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The Editor

in her own humble words

Since accepting my position at *The Top 100 Magazine* I have been privileged to work with the brightest, most sincere, and highly motivated professionals in the publishing industry.

In the course of fulfilling my chief responsibility as a senior editor, I have written articles about the most accomplished individuals around the world. Through this endeavor, I have learned so much; most importantly, that passion, determination, and perseverance are the primary components of success.

I have had the privilege of building working relationships with every type

of leader, from small business owners and high-profile attorneys, to educators, artists, authors, community leaders, and innovators. I am always in admiration of these people who save lives, create works of art, shape young minds, and leave their personal imprint on society in general. I have been especially influenced by the way so many of our members sacrificed so much in the pursuit of their dreams.

Chronicling these amazing stories not only makes me feel fortunate by knowing them, but motivates me to keep moving forward. I have learned so much in the execution of my job and I know that by sharing these biographies, others will be equally inspired.



Ana Palmiero-Senior Editor

"A leader has the vision and conviction that a dream can be achieved. He inspires the power and energy to get it done."

— Ralph Lauren



The Top 100 Lawyers of 2018 features one hundred of the most accomplished legal professionals in the country. While we have endeavored to include their greatest professional, academic, civic, familial, and philanthropic attainments, in most cases it was virtually impossible to adequately purvey the magnitude of their collective successes.

With each and every interview and for each and every story, there was an ever-increasing sense of inspiration that was experienced and shared by our entire staff, from our account representatives and editors, to our administrative personnel and art department.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who helped to make this very special edition possible.

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David Henderson is the founder of the Law Offices of David Henderson, one of Alaska's leading personal injury law firms. Mr. Henderson has spent more than fifteen years representing victims of negligence. He works with clients throughout the state of Alaska to obtain compensation for the damages they suffer due to a personal injury incident. In one case, Mr. Henderson was able to secure \$1.8 million following an accident in which an 18-year-old driving a snow machine was killed. Mr. Henderson holds an Avvo "Superb" rating. He has also been selected for inclusion in *The National Trial Lawyers Top 100* and he has been admitted as a member of the *Million Dollar Advocates Forum*. Mr. Henderson is a proud member of the American Association for Justice, the Alaska Bar Association, the Alaska Association for Justice, and the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. As a former public defender, Mr. Henderson anticipates how the other party may try to skirt responsibility and develops a strategy that clearly demonstrates negligence. Mr. Henderson completed his undergraduate degree at The Evergreen State College. He then attended Florida State University College of Law, participating in moot court competitions, and graduating with honors and a Juris Doctor in 1997. Mr. Henderson furthered his education through attending the Trial Lawyer's College, graduating in 2000. In his spare time, Mr. Henderson enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing, rock climbing, and hiking. He is also a licensed pilot. **Website:** www.henderson-law.com

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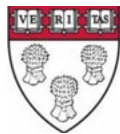


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ATTORNEY KING AMINPOUR

King Aminpour is the founder of the law firm of Aminpour & Associates, one of California's most successful personal injury firms. Mr. Aminpour began college at the age of eleven, receiving his bachelor's degree at only fifteen. He finished law school at the age of nineteen, later becoming California's youngest attorney in 1996. Since 1996, Mr. Aminpour and his firm have represented upwards of 17,000 people and recovered over 200 million dollars for clients who have been injured or for families who have lost loved ones in car or motorcycle accidents. Having lost friends in auto and industrial accidents himself, Mr. Aminpour understands the agony and torment suffered by people and families who fall victim to the negligence and carelessness of others. Mr. Aminpour has been the recipient of prestigious honors such as being voted *#1 Personal Injury Lawyer* over the past five years by the readers of *City Beat Magazine*, and also voted *San Diego's Best Personal Injury Attorney* by readers of the *San Diego Union Tribune Newspaper*. He attributes his success to ambition, integrity, and hard work, all qualities he exercises in all of his pursuits. Mr. Aminpour is a generous philanthropist who is deeply involved in the community. He serves on the board of "It's All About the Kids Foundation", an organization dedicated to bridging the food insecurity gap for children in impoverished neighborhoods. Mr. Aminpour funds the program in order to provide over 3,500 meals to families every week at San Diego's King Chavez Academy. Mr. Aminpour is also the largest donor of Alumni United and is the co-founder of San Diego Kings Basketball team (an official ABA team), ranked #1 in the division and nationally ranked the #5 team by American Basketball Association. When he is not helping personal injury victims or giving back to the community, Mr. Aminpour enjoys spending time with family and friends.

