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#### Who We Are

We are litigators, we are negotiators, and we are advocates.

Our firm started in 2000 as a small team of seasoned trial attorneys working hard to defend healthcare practitioners in multi-million dollar lawsuits. Since then, we have grown. Gabriele & Marano, LLP now consists of 13 attorneys and maintains four regional offices for the convenience of our clients.

We have grown, but we still handle each legal matter with the same care and intensity as we did at the start. We pride ourselves on our intense client focus, shrewd strategic thinking, and efficiency.





#### How We Work

We are passionate about our work. Our offices buzz with collaboration on legal issues and strategy. We use the expertise of each staff member to our advantage, bringing our best efforts to every forum, whether it's Supreme court, OMPC, or the negotiation table.

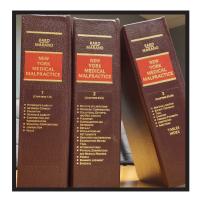
We identify and resolve legal issues quickly and efficiently. Our inhouse computer experts identify potential legal issues that technology may cause. Our in-house appellate staff is available to address the most complex legal issues as they arise.

## **Our Partners**

Lori A. Marano has successfully defended health care providers in medical malpractice actions for almost 30 years. In addition to enjoying success as a trial attorney, she has also had excellent results representing providers in licensure matters before the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Office of Professional Discipline. She is a graduate of Hofstra University School

of Law, where she served as Associate Editor of the Law Review. Ms. Marano is the co-author of New York Medical Malpractice [1994 ed.], a three-volume treatise.

Ms. Marano is also the firm's Senior Appellate Counsel. She is a former Chair of the Appellate Practice Committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association and currently serves on its Judicial Screening Committee. She has also lectured to healthcare providers on risk management and documentation issues. Ms. Marano is admitted in the Courts of New York State and the Southern and Eastern District Courts of New York.



#### Lori A. Marano



# Anthony M. Soscia, Jr.



Anthony M. Soscia Jr. represents health care providers in virtually all medical specialty fields as well as hospitals in the New York Metropolitan Area. Over the last thirty years, he has tried more than 100 cases to verdict, including numerous cases of alleged catastrophic loss and multimillion dollar exposure.

In addition to healthcare defense, he has defended lawyers in legal malpractice actions, has general liability experience and has written and argued several appeals. Formerly the principal trial partner of Kanterman, O'Leary and Soscia, Tony adds to this firm his wealth of knowledge and thirty five years of legal experience.

Mr. Soscia received his undergraduate degree from Villanova University and his J.D. from Fordham Law School. He has taken verdicts in New York, New Jersey, and in the Federal Courts. Tony has lectured at seminars sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Division; New York State Trial Lawyers, and a number of lawyer and physician groups.

Jeffrey P. DeGeorges has over two decades of civil litigation experience. After Jeffrey P. receiving a bachelor's degree in Public Justice form Oswego State University, he attended Hofstra University School of Law. While there, he became a member of its most prestigious journal - the Hofstra Law Review - and was granted special permission to practice in the Family Court as a law student, advocating for the protection of abused women and children.

**DeGeorges** 

Mr. DeGeorges concentrates on the trial and appeal of medical malpractice defense matters. He has obtained numerous defense verdicts in courtrooms from New York City to Riverhead, as well as successfully protected clients in investigations by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and Office of Professional Discipline. He has also successfully briefed and argued many cases in the Appellate Division. Mr. DeGeorges is admitted to practice in the Courts of New York State, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and Southern District of California. In addition to litigation, Mr. DeGeorges also lectures to healthcare professionals on matters involving risk management and suit avoidance.



#### **Jennifer** Larkin-**Higgins**



Jennifer Larkin-Higgins earned a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University and obtained her Juris Doctor from New York Law School, where she graduated magna cum laude and was an editor for the Journal of International and Comparative Law. From 2001 to 2007, she was an Assistant District Attorney with the Queens County District Attorney's Office, where she tried numerous cases and took dozens to verdict. She joined Geisler & Gabriele, LLP in 2007 and became a partner with Gabriele & Marano, LLP in 2014.

Ms. Larkin-Higgins represents and defends individual physicians, registered nurses, therapists, physician assistants, medical practices, and hospitals in medical malpractice actions. She is involved in all aspects of litigation, from case inception, to depositions, motion practice, trials, and appellate advocacy, and is licensed to practice law in the State of New York and in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York. During Nurses' Week 2016, she lectured to registered nurses employed by a major metropolitan hospital regarding documentation in electronic medical records.

Robert J. Farley has tried many cases and argued many appeals in the Federal and State Court systems. He has been involved in mediations and arbitrations as both an advocate and as a mediator. He was partner in Farley, Holohan & Glockner, LLP from 1986 to 2017, and now joins Gabriele and Marano, LLP as a partner. He is a graduate of University of Notre Dame, (1974), and St. John's University, School of Law (1977).

