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- » *Elise L. Bradley*

THREE PARTNERS ARE NOW WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS

In March, three of our partners took the Workers' Compensation Certification exam held for the very first time by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. **We are proud to announce that all three, George Martin, Joe Huttemann and Al Carlson, have been certified as a specialist in the practice of workers' compensation law by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Section on Workers' Compensation Law as authorized by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.** Only 149 attorneys in the entire state of Pennsylvania have been certified as a specialist in workers' compensation and MARTIN LLC continues the tradition of highly knowledgeable attorneys -- **with three attorneys certified, we have more claimants' attorneys certified than any one firm in Philadelphia.**

The exam is meant to recognize attorneys in the specialty of workers' compensation and allow them to stand out from attorneys whom dedicate

just a small percentage of their practice to workers' compensation matters.

Partner **Matthew Wilson**, who met the eligibility requirements and scored the tests of the applicants for certification, reports that the committee's fine-tuning of the testing and certification process was rigorous and ongoing. "I worked with Judge [David B.] Torrey in the development of the exam and I have actually taken it three times." Wilson said.

The certification process requires that attorneys sit for a four-hour exam, after proving that they have actively practiced law for more than five years and dedicate at least half of their practice to workers' compensation claims. The hope is that this process will allow for better legal representation in workers' compensation claims by allowing the public to know that a specific attorney is well-qualified to represent them.

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Welcome Our New Associates

MARTIN LLC recently hired two new associate attorneys, Frank J. Udinson and Elise L. Bradley, in the workers' compensation division of the firm. As new associates, Frank and Elise will be helping the firm's attorneys by covering hearings and writing briefs.



FRANK J. UDINSON

Prior to joining MARTIN LLC, Frank worked at a defense firm representing clients in the area of workers' compensation. He also has prior experience working as an Assistant District Attorney for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.



ELISE L. BRADLEY

Elise joins the firm after working as an Assistant District Attorney at the Delaware County Office of the District Attorney where she prosecuted criminal cases and worked in the Juvenile and Pretrial Divisions.

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10 MARTIN ATTORNEYS SELECTED TO '13 SUPER LAWYER & RISING STAR LISTS

- » 5 Martin partners selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2013* list.
- » 5 Martin attorneys selected to the *Pennsylvania Rising Stars 2013* list.
- » 3 Martin partners selected to the *Top 100 Philadelphia 2013* list.
- » 3 Martin partners selected to the *Top 100 Pennsylvania 2013* list.
- » 2 Martin partners selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list for 10 years.

Front row: (L-R) Amit Shah*, Maria Harris*, Jody Joy*, George Martin**†‡§, Annabelle Cedar, Lisa Eldridge and Elise Bradley.

Back row: (L-R) Frank Udinson, Al Carlson**†‡, Matt Wilson**†‡§, John Dogum**, Joseph Huttemann**, Joseph Conlan* and Joseph Capitan*.

* Selected to 2013 *Pennsylvania Rising Stars*
** Selected to 2013 *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*
† *Top 100 Philadelphia* ‡ *Top 100 Pennsylvania* § 10 Years Listed

More workers' comp claimants' attorneys listed than any other firm in the state!

* Super Lawyers selects attorneys using a rigorous, multiphase process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with third party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis.

The Super Lawyers selection process involves three basic steps: creation of the candidate pool, evaluation of candidates by the research department, and peer evaluation by practice area. The final published list represents no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state.

† The selection process for Rising Stars is the same as the Super Lawyers selection process except that: 1) a candidate must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for ten years or less 2) Candidates do not go through peer evaluation by practice area; no more than 2.5 percent are named to the Rising Stars list.

IS A LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT RIGHT FOR YOU?

MARTIN LLC has helped many clients settle their work injury claims — and we have talked many other clients out of it. Our knowledgeable attorneys have practiced in workers' compensation for more than 34 years. We know the true value of your claim and how to negotiate a lump sum settlement in your best interests. Because you are waiving rights to future benefits or claims, any decision to settle your case should be discussed with your family and an experienced workers' compensation lawyer.

If you do decide to settle your case, you should know that our experienced attorneys will get you the money you deserve. **Below is a just a small sample of the settlements and recoveries we've helped to obtain for our clients.**

\$240,000 AWARDED
to a claims representative with a twisting injury to low back

\$375,000 AWARDED
to a mover with a low back injury

\$190,000 AWARDED
in wage loss with open medical for police officer with low back injury

\$203,000 AWARDED
in wage loss (more than 9 years of benefits) with open medical for a carpenter with partial paraplegia

\$240,000 AWARDED
to a businessman for motor vehicle accident with a low back injury

\$230,000 AWARDED
to an electrician with disc herniations

\$195,000 AWARDED
to a carpenter with a knee ligament injury

\$160,000 AWARDED
to a construction project manager with multiple injuries

\$230,000 AWARDED
to a nurse with cervical and thoracic spine injuries

\$180,000 AWARDED
to an ultrasound technician for head, shoulder and back injuries

\$165,000 AWARDED
to a floor layer with a knee injury

\$195,000 AWARDED
to a truck driver with a shoulder injury

\$177,000 AWARDED IN BACK DUE BENEFITS,
with open medical and a future lifetime award of at least

\$350,000 to a camp counselor who is now a paraplegic

\$210,000 AWARDED IN BACK DUE BENEFITS,
to the widow of a truck driver in a death claim

BEST LAWYERS 2013

At MARTIN LLC, we strive to provide the best legal representation possible to injured and disabled people during their workers' compensation cases. It is with this mission in mind that we are proud to announce that four of our partners have recently been selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2013.