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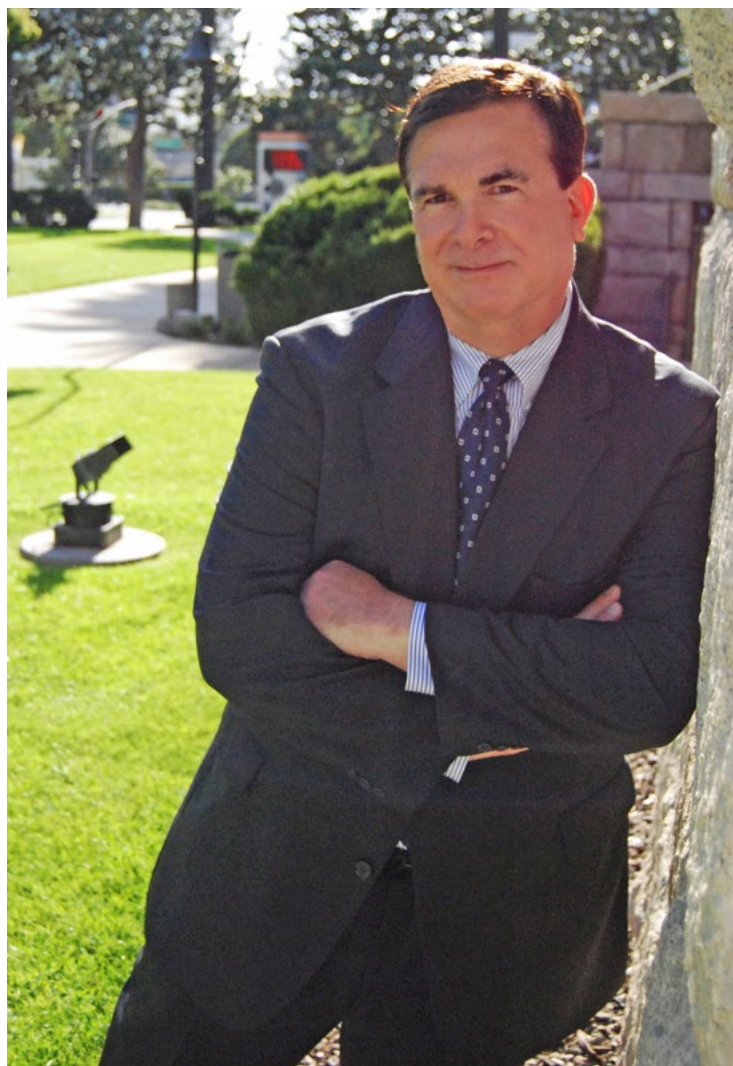
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“In criminal law, you find the worst people at their best, and in family law, you find the best people at their worst. Family law deals with real issues that affect the future of good people who are dealing with life challenges and its potential impact on children.”



