

## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC ATTORNEYS LISTED IN 2018 SUPER LAWYERS® NATIONWIDE

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Napoli Shkolnik PLLC is proud to announce that twelve of its attorneys have been included in the 2018 Super Lawyers® lists. Included in the 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyers® list are: Partners Marie E. Napoli, Hunter J. Shkolnik, Christopher R. LoPalo, Shayna E. Sacks and Of Counsel to the firm, Paul J. Napoli. Selected to the New York Metro Rising Stars<sup>SM</sup> list are Partner Paul B. Maslo and senior associate attorneys Salvatore C. Badala and Joseph L. Ciaccio and associate attorneys Brett S. Bustamante, Kristina M. Georgiou, and Tate J. Kunkle. Appearing on the 2018 California Super Lawyers® list is Partner Jennifer R. Liakos.



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## CBS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER FILES DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST STATION

A clear message has been sent to the highest level of corporate corridors with the departure of Les Moonves, Chairman and CEO of CBS Corporation, and Jeff Fager, Executive Producer of 60 Minutes and former Chairman of CBS News. Napoli Shkolnik PLLC believes this is just a small window into a 'boys club' culture that been thriving well beyond CBS's power centers in LA and NY.

Michele Gillen is a 39 time Emmy Award winning investigative reporter, having accumulated over twenty-five Emmy awards for her insightful and in-depth investigative reporting during her tenure at this Miami station. As Chief Investigative Reporter she received consistent accolades from peers and the community and has been consistently credited with effectuating positive changes to public policy.

In late 2016 Michele Gillen was 'shown the door' while five of her investigative reports were nominated for Emmys, and shortly thereafter WFOR-TV aired her story, "The Human and Financial cost of Florida's Heroin Epidemic" with her voice dubbed out and replaced by a younger female reporter.

Ms. Gillen is now bringing a lawsuit against CBS alleging age and gender discrimination, and retaliation under the civil rights act. She shares, "Every case of abuse is personal. In my case, it was a weapon to break down my will to continue in the face of adversity. CBS condoned these tactics in normal daily interaction toward me and other highly qualified journalists, to intimate, marginalize, and ultimately exclude them. While it is difficult to publicly share the extent of what I endured in the toxic, misogynistic culture at WFOR-TV, keeping secret the company's approved behavior and treatment of me and other female employees is wrong. Nothing will change if it isn't brought to light."



## CLASS ACTION FILED AGAINST CENTRAL MAINE POWER (CMP)

Along with local law firms, Napoli Shkolnik PLLC attorneys have filed a class-action lawsuit against CMP.

Over the winter, hundreds of CMP customers complained about large spikes in their bills. Some customers reported their bills doubling or tripling.

The complaint alleges that CMP's transition to a new billing system led to dramatic increases in customer bills that were "financially devastating for many customers." It also accuses CMP of doing little to address the problem despite knowing early on that there were issues with its billing and metering systems.

"In addition to giving customers the cold shoulder, CMP intentionally misrepresented to customers and the public that the new billing system and meters were not the cause of the outrageously high bills," the complaint says.

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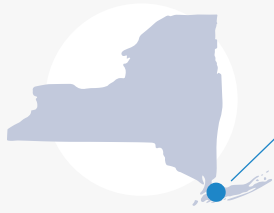
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## LAWSUIT FILED ON BEHALF OF BETHPAGE, NY RESIDENTS AGAINST GRUMMAN

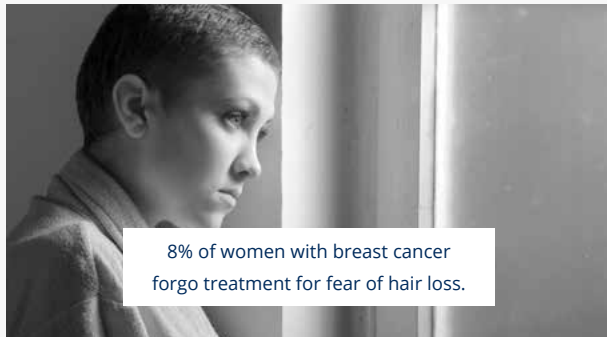
**Close to 80 current** and former residents of Bethpage or their estates have filed a new lawsuit against Northrop Grumman alleging that contaminants from the company's former site have led to specific medical injuries and death.

When it operated at the site, from 1942 to 1996, Grumman "generated, stored, and disposed of toxic contaminants and manufacturing byproducts, such as arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), metals and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at the site," charges the lawsuit.

The suit cites illnesses including breast cancer; colon cancer; throat cancer; prostate cancer; and bladder cancer. Grumman disposed of contaminants on an adjacent

parcel that was donated to Oyster Bay Town and became Bethpage Community Park. Toxins released at the main site and the location of the park created plumes of contaminated groundwater that migrated onto the residents' properties, causing "significant" health problems and future health concerns.

If you live or lived near the Grumman site, including Bethpage Community Park, specifically, to the south or southeast of the site in the area of the contaminant plume, and you or a loved one who lives or lived there with you have been diagnosed with cancer or another serious health condition, contact a Napoli Shkolnik PLLC environmental attorney today.



