

## SPOTLIGHT: JENNIFER R. LIAKOS

Ms. Liakos is part of the firm's *Women of NS* series.



**MS. LIAKOS** is the managing partner for the firm's El Segundo, California office. In addition to supervising the workflow of the office, she oversees the case management for her team. Her practice primarily focuses

on mass tort litigation, including personal injury pharmaceutical product liability, and medical device litigation.

She is currently the American Association for Justice Litigation Group Chair for the SSRI Birth Defects Group. Ms. Liakos was recently named to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in the Viagra (Sildenafil Citrate) Products Liability Litigation (MDL 2). She has also been appointed Discovery Chair for the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the Paxil Products Liability Litigation (MDL 1574).

She has been industry recognized for her legal achievements by Super Lawyers® as a California Rising Star in 2007 and 2008 and has been named to the California Super Lawyers® list every year since 2011.

## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC

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**AS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED** law firm, we strive to be at the forefront of plaintiff litigations and evolving legal technology.

Equally important to us is to continually improve client experience, our internal processes to accomplish this and ultimately to deliver RESULTS.

Our people are fundamental to these goals and we are proud of our entire team. We recognize and promote talent from within; over the past year the firm has grown to include nine offices across the country, ten Partners and over 40 attorneys.

Our team of women professionals extends outside the courtroom. Our Chief Financial Controller, Lisa Tancredi, heads the Finance Department from our Long Island Office. Gloria Werle, the firm's Chief Operating Officer, oversees the management of all the firm offices.

Our dedicated staff of paralegals, legal assistants, marketing specialists, and receptionists all contribute to the firm's continued success.



## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC ATTORNEYS

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**NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC** is proud to announce that eight of its attorneys have been included in the 2016 Super Lawyers® list. Included in the 2016 New York Metro Super Lawyers® list are Partners Hunter J. Shkolnik and Christopher R. LoPalo and Of Counsel Paul J. Napoli. Selected to the New York Metro Rising Stars™ list are Partner Nicholas R. Farnolo and associate attorneys Salvatore C. Badala and Kardon A. Stolzman. Appearing on the 2016 California Super Lawyers® list is partner Jennifer R. Liakos and named to the Illinois Super Lawyers® List is associate attorney Eric D. Jackstadt.



## NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC HELPS TO BRING TRUTH TO LIGHT FOR FALSELY CONVICTED WAYNE MARTIN.

**WAYNE MARTIN**, his family & friends and his Napoli Shkolnik attorneys were overjoyed when the Brooklyn District Attorney's office officially dismissed the indictment against him.

"Following a thorough re-examination of this case, I have concluded that a lack of reliable evidence, compounded by the utter failure to disclose exculpatory evidence at the original trial, would make it impossible to retry this case," said Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson. "Therefore, we moved today to dismiss the indictment against Mr. Martin in the interest of justice."

James Henning and Craig Phemister, attorneys in Napoli Shkolnik's Wrongful Conviction department uncovered additional evidence showing that detectives manipulated evidence to try to make a case against Mr. Martin. Based on this evidence, Mr. Henning filed a motion to vacate the indictment against Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin's 2010 conviction was vacated on July 7<sup>th</sup> and his indictment dismissed on September 7<sup>th</sup> as a result of the overwhelming lack of evidence against Mr. Martin.



John Ramsey, Wayne Martin and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC attorneys Craig Phemister and James Henning.

## ROUNDUP® WEED AND GRASS KILLER



**NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC** is investigating the nationwide exposure to glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup® and other commercially produced herbicides.) Roundup® currently has the highest global production of herbicides in the world and the World Health Organization has found that it is "probably carcinogenic to humans."

The largest use worldwide of glyphosate products is in agriculture. The agricultural use of glyphosate has increased sharply since the development of glyphosate resistant crops. It is also used in forestry, urban, and home applications and has been detected in the air during spraying, in water, and in food.

We encourage you to contact Napoli Shkolnik PLLC if you believe that you or a loved one has been exposed to glyphosate.



