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INTRODUCTION

Personal injury cases can be overwhelming—especially when they involve serious incidents like trucking accidents, elevator/escalator malfunctions due to defective product design or negligent maintenance, or workplace injuries. These situations can lead to life-changing harm, lost income, and mounting expenses. At Brach Eichler Injury Lawyers, we are committed to helping victims and their families pursue justice and full compensation. With over **\$550 million recovered** for our clients so far, we have the experience, resources, and determination to deliver real results.

- We handle a wide range of personal injury cases, including trucking accidents, elevator/escalator malfunctions due to defective product design or negligent maintenance, workers' compensation claims, slip/trip and fall accidents, and product liability cases.
- We can meet with you at your office, your home, or virtually—whichever is most convenient for you. Free parking is available at our offices.
- Our experienced investigators thoroughly examine every case, gather crucial evidence, speak with witnesses, and document the scene.
- We work directly with your medical providers to understand your injuries and secure the records needed to support your claim.
- We fight for the maximum compensation possible for your injuries, lost income, and other damages.
- You don't pay unless we recover money for you.

As always, Brach Eichler Injury Lawyers are here to support you with knowledgeable guidance and relentless advocacy. If you have any questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact us.

Be well, be safe.

Sincerely,

Edward Capozzi

**IN 2024,
OVER \$535
MILLION
RECOVERED!**



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

1. **\$3.3 million** verdict in Bergen County for damages sustained in a personal injury case involving a rear-end collision which caused neck and back injuries.
2. **\$2,750,000** federal court verdict for a fractured hip.
3. **\$1,600,000** settlement for a 28-year-old female who was injured in a motor vehicle collision. As a result of the collision, our client sustained injuries to her neck and back requiring neck surgery and a permanent spinal cord stimulator in her low back, among other treatment. Our client also claimed over a million dollars of future medical expenses and over a hundred thousand dollars of past medical bills.
4. **\$1,000,000** settlement for a client dealing with back and shoulder injuries caused by a tractor-trailer.
5. **\$996,596** settlement of a case involving a 42 year-old Passaic woman injured as a result of being struck from behind by a tow truck.
6. **\$975,000** settlement on behalf of a woman who was injured after a box fell on her neck and shoulder. As a result of this incident, the client sustained injuries to her neck and shoulder requiring neck surgery and shoulder surgery, among other treatment.
7. **\$954,000** verdict in Morris County for a woman involved in a boating accident. She suffered a fracture in her spine. The last offer was \$118,000.
8. **\$950,000** settlement a dram shop wrongful death case.
9. **\$825,000** settlement for a woman who suffered neck and back injuries as a result a motor vehicle accident with a tractor-trailer from a national shipping company.
10. **\$785,000** settlement on a behalf of a woman who was injured in a motor vehicle collision. The client sustained low back injuries that required surgery.
11. **\$777,000** settlement on behalf of a women injured in a motor vehicle collision. The client suffered neck and low back injuries that required surgeries.
12. **\$750,000** settlement for a client dealing with spinal injuries caused by a truck.
13. **\$735,000** settlement for a man who suffered from neck and back injuries as a result of a car accident.
14. **\$725,000** settlement on behalf of a woman who was injured in a fall down accident. The client sustained low back injuries that required surgery.
15. **\$650,000** settlement for a 28 year old woman obtained a settlement of \$650,000 for a knee tear, partial shoulder tear, (2) disc herniations and (4) disc bulges requiring surgery.
16. **\$575,000** settlement on behalf of a man who was injured after being rear-ended by a dump truck. The client sustained neck and low back injuries. The client underwent neck surgery.

INJURED AT WORK? THIS IS A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE ABOUT WHAT TO DO!

BY COREY A. DIETZ AND MICHAEL D. RUSSO

At Brach Eichler Injury Lawyers, we understand the stress that comes with a workplace injury. That's why we're breaking down exactly what you should do if you find yourself in this situation.

STEP 1: SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION

Your health comes first. If the injury is serious, call 911 or go to the nearest ER. Even for minor injuries, see a doctor—some symptoms can worsen over time. Your employer may require you to use a designated provider, so check your company's procedures.

