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NEW JERSEY AMUSEMENT PARK ACCIDENT ATTORNEY

Injured While Visiting an Amusement Park or Carnival?

If you were injured by an amusement or ride, if you don't take specific actions to protect your rights by giving proper notice, you can lose any right to recover. We are very experienced with these types of cases and have been able to recover millions of dollars for those injured.

If you or someone you love were injured at an amusement park, carnival or similar ride or amusement in New Jersey, taking immediate action to consult an attorney is of the utmost importance. Amusement park and carnival injury cases are subject to special requirements for notifying operators and owners and they must be meticulously investigated in a timely manner.

At Levinson Axelrod, P.A., we help individuals and families across New Jersey initiate immediate legal action to preserve their rights for filing personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits against amusement park and carnival operators that failed to uphold their duties for keeping guests safe. Our award-winning attorneys have extensive experience litigating complex cases involving premises liability, products liability, and serious injuries, and have recovered over \$1 billion in compensation for our clients.

Causes of Amusement Park Injuries

Amusement park and carnival operators have legal obligations to exercise reasonable care to ensure that rides and facilities are in a reasonably safe condition. They are also obligated to make reasonable efforts to address and fix hazards they knew or should have known about.

Unfortunately, operators and their employees can be negligent in upholding their duties, placing park goers at increased risk of suffering preventable harm.

Common causes of amusement park injuries that may give rise to personal injury or wrongful death claims include:

- Negligent or insufficient security, resulting in assaults / shootings by third parties
- Slip, trip, and fall accidents caused by unreasonable hazards
- Rides that suffer from mechanical failure (ex: detached lap bar)
- Rides that are improperly operated (ex: abruptly stopped)
- Rides that are inherently dangerous due to defect, design, etc.
- Failures to adequately warn guests about potential hazards

90-Day Notice Requirement for Amusement Park Accident Claims

In New Jersey, personal injuries that arise from the operation of rides at carnivals or amusement parks are subject to the Carnival-Amusement Rides Safety Act (CARSA) (N.J.S.A. 5:3-31 to-59). Under CARSA, injured victims are required to file written accident reports with park operators as a precondition for any personal injury litigation. This report must be filed within 90 days of the accident.

Given the 90-day notice requirement, it is crucial for amusement park/carnival injury victims to take immediate steps to initiate the legal process.

At Levinson Axelrod, we understand the time sensitivity in these cases and make ourselves available to provide immediate counsel for clients who need to file written notices with park operators. We also prioritize efforts to timely investigate accidents, communicate with defendants and witnesses, and preserve evidence in matters involving ride or product defects.

As part of our efforts to promote immediate legal action, our firm handles personal injury cases on contingency. This means there's no up-front cost to hire our team and that we collect a fee if and only if we successfully resolve your case.

How Can Levinson Axelrod, P.A. Help You?

Levinson Axelrod, P.A. is a nationally recognized trial practice that's been fighting for injured victims and families across New Jersey since 1939. Backed by a team of award-winning lawyers, including several New Jersey Supreme Court Certified Civil Trial Lawyers, we're equipped with the insight and resources to help victims pursue the justice and compensation they deserve after being harmed by negligence.



In Memoriam

Jacob Levinson (1934-1988)
Robert J. Axelrod (1961-2000)
Alfred A. Levinson (1948-2006)

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LEVINSON AXELROD ATTORNEYS ATTEND HUNTERDON COUNTY COMMUNITY DAY

JUNE 14 2023

Levinson Axelrod was proud to participate in this year's Hunterdon County Community Day!

Attorneys and staff from our team attended the 8th Hunterdon County Annual Community Day on Saturday, June 10th at South County Park-Hunterdon County Fairgrounds in Ringoes, where we had an opportunity to meet and interact with residents and businesses from across the county.