Mr. Farley is admitted to practice in New York, Florida and the District of Columbia. He is also admitted in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Nassau County Bar Association and the Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association. He has taught as an adjunct professor at St. John's University, and has lectured on medico-legal issues to physicians, nursing staff and risk managers of hospitals in the New York City area. He is also a private pilot.

Robert J. **Farley** 



## **Recent Trial Results**

June 2017 - Alleged failure to prevent formation of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism, with claim of need for lifelong anticoagulation. **Defense Verdict.** 

April 2017 - Alleged improper administration of Pitocin during labor induction resulting in cervical lacerations and hemorrhage. **Defense Verdict.** 

April 2017 - Alleged improper choice of ophthalmologic surgical procedure to remove tumor from behind the eye, with claim of functional and cosmetic damages. **Defense Verdict.** 

February 2017 - Alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat an obstructed bowel causing injury and death. **Discontinued** during trial.

July 2016 - Alleged failure to diagnose colon cancer. **Discontinued** during trial.

June 2016 - Stroke and death resulting from alleged failure to manage Coumadin. **Defense Verdict.** 

May 2016 - Cardiac arrest and death allegedly caused by failure to monitor electrolytes of patient on diuretics. **Discontinued** during trial.

March 2016 - Stroke and resultant death allegedly caused by allowing patient to self-extubate and failure to reintubate. **Defense Verdict.** 

February 2016 - Alleged failure to diagnose breast cancer. **Defense Verdict.** 

May 2015 - Alleged damage to the seventh cranial nerve during plastic surgery causing facial asymmetry. **Defense Verdict.** 

## **Recent Trial Results**

<u>April 2015</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose and prevent pulmonary embolus in 50-year-old man following knee surgery. **Defense Verdict.** 

<u>March 2015</u> - Alleged failure to advise patient of the risks of a tummy-tuck procedure leading to pulmonary embolus. **Defense Verdict**.

<u>March 2015</u> - Failure to discontinue heart medication allegedly causing blindness in 68-year-old-man. Plaintiff sustained bilateral irreversible blindness. Ten week trial. **Defense Verdict**.

<u>June 2014</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose lung cancer in 48-year-old man with three minor children. \$5 million demanded by Plaintiff. **Discontinued at trial after Motion to Dismiss.** 

<u>June 2014</u> - Alleged failure to monitor and perform prenatal diagnostic testing resulting in brain damage to infant. Seventeenweek trial with demand of \$24M plus lifetime medical expenses. **Defense Verdict**.

<u>May 2014</u> - Alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat a bowel perforation following a colonoscopy requiring a bowel resection in a 76-year-old female. **Defense Verdict.** 

<u>May 2014</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose shoulder fracture in emergency room. **Defense Verdict**.

<u>July 2013</u> - Alleged negligent failure to diagnose lung cancer in 62-year-old male resulting in pain, suffering and death. Plaintiff demanded \$5 million at trial. **Defense Verdict**.

<u>May 2013</u> - Alleged negligent performance of breast augmentation surgery on 35-year-old woman resulting in hypertrophic scarring and need for multiple revision surgeries. **Defense Verdict.** 

#### **Recent Pretrial Results**

Though our firm has found success against the most formidable adversaries at trial, every case is reviewed for the possibility of early dismissal or favorable disposition. Following is a sampling of cases resolved in favor of our clients prior to trial from 2013 through the present.

<u>June 2017</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose compartment syndrome. Action discontinued following motion for summary judgment.

<u>March 2017</u> - Alleged improper performance of an IME causing injury. Casedismissed as shorter statute of limitations applied.

<u>April 2017</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose rheumatic fever in a child, with claim of permanent heart damage. **Case dismissed on appeal.** 

<u>May 2017</u> - Alleged improper obstetrical management of pregnancy, with claim of brain damage to infant. **Summary Judgment granted.** 

October 2016 - Non-adopted stepdaughter not a distributee. Claim Dismissed on appeal.

<u>June 2016</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose deep vein thrombosis. Action Discontinued with prejudice after filing motion for summary judgment.

<u>May 2016</u> - Alleged failure to report suspected child abuse to the State Central Registry. **Action discontinued with prejudice.** 

<u>February 2016</u> - Alleged failure to properly perform breast augmentation. **Action discontinued with prejudice.** 

<u>January 2016</u> - Alleged failure to properly treat acute pancreatitis causing death. **Action discontinued with prejudice**.

<u>January 2016</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose displaced fracture of the arm. **Summary Judgment granted.** 

<u>December 2015</u> - Alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat shingles. **Motion for summary judgment granted.** 

October 2015 - Alleged failure to diagnose abdominal cancer. Action discontinued with prejudice.

#### **More Recent Pretrial Results**

<u>September 2015</u> - Alleged medication administration error leading to death of patient. **Action discontinued with prejudice.** 

<u>June 2015</u> - Alleged improper diagnosis of breast cancer resulting in recurrence. **Motion to dismiss granted based upon statute of limitations.** 

<u>June 2015</u> - Alleged performance of improper surgery. **Action discontinued** with prejudice following client's deposition.