## MEDIA CORNER



The [New York Daily News](#) recently quoted Partner [Hunter J. Shkolnik](#) regarding a near aviation disaster that occurred in Argentina in 2014. The American Airlines Boeing 777 jet plunged into a 4000 ft nose dive when an alleged defective flight seat trapped the first officer against the plane’s yoke, disengaging the autopilot. Seven flight attendants who were injured in this incident are suing Boeing aircraft company. “About 300 passengers on the flight from Kennedy Airport to Buenos Aires were strapped in their seats, but the flight attendants were still up and about securing the serving carts,” said Hunter.

[Hunter J. Shkolnik](#) was the Co-Chair of the [HarrisMartin California Mass Tort and Class Litigation Conference](#). He was joined by Partners [Shayna E. Sacks](#) and [Jennifer R. Liakos](#) who also spoke at the event.

[Paul J. Napoli](#) was a featured speaker for the [National September 11 Memorial & Museum](#). The Memorial has been holding staff seminars focused on 9/11 health effects. Paul discussed his personal and professional experiences representing claimants in the litigation effort, the Zadroga Act and the re-authorization of the 9/11 Victim’s Compensation Fund.



[Hunter J. Shkolnik](#) on [Fox News](#) provides his legal insight on the segment *First Law Enforcement Officer to Face Terror Charges*.



[Hunter J. Shkolnik](#) appeared on [Fox News](#) regarding a Michigan couple’s lawsuit, against Pokémon GO creators, claiming it’s ruining their quality of life.



[Hunter J. Shkolnik](#) was asked to join [WHDT](#) to give his legal opinion on “Can Trump Successfully Sue *The New York Times*?”.

RESIDENTS VISITORS OFFICE WORKERS VOLUNTEERS

**WERE YOU BELOW CANAL ST.  
FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME  
BETWEEN 9/11/01-5/30/02?**

**YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
A US GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR MANY  
CANCERS AND OTHER DISEASES**



## LAW SUIT FILED FOR TOXIC PLUME IN BETHPAGE, NY

**NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC** has filed a class action lawsuit against Northrop Grumman Corporation and Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (collectively “Grumman”) on behalf of Bethpage residents who have been injured by a massive toxic plume emanating from Grumman’s operations. Grumman never timely warned the surrounding community of the contamination and has continuously failed to remediate the contamination.

The toxic groundwater plume, which injured residents, resulted from Grumman’s degreasing, plane painting operations, and metal finishing processes at the Nassau County Site. As a result of the chemicals’ extreme volatility, the contaminants are migrating up as vapors through the soil and into the residents’ yards, basements, homes and community parks.

Exposed residents are at risk of liver damage, kidney damage, cardiovascular damage, impaired immune system function, bladder cancer, Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, renal cell carcinoma, as well as other illnesses and cancers. Pregnant women are especially at risk, as ingestion could impair fetal development. Long-time resident Ms. Romano frequently visited the Bethpage Community Park and now has been diagnosed with breast cancer, as have others, who all live a mile away from one another. Other residents have been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer or own property in Bethpage that may have damages related to the contamination, we encourage you to contact Napoli Shkolnik PLLC immediately.

## CALIFORNIA’S HIGHEST COURT: OUT OF STATE VICTIMS MAY SUE IN CALIFORNIA

**CALIFORNIA’S HIGHEST COURT’S** ruling allowing out-of-state victims to join California residents in suing a pharmaceutical company in California State Court where the claims and injuries are similar is welcomed by plaintiff litigation firms across the country.

This Opinion ensures that affected individuals can hold large corporations responsible for their misleading marketing, promotion and distribution of dangerous & defective drugs and products. California’s top court found that Bristol-Myers Squibb’s national marketing campaign and sales in the state subjected it to specific jurisdiction.

Napoli Shkolnik PLLC was at the forefront of the battle to hold big pharmaceutical companies accountable for their products and the severe injuries they cause.

The case is Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v S.C., California Supreme Court, No. S221038.

## STRYKER HIP IMPLANTS



### THE STRYKER LFIT-V40

chrome/cobalt heads may have been defectively designed and manufactured. These hip heads have been reported to cause catastrophic disassociation (the femoral head snaps off) or metallosis (metal poisoning) requiring emergency revision surgery.

Stryker last faced a major hip device recall in 2012 with the recall of its popular Stryker Rejuvenate and Stryker ABGII modular hip stem devices.

Contact Napoli Shkolnik PLLC to discuss your specific situation.