



*From left, Louise Caro, Marie Napoli, Jennifer Liakos and Shayna Sacks.*

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The women of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC continue to be at the forefront of complex litigation throughout the country. "The firm's approach to effective communication and leadership provides clients with the outstanding service synonymous with the Napoli Shkolnik name," says founding partner Marie Napoli.

### Litigators at the Forefront

The women of Napoli Shkolnik are regularly appointed to national leadership roles in many state and federal multi-district cases, such as the Plavix, Birmingham hip implant and Viagra litigations.

In addition, the firm's women attorneys routinely appear on national television, providing legal insight and are frequently invited to speak publicly to educate attorneys about current issues. They are published authors



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on a wide variety of legal topics and have been recognized by their peers and industry leaders for their work championing victims' rights.

### A National Force

The influence of the firm's women partners continues to grow as new talent is developed for a continued tradition of legal excellence.



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## PAUL J. NAPOLI APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ROLE IN COLORADO WATER CONTAMINATION LITIGATION



**Paul J. Napoli** was named Liaison Counsel in the Colorado PFOA / PFOS Toxic Tort Litigation (*Bell, et al. v. The 3M Company, et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-02351-RBJ) by the Honorable Judge R. Brooke Jackson of the United States

District Court for the District of Colorado.

Mr. Napoli was selected for this role as he has extensive experience litigating complex environmental litigations and has served as Liaison Counsel on numerous toxic tort, class-action cases.

"I am ready to go the distance for the people of Security, Fountain, and Widefield," said Paul Napoli. "This situation is inexcusable and the community has struggled long enough. It's time for action and accountability."

It is Napoli Shkolnik's hope that these lawsuits will help the residents of Security, Widefield, and Fountain recover damages related to PFC-exposure, diminution in property value, and establish a long-term health monitoring system for those who have been exposed to the contaminated water.

## HUNTER J. SHKOLNIK NAMED AS PLAINTIFFS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE INVOKANA LIABILITY LITIGATION



**Partner Hunter J. Shkolnik** has been named as a Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Member in *In Re: Invokana (Canagliflozin) Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2750) by United States District Judge Brian R. Martinotti of

the United States District Court of New Jersey.

The Court reviewed all the submissions but ultimately made his decision to assemble an "effective committee" by appointing "an array of highly skilled counsel with diverse backgrounds." Mr. Shkolnik's experience handling complex pharmaceutical litigation certainly falls into these parameters.

The litigation alleges that the use of Invokana can lead to an increased risk of kidney failure and heart attacks.

"I welcome the opportunity to work with the members of this Executive Committee," says Hunter Shkolnik. "People believe that they are taking a drug to treat one disease and end up having to deal with a whole new set of serious health issues. My firm and I believe that those responsible for our client's suffering should be held accountable and we are ready to take on that fight."

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## HUNTER J. SHKOLNIK APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ROLE IN OPIOID LITIGATION



Napoli Shkolnik PLLC is proud to announce that Partner Hunter J. Shkolnik was named to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in the *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation* (MDL 2804) by United States District Judge

Dan Aaron Polster of the Northern District of Ohio.

Mr. Shkolnik brings his substantial trial and resolution experience as well as extensive leadership experience in MDL proceedings to the diverse group of selected attorneys. In his role, he will assist with forming various sub-committees to which he will provide oversight, ac-

countability and coordination as the litigation progresses.

"I am happy to be part of this talented group of attorneys who is going to send a clear message to these drug companies that we have had enough," says Mr. Shkolnik. "We are all dedicated to achieving the best possible outcome for our clients by pursuing justice."

Generally, the opioid lawsuits allege that the manufacturers, distributors and others involved intentionally mislead the public about the dangers of opioid painkillers. As a result of downplaying the high risk of addiction there has been a widespread misuse and abuse of prescription drugs such as OxyContin, Fentanyl and Percocet.

## THE FIGHT AGAINST THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Many cities and counties across the country are facing the ever-escalating costs associated with combatting the opioid epidemic. In their continued efforts to confront this growing burden on taxpayers, numerous municipalities have filed complaints seeking to recover damages for use of public resources to fight the opioid epidemic.

The complaints filed by Napoli Shkolnik PLLC on behalf of these communities allege that the manufacturers, distributors and other entities intentionally mislead the public about the dangers of opioids. The complaints outline the history of how these defendants downplayed the risks associated with opioids such as OxyContin, Fentanyl and Percocet while aggressively marketing them. This negligent behavior has led to a significant increase in the budgets of law enforcement, emergency care, first responder overtime, Narcan training and prevention and treatment programs.

In 2017, approximately 64,000 people died from a drug overdose in the United States – the largest annual increase of drug-related deaths ever recorded in US his-



Shayna Sacks on CBS Affiliate WSBTV Georgia.



Paul Napoli on Fox 5 News.



Hunter Shkolnik on ABC Affiliate KTBS Shreveport News.

tory. Overdoses are now the leading cause of death for Americans under 50.

Paul J. Napoli says, "We are committed to working with local officials and community leaders in their fight against the makers of these dangerous and addictive painkillers."

There are no costs to the taxpayers with the filing.