<u>May 2015</u> - Alleged failure to properly treat saphenous vein harvest infection. **Motion for summary judgment granted.** 

<u>March 2015</u> - Alleged failure to properly diagnose avascular necrosis. **Action discontinued with prejudice.** 

<u>February 2015</u> - Alleged wrongful of a 59 -year-old woman following carpal tunnel surgery. **Obtained voluntary discontinue after filing motion for summary judgment**.

<u>February 2015</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose an endolymphatic sac tumor. **Motion for summary judgment granted.** 

<u>February 2015</u> - Alleged negligent removal of leg cast resulting in lacerations. Successfully precluded expert testimony. **Action discontinued with prejudice** 

<u>February 2015</u> - Failure to properly treat prostate cancer. **Motion for summary judgment granted.** 

<u>January 2015</u> - Prevailed at traverse hearing, proving that plaintiff failed to effect service of process upon defendant. **ActiorDismissed.** 

<u>January 2015</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose brain tumor. **Motion** for summary judgment granted.

<u>January 2015</u> - Alleged failures to properly provide anesthesia during procedure. **Motion for summary judgment granted.** 

## **More Recent Pretrial Results**

<u>December 2014</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose and treat penile cancer. Action discontinued following our motion for summary judgment.

<u>December 2014</u> - Alleged delay in diagnosing liposarcoma resulting in need for more extensive surgery and radiation. **Action Discontinued** 

October 2014 - Alleged failure to diagnose infection resulting in left above-the-knee amputation. **Motion to dismiss granted.** 

<u>March 2014</u> - Alleged failure of emergency department physicians to properly treat nasal bleeding and abnormal EKG findings resulting in cardiac arrest and death of a 68-year-old female. **Summary judgment granted with respect to all of our clients.** 

<u>March 2014</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose Wegner's Granulomatosis, causing death. **Action Discontinued.** 

<u>March 2014</u> - Alleged improper performance of breast argumentation resulting in need for further surgery. **Prevailed on motion to dismiss**.

<u>March 2014</u> - Alleged improper prescription of a Fentanyl Patch in a 67-year-old male with resulting in overdose, multi-organ damage and inability to walk. **Action Discontinued.** 

<u>February 2014</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose and treat non-small cell lung cancer in 73-year-old female. **Action Discontinued.** 

<u>February 2014</u> - Alleged retained foreign object following sinus surgery. **Motion to dismiss granted.** 

<u>December 2013</u> - Improper performance of colonoscopy and alleged failure to diagnose splenic rupture. **Action discontinued of eve on trial.** 

<u>August 2013</u> - Alleged negligent mitral valve repair on a 65-year-old male. **Motion for summary judgment granted.** 

#### **More Recent Pretrial Results**

<u>August 2013</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose and treat a rib fracture resulting in the loss of a kidney. **Partial summary judgment granted.** 

<u>July 2013</u> - Alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat Guillain-Barre Syndrome in a 29-year-old male causing injury. **Action discontinued with prejudice**.

<u>June 2013</u> - Alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat myocardial infarction resulting in death of a 52-year-old male. **Action discontinued after defense motion.** 

<u>June 2013</u> - Alleged negligent performance of a hip replacement. **Motion to dismiss granted.** 

<u>May 2013</u> - Alleged improper treatment of laceration in emergency room on 10-year-old male resulting in need for subsequent surgeries. **Action discontinued after defense motion.** 

<u>May 2013</u> - Alleged failure to diagnose and treat MRSA infection in the right hip of a 42-year-old male, father of four, resulting in death. **Action discontinued with prejudice.** 

<u>May 2013</u> - Alleged improper performance of cosmetic eye surgery without proper informed consent resulting in ptosis and decreased visual acuity. **Action discontinued with prejudice.** 

<u>May 2013</u> - Alleged negligent performance of shoulder surgery resulting in infection. **Action discontinued withprejudice.** 

<u>April 2013</u> - Plaintiff alleged two-week delay in diagnosing colon cancer in a then 60-year-old male resulting in permanent disability and need for surgery. **Motion to dismiss granted.** 

We treat our clients just like they treat their patients -we are always looking for ways to resolve our clients' matters quickly, efficiently, and as painlessly as possible.

#### **HEALTHCARE**

HEALTHCARE LIABILITY DEFENSE, LICENSURE, OPMC/OPD, CORPORATE/TRANSACTIONAL, MANAGED CARE/PAYER ISSUES/MEDICAL STAff MATTERS, NURSING HOME, PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, MEDICARE/MEDICAID

#### **INSURANCE**

COVERAGE LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, E&O AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION

#### LITIGATION

INVESTIGATION, TRIAL, APPEALS, COMMERCIAL, CONSTRUCTION, EMPLOYMENT, FOOD, DRUG AND MEDICAL DEVICE, GENERAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, LABOR LAW,

PRODUCT LIABILITY

**E-DISCOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY** 

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Medical Documentation for Risk Management And Suit Avoidance

Electronic Health Records, Metadata, and Electronic Discovery

Realities of Technological Privacy

Federal Law - HIPAA and HITECH













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