Founding Partner **GEORGE MARTIN** has been selected to the Best Lawyers in America since 1995, making this his 18th consecutive year with this



recognition. George was also selected as Lawyer of the Year for Workers' Compensation Law - Claimants in Philadelphia.

Partners **John Dogum** and **Al Carlson** have also made the list for Best Lawyers in America for the first time this year, while partner **Matt Wilson** has been selected to the Best Lawyers list for the 3rd year in a row. With four listed attorneys, MARTIN LLC has more claimant attorneys listed as Best Lawyers than any other Philadelphia area firm.

Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

MEET THE AJC TEAM!

partner ALFRED J. CARLSON, ESQ.

Al has been a Partner at MARTIN LLC since 2000 focusing his practice on workers' compensation. Al grew up in Delaware County, is happily married and spends his free time with his wife and three kids. Al coaches his son's basketball team and enjoys spending weekends in the summer at the shore with his family. Al is known around the office for his optimism and for being quite the joker!

legal assistant KATRINA BORIS

Katrina has been with the firm since 2011 and serves on Al's team as an assistant. She arranges appointments for clients, schedules depositions, confirms all appointments arranged by the team and deals with any issues regarding medical bills. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, she also loves shopping and animals.

legal secretary PAULA CEDAR

Paula has been with the firm since 2000 and is the secretary on Al's team and assists him with the representation of injured workers. She is happy to help clients with their questions regarding their workers' compensation issues. Paula is happily married with a daughter and son. She enjoys reading, running and listening to music.

paralegal KRISTI AURELIEN

Kristi has been with the firm since 1999 and is the paralegal on Al's team. Kristi prepares files for hearings, settlements, and mediations, and takes incoming calls from clients, attorneys, adjusters and judges. She assists injured workers in any way possible. Kristi is married with two children and enjoys reading and watching movies.



PICTURED L-R: Katrina Boris, Kristi Aurelien, Al Carlson and Paula Cedar

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Whistleblower Recourse

If you or someone you know is aware of any illegal activity, waste, fraud or abuse by an employer or that is effecting the federal, state or local government, you should consider speaking with an attorney about whether such misconduct amounts to a possible whistleblower action.

In the last 20 years, whistleblowers have become central figures in uncovering misconduct and/or mismanagement in the public and private sectors. In fact, the underlying purpose of the many whistleblower laws is to allow employees to stop, report, or testify about employer actions that are illegal, unhealthy, or violate specific public policies. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a Whistleblower Protection Program that helps to enforce statutes and protect employees from discrimination by employers as a form of retaliation.

Whistleblower lawsuits usually involve the healthcare and defense industry, tax, mortgage or securities fraud, and consumer and public safety. However, they are not limited to those areas. To learn more about how we may be able to help you, please call today.



The latest MARTIN LLC blood drive brings the firm up to almost 250 pints donated for the Red Cross in the past five years.

PICTURED ABOVE:
American Red Cross Phlebotomist Nicole Meenan prepares MARTIN LLC partner Matt Wilson for his blood donation.

ELECTIONS AND AWARDS

MARIA HARRIS was elected to Vice Chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

MATT WILSON was recently elected to Chair-Elect for the Pennsylvania Bar Association - Workers' Compensation Section.

GEORGE MARTIN and his wife, Christy Martin were recently honored by the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust with the "Morris Conservation Award" for their contribution to the organization's work.

GEORGE MARTIN, MATT WILSON & AMIT SHAH were each recently selected to the Awesome Attorneys list published by *Philadelphia* and *Suburban Life Magazine* which featured George Martin on the cover. >>



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

JOSEPH CAPITAN was a faculty member at the CLE program in February entitled "*Social Security Disability: From Start to Finish*," which offered a detailed walkthrough of the Social Security Disability claims process.

AL CARLSON was a presenter at the CLE program in March entitled "*Workers' Compensation: The Settlement Process and Hearings*," which gave foundational knowledge and approaches needed to avoid common errors and achieve favorable outcomes when handling claims.

MATT WILSON was a faculty member in April at the CLE program "*Tough Problems in Workers' Compensation*" presented by the Philadelphia Bar Institute providing recent case law updates relevant to workers' compensation.

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