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## CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT FILED FOR LOVE CANAL, NEW YORK

**Napoli Shkolnik has filed** a class action lawsuit against the City of Niagara Falls, the Niagara Falls Water Board, Occidental Petroleum Corporation (the former Hooker Chemical Corp.), and other defendants, for injuries related to toxic waste released from the Love Canal hazardous waste site.

Love Canal, an area synonymous with hazardous waste and public health impacts, is the site of a toxic waste dump created by Hooker that caused a public health emergency in the late 1970s. Much of the hazardous waste that caused this historic health and environmental crisis remains at the site to this day.

"It is unconscionable that the City and companies involved have turned a blind eye to the suffering their negligence has caused," said Napoli Shkolnik partner Louise Caro. "The level of suffering the Love Canal community



has experienced has had serious, long term and in some cases, permanent consequences," she added.

The lawsuit seeks to address injuries to persons who were exposed to Love Canal chemicals that leached from the landfill and were carried by the City's sewer system to residential properties. Health impacts proven to be caused by Love Canal chemicals include: birth defects, nervous disorders and cancer (bladder cancer, kidney cancer, respiratory cancers).

Napoli Shkolnik PLLC is ready to seek justice on behalf of those exposed to Love Canal contaminants.

## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK FILES TWO CANCER CASES FOR RAILROAD WORKERS IN TEXAS

**Napoli Shkolnik has filed** two cases in Fort Worth, Texas against BNSF Railway, for injuries that two former employees suffered related to toxic exposures on the job.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe is one of the nation's largest railroads, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. The two former employees brought suits separately under the Federal Employee Liability Act, commonly known as FELA, for cancers they suffered as a result of occupational exposures to various toxins in their workplace.

BNSF, as the employer of the workers, had a legal duty under Federal law to protect them from workplace exposures and toxins. Railroad workers face a variety of long term health problems from exposure to welding fumes, diesel fumes, silica, asbestos and many other

carcinogens. These exposures frequently result in cases of lung cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, leukemia and prostate cancer.

"Federal law guarantees railroad workers the right to seek compensation for workplace injuries, even when the disease develops years or decades after the employee last worked for the railroad," said Napoli Shkolnik partner Patrick Haines.

If you currently or formerly worked for a railroad and have been diagnosed with cancer within the last three years, you may be able to recover damages. Napoli Shkolnik PLLC is ready to seek justice on behalf of those railroad workers suffering from cancer caused by toxic contaminants.

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## LAWSUIT FILED FOR PFOA AND PFOS CONTAMINATION IN THE HAMPTON BAYS WATER DISTRICT, TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK

Napoli Shkolnik has filed a lawsuit against five manufacturers of aqueous firefighting foams (“AFFF”) containing perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (“PFOS”) and perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”) for the contamination of the groundwater relied upon by its 7,000 customers of the Hampton Bays Water District.

The Complaint seeks to recover past and future treatment costs for the total removal of the chemicals from the production water served to the customers, which will run into the tens of millions of dollars.

“These persistent and toxic chemicals should have never been produced and released into the environment. It is vital we hold these companies accountable and not let them pass the costs on to the public,” said Napoli Shkolnik environmental attorney Tate Kunkle.

Studies have shown an association between increased PFOA and PFOS blood levels and an increased risk for



several health effects, including effects on the liver and the immune system, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, changes in thyroid hormone, as well as kidney, prostate and testicular cancers.

If you are a water district or water company and have detected PFOS or PFOA at any levels in your water supply, you may be able to recover damages. Napoli Shkolnik PLLC is ready to help those who provide water make sure those responsible for the PFC contamination pay for any increased costs, not the customers or tax-payers.

### NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL



New York Law Journal publishes “Opioid Crisis Costs: Is There a cause of Action?” by Paul Napoli and Marie Napoli. This article discusses whether New York municipalities can bring claims against the manufacturers and distributors of opioids to recover money spent on health care and related costs.

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### JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS IN TERRORISM ACT (JASTA)

JASTA allows victims of terrorism to file legal claims against the states or entities responsible for the attacks.

Napoli Shkolnik PLLC has filed a lawsuit against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other sponsors of terrorism, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

This would be in addition to any previous, World Trade Center claims.

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Hunter Shkolnik on the Good Law Bad podcast: "Flint, Michigan Water Crisis."



Hunter Shkolnik and Hill Harper on ABC-12 discussing how the Flint Community has suffered long enough.



Marie Napoli on Fox Business, Cavuto Coast To Coast speaking about gun policy on a state and federal level.



Hill Harper on ABC-12 providing information on the Flint Water Crisis Litigation.

## \$24.1 MILLION DOLLAR VERDICT IN AVIATION CASE



From left, Hunter J. Shkolnik, Patrick Haines and Brett Bustamante.

The trial team led by Hunter J. Shkolnik, Esq. along with Partner Patrick Haines and Associate Brett Bustamante of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC obtained a \$24.1 million dollar verdict in a case concerning a 2011 helicopter crash.

Napoli Shkolnik and their accident reconstruction experts were able to piece together the cause of the accident. Through careful scientific analysis, it was discovered the failure was due to a negligent overhaul of the transmission by Defendant Uniflight LLC.

After a three-week trial, the eight-person jury returned in less than hour with their unanimous verdict for the Plaintiffs.

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