



Welcome to Our New Associate Jay Kaplan



We are excited to welcome Darren Jay Kaplan, Jr. ("Jay") as a new associate attorney at Galfand Berger, LLP. Jay focuses on personal injury cases, including products liability, premises liability, automobile accidents, and construction accidents. With a strong commitment to helping clients through the complexities of their claims, Jay works diligently to hold negligent parties accountable and offers essential support and guidance to his clients during difficult times.



[To read more about Jay Kaplan, click here.](#)

TIP OF THE MONTH: HALLOWEEN SAFETY



Halloween and spooky should go hand-in-hand, but not when it comes to safety. According to *Safe Kids Worldwide (SKW)*, children are over two times as likely to be struck and killed by a car on Halloween than any other day of the year. Even things like costumes and decorations can create potential hazards – so before you and your loved ones morph into character and hit the road to trick-or-treat, keep a few key safety tips in mind.

[To learn more about Halloween Safety, click here.](#)

WORK INJURIES: RESPONSIBLE PARTIES BEYOND YOUR EMPLOYER



Parent Companies Can't Have Their Cake and Eat it Too: Undertakings at Subsidiaries' Facilities Expose Parent Companies to Liability for Workers' Injuries

Galfand Berger partner Brad Smith wrote an academic article published in the Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly. The article, titled *Parent Companies Can't Have Their Cake and Eat it Too: Undertakings at Subsidiaries' Facilities Expose Parent Companies to Liability for Workers' Injuries*, focuses on a type of legal claim available to some injured workers that many attorneys are unaware of.

[Read the full article here.](#)

HEARING LOSS: USING AIRPODS AS A HEARING AID



FDA Approves AirPods with Hearing Aid Features

Earlier this month, the *Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* granted approval to software that enables Apple AirPods Pro 2 (along with other compatible AirPods devices) to function as hearing aids when paired with an iOS 18-compatible iPhone or iPad. A quick Google search reveals that the average price for adult hearing aids is between \$2,000 and \$4,000, whereas AirPods Pro 2 retail for \$249. Due to pricing and accessibility, the FDA's recent approval may very well revolutionize the hearing aid market. According to representatives from Apple, the software is slated to roll out next month.

[To read more, click here.](#)

LADDER INJURIES



What to Do If You Fall From a Ladder at Work?

Ladder injuries are common in the workplace, especially in dangerous trades like construction. More than 22,000 workers were injured while using ladders each year in the United States, resulting in nearly 200 deaths, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). A staggering 65 percent of all ladder-related deaths involve portable ladders. Ladder injuries result in an estimated \$24 billion in annual costs in the United States, including lost work, medical and legal expenses, and pain and suffering costs.

[To learn more about ladder injuries, click here.](#)

LARGE TRUCK ACCIDENTS



Large Truck and Bus Accidents on the Rise

According to recent numbers from the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)*, there is a potentially worrisome trend occurring in large trucks (weighing over 10,000 pounds) and bus accidents. In 2021, there were 5,904 fatal crashes involving trucks and buses – marking an 18% increase from the previous year. This trend is by no means a brand new one: although the U.S. experienced a brief decrease in large truck and bus accidents (34%) from 2005 to 2009, the numbers have been growing steadily since 2010.

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