



## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLL: REPRESENTING MUNICIPALITIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Community budgets are stretched to the breaking point by the surge in addictions, overdoses and crime, which can be traced back to opioid abuse. "All of these unexpected costs are crashing down on cities and leaving them scrambling to shift money around to keep things going," Hunter Shkolnik told Bloomberg News.

In 2015, the opioid epidemic in America took the lives of more than 33,000 people. These individuals come from all backgrounds and income levels, races and family types.

Napoli Shkolnik PLLC is working with local officials and counsel in their opioid litigation representation. Our attorneys are pursuing claims against not only the largest opioid manufacturers in the country, but also the distributors who are distributing these drugs directly into the communities.

### DAYTON, OHIO

Dayton has been hit as hard by the opioid and heroin epidemic as anywhere else in the nation. Despite the valiant efforts of the City and Mayor Nan Whaley, opioid addiction continues to destroy the lives of countless Dayton residents.

Deaths at the hands of opioids continue to increase at an alarming rate within Ohio and the City of Dayton.



Partner Marie Napoli in an ABC 7 Eyewitness News exclusive, *The Opioid Epidemic*.



Opioid Litigation attorney Salvatore Badala on Aljazeera English.



Joseph Ciaccio, an attorney in the Opioid Lawsuits, on FiOS News 1.

In 2015, the City of Dayton led Montgomery County with 167 drug overdose deaths. These numbers have only increased since then.

### MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Napoli Shkolnik will work with the City of Manchester to investigate the devastating impact opioids have had on the City of Manchester. We will represent the city in litigation against pharmaceutical companies that aggressively marketed and distributed prescription opioids. >



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### PARMA, OHIO

The City of Parma has taken steps to combat the opioid epidemic, including retaining Napoli Shkolnik PLLC and partnering with local hospitals to provide naloxone, a life-saving opioid overdose antidote, to police officers and first responders.

### NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

Salvatore Badala spoke with *Daily News* regarding the Nassau County lawsuit and the national opioid epidemic. He pointed out that the abuse of prescription pain medications like Oxycodone and Percocet can often lead to the use of heroin and fentanyl, a powerful synthetic drug.

### NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Niagara County became the ninth New York State jurisdiction to take action against the sellers of opioid prescription medication when officials tapped the experienced pharmaceutical litigators at Napoli Shkolnik PLLC to take action against a yet-to-be-named drug maker.

Government Program Reenactments	Billions in funds available		
<p><b>Were you below Canal St. for any period of time between 9/11/01–5/30/02?</b></p> <p>You may be entitled to participate in a US Government program for many cancers and other diseases.</p>			
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## Trial Date Set in Florida Community's Toxic Coal Ash Litigation



- Former Incinerator Site
- Durrs Neighborhood
- Lincoln Park Elementary School
- Mount Olive Apartments
- Lincoln Park

**Decades of contamination** of residents' homes, school and park have resulted in a stigma of the neighborhood, decrease of property values and bodily injury.

After more than a decade-long legal battle, residents of Lincoln Park will be represented in Broward County Circuit Court by Napoli Shkolnik PLLC attorneys in the fall.

Due to the former incinerator site in their neighborhood, the community has higher than average rates of cancer, including lung, prostate and liver and other medical conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and adult onset type II diabetes that have been scientifically linked to incinerator ash.

"This community's day in Court is a long time in the making. The City has known about the dangers and hazards of incinerator ash since at least the 1980's and they should be held accountable for the health problems and property damages it caused," says Partner Louise R. Caro.



## PARTNER MARIE NAPOLI NAMED TO PLAINTIFFS' STEERING COMMITTEE IN THE BIRMINGHAM HIP RESURFACING PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION



We are proud to announce that Partner Marie Napoli has been named as a Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Member in *In Re: Smith & Nephew BHR Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2775),

which is positioned before United States District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake of the United States District

Court of Maryland.

The Court reviewed all the submissions but ultimately made her decision to assemble this committee which includes an array of highly skilled counsel with diverse backgrounds. Mrs. Napoli's experience handling complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation certainly falls into these parameters.

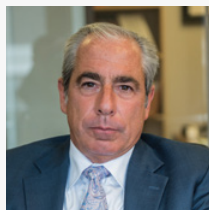
"I welcome the opportunity to work with the members of this Executive Committee," says Marie Napoli. "People believe that they are being given a hip replacement that will solve their problem, eliminate their pain, and allow them to remain highly physically active, but then end up with the exact opposite situation—chronic pain, no mobility, infections, and even additional surgeries. 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."

WHEN EVERYDAY HEROES GET HURT, THEY CALL NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC.

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## PARTNER HUNTER SHKOLNIK APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE FLINT WATER CRISIS LITIGATION



Partner Hunter J. Shkolnik was named Co-Liaison Counsel in the Flint Water Crisis Litigation by United States District Judge Judith E. Levy of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

In this role, Mr. Shkolnik will oversee all currently pending

individual personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death cases, as well as the over 18,000 potential cases awaiting to be filed in this mass action arising out of the water contamination in Flint.

The decision comes just over three years after the water crisis in Flint began. The lawsuits allege that Flint residents suffered ruinous damages to their health and property when Defendants recommended, approved, and caused Flint's water supply to become contaminated with corrosive lead and bacteria. Napoli Shkolnik has been involved in this lawsuit from the beginning and has played a leading role in organizing, prosecuting, and coordinating the actions.