STEP 2: REPORT THE INJURY PROMPTLY

Tell your employer or supervisor as soon as possible, ideally in writing. Include when, where, and how the injury occurred. Keep a copy for your records. If there were any witnesses, make note of them too.

STEP 3: FILE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM

This covers your medical bills, lost wages, and other related costs. Your employer should provide the claim form—fill it out completely, and submit it to both your employer and the insurance provider.



STEP 4: DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

Take photos or videos of the accident scene, keep track of all doctor visits, and save receipts and medical records. These documents are crucial if there are any disputes about your claim.

STEP 5: FOLLOW YOUR DOCTOR'S ADVICE

Stick to the treatment plan and attend all follow-up appointments. This not only helps your recovery but also strengthens your claim by showing you're serious about healing.

STEP 6: RETURN TO WORK ONLY WHEN CLEARED

Don't rush back to work—only return when your doctor gives the green light. If you're assigned light duty, make sure your employer knows your restrictions.

STEP 7: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to compensation for work-related injuries. If your claim is denied or you're being treated unfairly, you can appeal—and we can help.



No Retaliation Allowed: It's illegal for your employer to punish you for filing a claim. If this happens, contact us immediately.

STEP 8: CALL A PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY (THAT'S US!)

If your claim is denied, your benefits are delayed, or your injury was caused by someone else's negligence—**don't go it alone.**

Our experienced legal team can help you:

- Challenge denied claims
- Maximize your compensation
- Explore third-party lawsuits (if applicable)
- Protect your rights every step of the way

You Don't Have to Navigate This Alone

If you've been injured at work, we're here to help. **Contact Brach Eichler Injury Lawyers** today for a **free consultation** at **(973) 860-3765** or visit us online. We're committed to helping you get the benefits and compensation you deserve.

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BY JEREMY L. HYLTON

Construction sites are among the most hazardous workplaces in the U.S., with thousands of workers suffering injuries each year. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), construction accidents account for a significant portion of workplace injuries and fatalities. If you or a loved one has been injured in a construction accident, understanding your legal rights and options is crucial. Learn more about what you need to know about construction accidents in this blog.

Construction accidents happen for various reasons, but some of the most common causes include:

1. **Falls from Heights** – Falls are the leading cause of fatalities in construction. Workers often fall from scaffolding, ladders, roofs, or other elevated surfaces due to a lack of proper fall protection.
2. **Struck by Objects** – Construction workers are at risk of being hit by falling tools, equipment, or debris. Cranes and forklifts can also pose dangers if not operated properly.
3. **Electrocutions** – Exposed wiring, power lines, and faulty electrical equipment can lead to serious injuries or fatalities from electrocution.
4. **Caught-in/Between Accidents** – These incidents occur when workers get trapped between machinery, equipment, or collapsing structures, often leading to severe injuries.
5. **Equipment Malfunctions** – Defective tools and heavy machinery can cause catastrophic accidents, often due to poor maintenance or manufacturing defects.



What to Do After a Construction Accident

If you are injured on a construction site, taking the right steps can protect your health and legal rights:

1. **Seek Medical Attention** – Your health is the top priority. Even if injuries seem minor, get checked by a medical professional.
2. **Report the Accident** – Notify your supervisor or employer as soon as possible. Ensure that the incident is documented properly.
3. **Gather Evidence** – Take pictures of the accident scene, your injuries, and any hazardous conditions. Collect witness statements if possible.
4. **Consult a Construction Accident Lawyer** – An experienced attorney can help you navigate workers' compensation claims or potential lawsuits to recover damages.

Who is Liable in a Construction Accident?

Determining liability in a construction accident can be complex. Potentially responsible parties include:

- **Employers** – If an employer fails to follow safety regulations, they may be held accountable.
- **General Contractors & Subcontractors** – These parties must ensure a safe work environment.

- **Equipment Manufacturers** – If defective machinery causes an injury, the manufacturer could be liable.
- **Property Owners** – In some cases, property owners may be responsible for unsafe conditions on-site.