Held each year, this event showcases and celebrates the great towns, organizations, non-profits, and businesses that make Hunterdon County a great place to live. Some of the most popular activities included "Touch-A-Truck," which allowed kids and families to

discover all types of amazing vehicles, and Reptile World, which held three live reptile shows throughout the day. Our firm even got a special shoutout from Community Day's DJ Doctor D!

Levinson Axelrod has been serving victims, workers, and families across New Jersey since 1939. With an office in Flemington, we've become trusted by countless clients across Hunterdon County and are proud to support the people and communities who so often turn to us in times of need.

We thank everyone who helped make this year's Hunterdon County Community Day a great success and look forward to more community events this summer!



BORDENTOWN STREET FAIR

MAY 23 2023


As members of the Burlington Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, Levinson Axelrod had the honor of being one of only three "Gold Sponsors" for the event. Being just a short distance from our Mt. Laurel office, Levinson Axelrod was thrilled to support and connect with local businesses and residents at the fair. We love fostering strong relationships within our community and promoting the growth and success of our neighbors.



We're honored to be awarded the prestigious Hunterdon Happenings 2023 Award for Best Attorneys. We are thrilled to receive this recognition. Thank you to all our clients and colleagues for your support and trust in our work.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATS, JOE MARABONDO!



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We are thrilled to announce that Partner Joe Marabondo has secured an extraordinary achievement in the field of mediation. His exceptional skills and unwavering dedication have led to the 30th ranked Top Mediated Settlement in the Northeast, covering an extensive territory spanning across 13 states. Congrats, Joe!

RESULT: ADAM ROTHENBERG RECOVERS \$2 MILLION IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SETTLEMENT

JUNE 26 2023

Levinson Axelrod, P.A. Partner Adam Rothenberg of our Edison office recently recovered a **\$2 million** medical malpractice settlement for the family of a victim who passed away due to complications arising from surgery.

Adam represented the family of a patient who suffered complications after undergoing abdominal surgery. As a result, she was comatose for most of the time following surgery and later succumbed to the complications.

While representing the patient's surviving adult children, Adam was able to effectively prove liability, in part, by researching the publications of the defendant. However, he encountered difficulties when seeking damages, as the law limits financial recoveries in medical malpractice cases only to damages

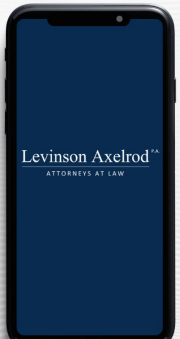
for conscious pain and suffering (in addition to tangible economic losses) and because the plaintiff had very limited periods of conscious pain and suffering and was not an income producer.

Despite these challenges, Adam was able to effectively negotiate a six-figure settlement with the defendant, which will provide his clients with \$2 million in compensation.

Adam L. Rothenberg is a Levinson Axelrod, P.A. Shareholder and Partner who focuses his practice on complex civil litigation involving medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, products liability, construction accidents, and other serious personal injury cases. He has been a New Jersey Certified Civil Trial Attorney for more than 15 years and has recovered well over \$50 million in verdicts and settlements for clients across the state over the course of his career.



What Clients Say About
Levinson Axelrod



★★★★★
Unrivaled in everyway!
In my humble opinion, Levinson & Axelrod is without a doubt, in every respect, best in class, top in the area, and unrivaled in every way! This organization won my case.

★★★★★
Successful Outcome
I would like to give Levinson Axelrod a Five Star review for the incredible service they performed processing my injury case. From start to finish they were transparent with me of what to expect, and the date certain things may happen.

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I would refer this firm to anyone
My attorney was Todd Wachtel. He was great. Always kept me in the loop and notified me with updates frequently. He was always open to any questions I had.