## NEW JERSEY JUSTICES CENTRALIZE TAXOTERE HAIR-LOSS SUITS

**The New Jersey Supreme Court** issued a decision to centralize cases involving cases of women who claim they suffered permanent hair loss as a result of using the breast cancer drug Taxotere.

According to the public notice, the justices granted multicounty litigation status to over 350 cases alleging Sanofi U.S. Services Inc., Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, Sandoz Inc. and Actavis LLC failed to adequately warn consumer about the risk of permanent hair loss.

The lawsuits assert that the drug makers knew or should have known that Taxotere "causes and contributes to permanent disfigurement and hair loss." The suits further state the companies' "wrongful conduct" in designing, manufacturing, distributing, labeling, advertising, marketing, promoting and selling the chemotherapy drug.



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## DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE 9/11 ZADROGA BILL?

It has been seventeen years since the 9/11 tragedy occurred and many Americans are still suffering from long-lasting and profound effects of 9/11 toxic exposure. The far-reaching impacts on general health and well-being are astounding and there are newly discovered impacts that continue to emerge. There is even research now that supports that exposure to 9/11 toxic dust may have an impact on the development of fetuses in utero at the time of 9/11, giving way to a whole new generation of victims.

You are still able to take advantage of remedies that are offered under the Zadroga Act Reauthorization Statute of 2015. Under this statute there are remedies to receive federally funded medical treatment of any certified 9/11 related injury as well as a separate fund for the compensation of certified physical injuries. There are even remedies for people who have become disabled as a result of their injuries and provisions that will enable them to recover losses of income or receive reimbursement for out of pocket medical expenses and replacement services.

Please note that there isn't very much time left to file claims under this program. This program is scheduled to terminate in the year 2020, and the Victims Compensation Fund may halt the submission of claims even sooner than that in order to wrap up the claims that have al-



### Community Marketing Liaison

Xinfang Zhang and Napoli Shkolnik were happy to have been part of the 2018 Chinatown Immigration, Education and Health Fair in New

York City. We met so many wonderful people and were able to answer questions. It was a great day!

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ready been submitted. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the World Trade Center team to get your questions answered and learn how to submit a claim. We will evaluate your case for free, and even if you decide to retain us there are no upfront costs. We take all of our cases on a contingency fee which means you only pay if we win you a recovery. Your health and the health of your loved ones are worth it. Give us the chance to make a difference in your life like we have done for so many others.

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Hill Harper is a humanitarian, actor, author, entrepreneur, health and wellness ambassador/educator, philanthropist and honors graduate of Harvard Law School. Harper is also the founder of the social justice law group NorthStar. Through his role as Executive Director of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, a mission-based partnership has been established between NorthStar and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC.



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Are you eligible for compensation for toxic exposure following the events of 9/11? We can explain the claim process.

### City of Dayton, OH Files Lawsuit Against Companies Related to PFAS Water Contamination.

Paul J. Napoli attends a press conference with local elected officials and community leaders to announce the lawsuit.



### Do You and Your Family Live in a NYC Housing Authority building?

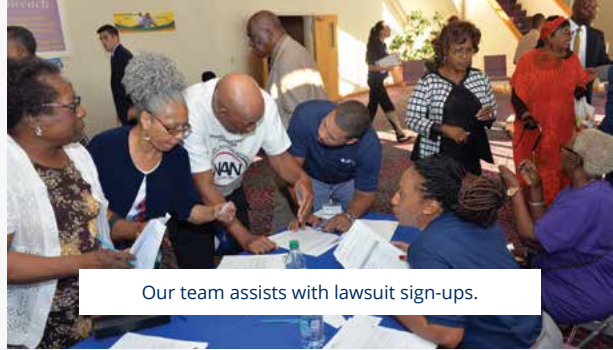
If your child(ren) lived in one of the New York City Housing Authority properties from 2012 to the present, s/he might have been exposed to lead in your home.

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The community listens to host Rev. Al Sharpton.



Our team assists with lawsuit sign-ups.

## REV. DR. AL SHARPTON HEADLINES FLINT RALLY

Napoli Shkolnik PLLC along with Reverend Al Sharpton were excited to be invited to Vehicle City to host a Flint Rally for the community.

The civil rights activist urged people to be part of a civil lawsuit following the Flint water emergency; he wants those impacted by the water emergency, to hold the ones responsible, accountable.

"It happened four years. It didn't happen yesterday, four years and we still can't trust the water," Sharpton said.

Paul J. Napoli says he's hoping to have a trial in front of a judge soon. "We're hoping to put in front of a judge a discovery order that will allow our cases to go through discovery and set a trial for next spring," he said.



Paul J. Napoli and Maria Napoli with Rev. Al Shapton at Flint Rally.

## FLINT CARNIVAL: BRINGING GOOD CHEER TO FLINT

Flint children and their families enjoyed bouncy houses, carnival games, free backpacks full of school supplies, hot dogs, cotton candy, and much more. Visitors also received free Safe Water Boxes courtesy of Darley.

Author, Actor and Founder of NorthStar Hill Harper also delivered a motivational speech to the public to encourage citizen advocacy and responsibility and provided up-to-date information about their legal options.



Hill Harper and staff at the Napoli Shkolnik event.