Compensation for Construction Accident Injuries

Injured construction workers may be entitled to compensation, including:

- **Workers' Compensation Benefits** – Covers medical expenses, lost wages, and rehabilitation costs.
- **Third-Party Claims** – If a negligent third party (such as an equipment manufacturer) caused the injury, a lawsuit may be filed.
- **Pain and Suffering** – In some cases, victims may recover damages for emotional and physical distress.

How a Lawyer Can Help

A skilled construction accident lawyer can:

- Investigate the accident and determine liability.
- Ensure you receive full workers' compensation benefits.
- File a personal injury lawsuit if a third party was negligent.
- **Negotiate settlements** to maximize your compensation.

Construction workers put their lives on the line daily, and when accidents happen, they deserve full legal protection. If you or a loved one has been injured in a construction accident, don't wait to seek legal advice. [Contact the New Jersey construction accident attorneys](#) of Brach Eichler Injury Lawyers today at (973) 860-3765 to understand your rights and pursue the compensation you deserve.



THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF NEGLIGENT TRUCKING PRACTICES

BY ALEX S. CAPOZZI

The trucking industry keeps our economy moving, transporting everything from groceries to medical supplies across the country. But behind the scenes, there's a serious risk that too often gets overlooked: negligent hiring and supervision of truck drivers.

When trucking companies cut corners in hiring, training, or monitoring their drivers, the consequences can be deadly. Due to their massive size and weight, commercial trucks can cause catastrophic damage in accidents—and when those accidents are preventable, it becomes a matter of accountability.

1. What Is Negligent Hiring?

Negligent hiring happens when a company hires a driver without doing proper background checks—or worse, ignores warning signs about a driver's qualifications or behavior. Companies are responsible for ensuring drivers:

- Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Have a clean driving record
- Don't have a history of drug or alcohol abuse
- Comply with safety regulations

Skipping these checks or hiring a driver with red flags could make the company liable for any accidents that follow.

2. What About Negligent Retention?

Even after a driver is hired, the company must monitor their performance. If a driver is caught violating safety rules or behaving recklessly, and the company does nothing, that's called negligent retention. Keeping dangerous drivers on the road puts everyone in danger—and opens the company up to legal responsibility.

3. Training Matters, Too

Driving a commercial truck isn't like driving a regular car. It takes skill, training, and a deep understanding of the rules. Negligent training occurs when companies fail to:

- Educate drivers on trucking laws
- Provide hands-on driving practice
- Teach safety procedures like proper cargo loading
- Prepare drivers for tough road conditions

When accidents happen due to poor training, the company may be held responsible.

4. Don't Forget Supervision

Trucking companies can't just hire drivers and hope for the best. They're required to actively supervise them—tracking driving hours, conducting drug tests, monitoring vehicle maintenance, and enforcing speed and safety laws. When they fail to do that, they're not just being careless—they're putting lives at risk.

5. Your Legal Rights After a Trucking Accident

If you or someone you love has been injured in a trucking accident caused by company negligence, you may be entitled to compensation for:

- Medical bills
- Lost income
- Pain and suffering
- Property damage
- Wrongful death

An experienced legal team can investigate the company's hiring and supervision practices to help you build a strong case.



UBER & LYFT ACCIDENTS: HOW THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR CAR CRASHES

BY DANIEL G. LEONE

Ridesharing services like Uber and Lyft have changed how we get around—but accidents involving them aren't always as straightforward as a typical car crash. Whether you're a passenger, another driver, or a pedestrian, it's important to understand the key differences when you're involved in a rideshare accident.

More Insurance, More Complexity

In a standard car accident, the at-fault driver's insurance usually handles the damages. With Uber or Lyft, multiple insurance policies may come into play depending on what the driver was doing at the time:

- Driver off-duty? Their personal insurance applies.
- Driver logged into the app but no passenger? Uber/Lyft provides limited coverage.
- Driver en route or carrying a passenger? Uber/Lyft's \$1 million+ policy kicks in.

Who's Liable?

Unlike traditional accidents, where it's often one driver's fault, rideshare crashes can involve:

- The rideshare driver
- The company's insurance provider
- A third-party driver

Sorting out liability often requires investigating app logs, trip status, and more.