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**Marie Napoli** featured on *Primetime Justice: Teenager A Murder Suspect.*



**Hunter Shkolnik** on *Primetime Justice: Young Woman Burned Alive Was Murdered.*



**Craig Phemister** on *Daily News: Review of 1980 Murder Involving Mob Cop.*



**Partner Louise Caro** is interviewed by Spectrum News regarding the Wheatfield landfill.



**Hunter Shkolnik** discusses the death penalty on Fox News.

**Environmental Associate Tate J. Kunkle** was the Keynote Speaker at the 2017 New York State Bar Association Toxic Tort Litigation conference. His seminar focused on causation and harm as well as recent industry developments.

**Partner Marie Napoli** was recently honored by her alma mater with the St. John's University Board of Trustees Service Recognition Award for her ongoing commitment and professional contributions to the university.

**Partner Patrick N. Haines** was the Conference Co-Chair for the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Asbestos Litigation Conference, discussing jurisdictional updates and key legal decisions. Delaware-based Partner James Heisman was also a featured panelist at the conference, speaking about industrial and commercial talcum powder litigation. Patrick will also be the speaker for the *Evaluating Industrial Hygiene Conclusions* seminar at the National Perrin Asbestos Litigation Conference.

**Partners Hunter J. Shkolnik and Shayna E. Sacks** will be faculty members of the HarrisMartin National Opioid Litigation Conference speaking at the *Who are the Governmental Action Plaintiffs and What are the Causation Theories?* and *Current Landscape of Opioid Litigation* panels respectively.

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## A FIGHT TO CLEAR THEIR NAMES

**Eric Smokes and David Warren** spent years behind bars after being convicted of murdering and robbing a 71-year old French tourist in the late 1980's. Today, with Napoli Shkolnik Civil Rights attorneys Craig Phemister and James Henning on their side, the duo are looking to vacate the guilty verdicts against them.

From the beginning of the investigation, Smokes said he was uneasy with how the detectives were handling the case. He was falsely painted as the ringleader of a gang of Brooklyn robbers. Warren adds that the police and prosecutors tried to get him to implicate his friend in the crime but he never did because it was simply not true. Unfortunately, a jury did not believe them and Smokes was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison and Warren received 15 years to life.

Now their attorneys Phemister and Henning have filed a motion to vacate their guilty verdicts largely based on witnesses who have recanted. According to the lawyers, some trial witnesses made up their stories to satisfy investigators while some were promised preferential treatment on their own pending criminal cases in exchange for their testimony.

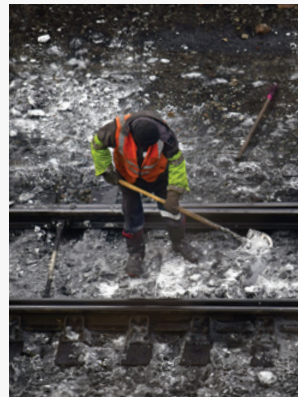
Smokes and Warren say they do not harbor anger or ill will towards those who testified against them. However, they hope that those who lied will now find the courage to come forward and admit the truth.

## Citymeals on Wheels

**Napoli Shkolnik PLLC** team members recently participated in the Citymeals on Wheels program. The group of volunteers delivered over 60 nourishing meals and smiles to homebound, elderly New York City residents. The firm emphasizes excellence in the office and serving the community around us. [citymeals.org](http://citymeals.org)

**Napoli Shkolnik PLLC continues to be proud to support the community through various educational organizations, cultural initiatives and awareness programs.**

## RAILROAD CANCER CLAIMS



**FELA** (Federal Employers Liability Act) is a United States federal law that allows railroad workers to pursue compensation for injuries and illnesses related to their employment.

Railroad workers are at risk of sustaining or acquiring a number of occupational injuries or diseases.

Of these, lung cancer is one of the most common. If you are a former railroad worker and you have recently been diagnosed with lung cancer, you may have a FELA lawsuit against your employer.

Do not hesitate to take action – the time is ticking on the statute of limitations for your claim.

Contact Napoli Shkolnik PLLC today for your free case evaluation.

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## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC WINS BIG LEGAL BATTLE IN NORTH CAROLINA UBER CASE



**Uber is a popular alternative** to traditional taxis for riders. It has more than 600,000 drivers in the United States but many of those drivers feel the company's rules and demands are too restrictive. Therefore the drivers feel that they should be provided the benefits of traditional employees, something that Uber challenges. Their ongoing legal battle to be classified as employees as opposed to independent contractors recently won a tentative victory.

The Federal District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina granted conditional certification to a class-action lawsuit that was filed on behalf of several UBER drivers under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

"The ruling today is going to allow drivers across the country to band together to challenge Uber's misclassification of them," said Paul B. Maslo, a lawyer for the plaintiffs and a partner with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC. "They are employees and should be getting minimum wage and overtime as required by federal law."



### Experiencing Hip Failures With Your Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacer?

Many patients who have had the Birmingham Hip Resurfacing implant, manufactured by Smith & Nephew, Inc., are experiencing pain from metal corrosion, metallosis (metal poisoning) and other serious premature hip failures.

Patients may have to undergo further invasive testing by medical professionals for diagnosis of their hip pain, reduced motion and "locking" sensation after hip implant surgery. In some cases, full revision and emergency care is necessary to correct the issue(s).

Speak with one of our knowledgeable attorneys for a free legal consultation. We may be able to recover compensation for medical expenses & hospital bills, lost wages (past & future), pain and suffering and other damages. You do not owe us anything unless we win your case.

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