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Practice Areas:

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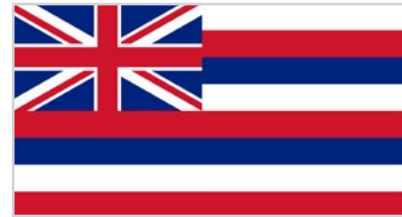
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James Reinert is a founding member of Gonnerman Reinert LLC, a St. Louis, Missouri based firm that is committed to providing the highest level of legal and trial expertise. The Firm focuses on general civil litigation, medical professional liability defense, products liability, personal injury, and worker's compensation. Mr. Reinert, whose legal career spans more than two decades, concentrates his trial practice on medical professional liability defense. He has managed hundreds of cases representing hospitals and universities and a wide range of medical practitioners including surgeons, nurses, gynecologists, and radiologists. Prior to co-founding Gonnerman Reinert LLC in 2009, he served as a principal with Brown & James P.C. and Carmody MacDonald P.C. in St. Louis. Mr. Reinert is highly respected throughout the legal community for his dedication, knowledge, and constant professionalism, and attributes his success to hard work, ambition, and commitment to providing efficient and effective representation that is tailored to meet each one of his client's needs. He also advocates the value of a firm educational foundation. Mr. Reinert pursued and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Scranton and a JD degree from St. Louis University School of Law. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eight Circuit as well as in Missouri and Illinois and in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Mr. Reinert is an active member of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers and frequently lectures on medical legal issues. He was a featured speaker on *Deposing the Expert Witness Lorman Education Services Continuing Education Seminars* in 2004 and 2005. Mr. Reinert was also recognized as a Missouri/Kansas *Super Lawyer* and achieved the highest rating available (AV) by the Martindale Hubbell Peer Review process. In his spare time, Mr. Reinert enjoys travel, reading, sports, and the company of friends and family.



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Brian Klar is a partner of Klar, Izsak & Stenger, a prominent law firm in St. Louis that specializes in personal injury, criminal defense, and general business counsel. Brian has over twenty-five years of experience and focuses his practice on business formation, worker's compensation, estate planning, corporate transactions, and business litigation. Admitted to the state bars of both Missouri and Illinois, he appears before the United States District Court – Eastern District of Missouri, the United States District Court – Central District of Illinois, the United States District Court – Southern District of Illinois, and the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals for all aspects of business litigation and personal injury matters. Additionally, Brian provides counsel for business formation, intra-company agreements, leases, purchases and sales of business assets, and business termination as well as all aspects of estate planning. A member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, he has maintained a Martindale-Hubbell® AV-Preeminent rating since 1999. Brian earned his JD from Washington University School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Barristers and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Vermont, where he was on the *Dean's List* for all four years of his bachelor's degree program in business. **Website:** www.lawsaintlouis.com | **Contact:** bklar@lawsaintlouis.com



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David B. Cotner is a shareholder and attorney of Datsopoulos, MacDonald & Lind, a general-practice, multi-disciplinary firm located in Missoula, Montana. Since being admitted to the Montana State Bar in 1983, Mr. Cotner has focused his practice on matters related to banking, real estate, general litigation, employment, business transactions, creditor representation in bankruptcies, entity formation, and general business consultation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and appears before all Montana district courts, the Montana Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, the U.S. Court of Appeals- Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Tax Court. Mr. Cotner maintains an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, is named among *The Best Lawyers in America*, and was thrice named a *Super Lawyer* by SuperLawyers.com. Mr. Cotner completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Montana, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in business administration, finance, and real estate, and received his Juris Doctor degree with high honors from The University of Montana School of Law, where he was a member of *Phi Delta Phi*. Outside of the courtroom, Mr. Cotner enjoys hunting and fishing, and spending time with his family. **Website:** www.dmlaw.com | **Email:** dcotner@dmlaw.com