TESTIMONIALS

At every step I was surprised at her comprehensive thinking and attention to details. After a bad fall and injury I engaged Kim Gozsa to represent me. I was completely inexperienced and had to trust her to lead me through the process. I want to say, here, that she is perfectly trustworthy and brilliant. At every step I was surprised at her comprehensive thinking and attention to details. I did not comprehend Her ability to see clearly to the end of the process, all along the way, until the judgement. Her sensitivity to my progress and process and responsiveness were confirming. Kim is professional and yet personally caring, representing me and my best interests, resulting in a much better and quicker settlement than I expected. I would highly recommend Kim and Levinson Axelrod to everyone wanting a fair and expedient judgement in an injury claim. - L.S.

I was referred to the Levinson Axelrod law firm by my labor union in 2016. Brett Greiner was the attorney for my personal injury claim that was resolved in 2020. My case was complex and Attorney Greiner was able to simplify the case by applying his unique talents and knowledge of both Federal and New Jersey State Law. I cannot express the joy I felt when we were successful and I was compensated fairly based on my Doctor's assessment of my injuries. It is Brett's strategic mind and his ability to apply the law in an efficient and professional manner that got me the outcome I deserved. I offer attorney Greiner my greatest gratitude and sincerest recommendation. - J.W.

I was somewhat speechless to finally hold my settlement check in my hands and so I did not thoroughly express my gratitude and how thankful my family and I are to you and your staff for all your hard work. - G.M.

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Brick
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Brick, NJ 08724
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Flemington
124 Route 31
Flemington, NJ 08822
(908) 386-4678

Forked River
654 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
(609) 614-3375

Howell
3641 US Hwy Route 9N
Howell, NJ 07731
(732) 730-7043

Jamesburg
220 Forsgate Drive
Jamesburg, NJ 08831
(732) 655-8310

Raritan
90 East Somerset Street
Raritan, NJ 08869
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Rockaway
25 1/2 Wall Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866
(862) 288-8382

Mt. Laurel
309 Fellowship Road
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
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RESULT: MARK KUMINSKI RECOVERS \$1.05 MILLION IN MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION SETTLEMENT

JUNE 6 2023

Mark Kuminski of our office represented a local woman who was involved in a motor vehicle collision, which occurred when a commercial truck driver drove through a stop sign controlling traffic in his direction of travel. As a result of the accident, the plaintiff suffered a fractured wrist, for which she was required to undergo surgery. Following her surgery, she developed Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, a malfunctioning of the Sympathetic Nervous System, which required that she undergo a series of three injections for same. In a trial on the issue of damages, the jury returned a verdict of **\$1,050,000.00**.

Mark V. Kuminski has been with Levinson Axelrod, P.A. his entire legal career. A Certified Civil Trial Specialist by the New Jersey Supreme Court and our firm's Managing Shareholder, Mr. Kuminski has recovered millions in verdicts and settlements in claims involving auto accidents, construction site accidents, premises liability, and serious personal injury.

FREE BANDANAS



Attention all four-legged friends and their humans! Our firm believes that every dog deserves to look pawisitively adorable! That's why we're giving away FREE bandanas to all dogs! Poppy, Izabel, and Gizmo can't get enough of theirs, and we know your pup will love it too! Visit us today, and let's make tails wag!

RESULT: RICH MARCOLUS RECOVERS \$300,000 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

JUNE 15 2023

A law enforcement officer will receive over **\$300,000** in connection to a settlement negotiated by Levinson Axelrod, P.A. Partner Rich Marcolus. As case records show, Rich represented a New Jersey law enforcement officer who was injured while chasing a suspect. Due to his injuries, the officer underwent a hip replacement surgery and neck surgery. Given the severity of his injuries, Rich was able to negotiate a six-figure settlement for the officer.

Rich Marcolus is a Partner at Levinson Axelrod, P.A. He is a New Jersey Supreme Court Certified Workers' Compensation Specialist and current union member (NRCC Carpenters Local #253 Union) who once earned his living as a carpenter in construction. Rich has leveraged his wealth of experience and insight to help workers across the state secure millions of dollars in compensation and needed benefits.

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