Rideshare Drivers Aren't Employees

Uber and Lyft classify drivers as independent contractors—meaning the companies usually avoid direct liability. But if a rideshare company failed to properly vet or supervise a driver, they might still bear some legal responsibility.

Passenger Protections

Passengers in rideshare accidents are often eligible for greater compensation because of the higher insurance limits. Still, navigating these claims can be complicated and time-consuming.

What Should You Do After a Rideshare Crash?

1. Get medical help, even for minor injuries.
2. Call the police and file a report.
3. Take photos and gather witness info.
4. Report the crash through the Uber or Lyft app.
5. Talk to a lawyer to help deal with insurance and claims.



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Why did you decide to become an attorney?

From as early on as I can remember, I wanted to be an attorney. I loved the idea of standing up in court in front of a jury and fighting for a cause. I wanted to make a real difference in people's lives. In my line of work I encounter people dealing with some of the toughest moments in their lives. Helping injured people get the justice and compensation they deserve isn't just a job for me, it's a way to stand up for those who often feel powerless and ensure their voices are heard.

What would you be doing if you weren't a lawyer?

If I weren't an attorney, I would try and work in a field involving my other interest – being outdoors. I enjoy spending time outdoors so I would try and select a career that is a little more laid back and puts me outside and in nature. Perhaps a park ranger, where I can still provide assistance to guests while also getting fulfillment from helping protect both people and nature as well as educate.

Tell us about a mentor who made an impact on your career.

The most impactful mentor I have had in my career is Ed Capozzi – the chair of our Personal Injury Group here at Brach Eichler. I consider Ed as both a mentor and a friend. We have worked together over a decade and handled some truly difficult cases. His insights and experience have made a big difference in how I practice. I've learned to be fearless and think outside the box. Those traits are not often seen in this profession.

What is the best career advice you have received?

The best career advice I have received is to be precise, be thorough but also to be yourself. In this profession you are responsible for dealing with judges as well as your adversaries and even juries. Given the serious nature of the profession, it is important to be detail-oriented. After making sure you are delivering the highest quality of work-product, when the cases have to go to a jury, you must be yourself. There are many good trial attorneys across the state and country however, you can't just copy what you have seen others do. You must be yourself because juries as well as your adversaries can see what is genuine.

What are some recent good books you read?

I was a history major in college so in my spare time I tend to focus on reading biographies. I'm also a political junkie so I tend to read about presidents and other prominent political leaders. The best book I have read recently was *The Power Broker* by Robert Caro. In the book Robert Caro details the rise of Robert Moses and the influence he played in New York and the world through urban planning. We all take for granted Jones Beach and the Cross Bronx Expressway but without him they would not exist. His influence both good and bad left a lasting impact.

What might people be surprised to know about you?

I grew up in a small town in a rural part of Pennsylvania vastly different than New Jersey. I was also the first member of my family to attend college. This experience provided me with a set of values including hard work and understanding that I bring with me in not only the practice of law but also in how I speak to adversaries and judges.

What are your strongest assets?

My strongest assets include my ability to think outside the box as well as to be thorough and find angles that may not be apparent and that others may overlook. I take pride in finding the small details that make a difference in winning and losing difficult cases.

What do you like most about Brach Eichler Personal Injury Attorneys?

We take pride in not only being great attorneys but also having both a personal and professional relationships with each other. Our group of attorneys are very close and with that bond we are able to bounce ideas off each other and truly grow as people and attorneys.

What are you most proud of, professionally and/or personally?

I am most proud of the hard cases. Not the cases that resulted in the biggest verdicts or settlements. I take pride in handling the cases that other attorneys passed on. Cases where the clients felt they wouldn't see compensation for the injuries they sustained. These cases don't always get discussed in the Law Journal or published on the website but those cases set you apart. When you have the ability to listen to a client, tell their story and get justice when others wouldn't – it provides a level of satisfaction that is difficult to describe.

In addition to my professional career, I also take pride in my son Roman. Watching him develop in both school and athletics brings great joy and I can't wait to see the man he becomes. He is my pride and joy.



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