 or email howard@lesniklaw.com

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