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Ron Bar-Nadav is one of New Jersey's leading criminal defense attorneys and is the managing partner of Bar-Nadav Law Offices in Hackensack. Mr. Bar-Nadav has more than two decades of experience handling criminal cases in New Jersey, including: drug crimes, drug trafficking, armed robbery, manslaughter/homicide, domestic violence, vehicular assault, DUI cases, and fraud. Mr. Bar-Nadav has been featured by a number of publications, including: *Attorney Weekly*, *The New Jersey Law Journal*, *NorthJersey.com*, *New Jersey Daily Voice*, the *New Jersey Law Journal*, *NJ Lawyer Weekly*, *Michigan Bar Journal*. He has also appeared on *ABC7 Eyewitness News*, *CNN*, *CBS*, *NBC*, *PIX11*, *NJ News 12*, and *Chasing News*. Mr. Bar-Nadav is well respected not only by his peers, but also prosecutors and judges throughout the state. Due to his depth of knowledge, he has been called upon to give lectures on crime scenes, and drunk driving cases, to fellow attorneys. Mr. Bar-Nadav is well respected by clients for his aggressive representation, diligent preparation, and number of favorable outcomes. He attributes his success to his diligence and commitment to every case and every client. "Even if your case is challenging, and the odds seem stacked against you, I will work hard to help you achieve a positive outcome." Mr. Bar-Nadav has been recognized with a number of prestigious accolades, including: *induction into Global Who's Who*, *Top 100 Trial Lawyers*, *Top 100 Criminal Lawyers in New Jersey*, *Lawyers of Distinction* *Top 10 New Jersey Criminal Defense Lawyer*, and other national recognitions. He holds the highest rating - 10/10 - in the Avvo lawyer rating system. Mr. Bar-Nadav obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Fairleigh Dickerson University in 1989, and a Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1997. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar, the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New

York and the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey. Mr. Bar-Nadav is a proud member of the National Criminal Defense Bar Association, the Bergen County Bar Association, the New York Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, DUI Defense Lawyers Association, Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey and the New Jersey Association for Justice.

Mr. Bar-Nadav handles all New Jersey Criminal Cases including:

- Drug trafficking, drug sales, illegal dispensing, intent to distribute, intent to distribute in a school zone or within 500 feet of public housing
- Actual Distribution of CDS, driving with drugs in the car, juvenile drug crime offenses, or employing a juvenile in the commission of a crime
- Maintaining a production facility, drug manufacture, drug cultivation, illegal drugs and controlled substances
- Assault, aggravated assault, manslaughter, homicide, assault with a deadly weapon, gun charges, armed robbery
- Domestic violence, sex crimes, Megans Law violations, rape, statutory rape, gang-related violent crime
- Vehicular assault, DWI and DUI, car, boat or truck
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Jeffrey A. Rinde is the Managing Partner of CKR Law LLP, a global law firm of experienced lawyers with diverse international practices with particular and distinctive strengths in the areas of corporate, finance, capital markets, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, government advocacy, litigation and international arbitration and intellectual property. With nearly 50 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin and South America, Russia, Africa, and the Middle East, CKR Law provides high quality legal services to its clients in a more flexible and lower-cost business environment, utilizing its attorneys intimate local knowledge and relationships, cultural and political sensitivity and practical goal-oriented solutions.

Mr. Rinde has over twenty-five years of international corporate, securities, finance and investment banking experience representing private and public companies, from emerging companies to Fortune 500 companies, and from individuals to local and national governments. His broad experience includes global public and private equity and securitized debt financings, international mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, project finance, international trade, foreign direct investment and corporate law and governance.

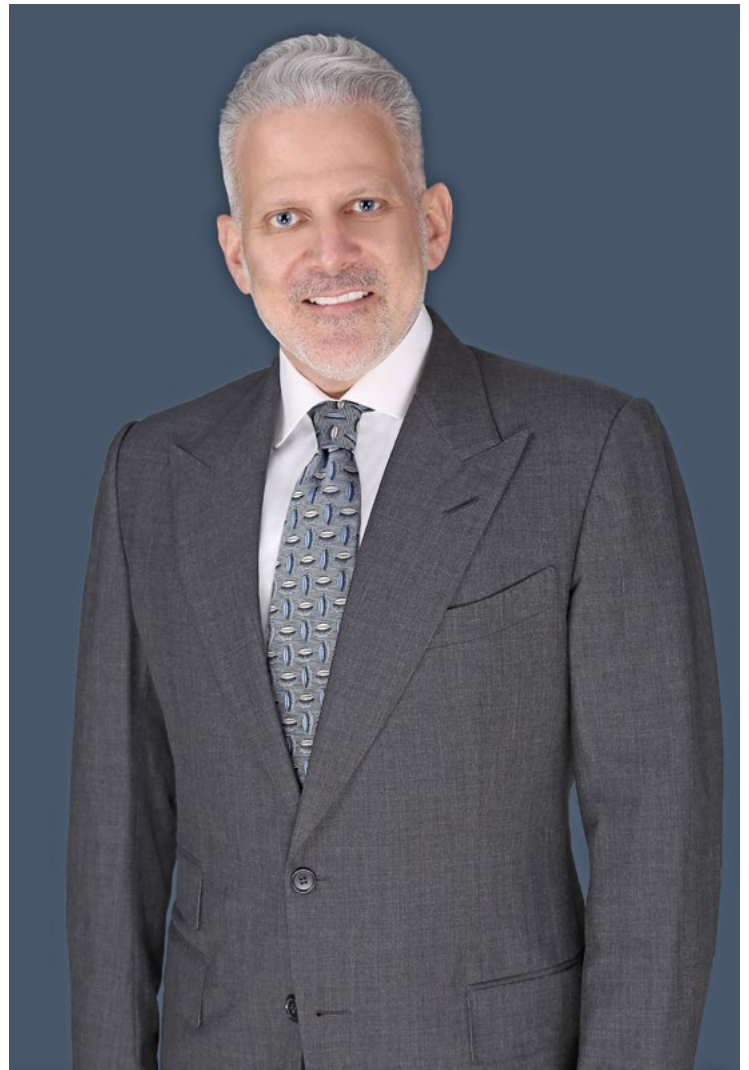
Mr. Rinde also has particular and distinctive skill in representing Chinese and other Asian-based companies in complex cross-border transactions to help expand their overseas business, access capital and complete foreign public offerings, including in the United States, Hong Kong and London, and representing international companies in all facets of business activities in Mainland China.

Mr. Rinde is the author of a number of well-received publications, which include, *An Update on Cybersecurity Law Enforcement in China*, *SEC Assembles Cyber Unit to Target Cyber-Related Misconduct*, *China Introduces Its First Investment Dispute Arbitration Rules as ICSID Alternative*, *China Halts Token Offerings but Signals Support for Blockchain Technology*, and *New Balance Wins \$1.5 Million in Landmark China Trademark Case*. He is also a frequent speaker on subjects in his areas of expertise at prestigious conferences throughout the United States, Europe, Mainland China and Hong Kong.

Mr. Rinde has received a number of honors and accreditations, including, recognition by *Princeton Premiere Business Leaders and Professionals*, *Chambers & Partners*, *Expert Guides-Guide to Leading Practitioners: China Legal Force*, *Strathmore Who's Who 2015 Professional of the Year in Securities and Lawyers of Distinction – International Law*.

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Brian J. Levy is an attorney and the owner of Brian J. Levy & Associates, PLLC, a leading personal injury firm licensed to represent injured clients in both New York and New Jersey. Mr. Levy has over thirteen years of experience practicing law and has amassed more than \$25 million dollars in verdicts and settlements in New York and New Jersey. Among his recent notable cases include a \$1.375 million verdict for a motor vehicle accident in Kings County, New York, where the plaintiff motorist was struck by a box truck, a \$1.415 million settlement for a construction accident in Suffolk County, a \$1.1 million settlement for a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle in Rockland County, and a \$1 million settlement for an motor vehicle accident in Queens, New York. Well respected for his knowledge, dedication, and solid track record of success, Mr. Levy attributes his accomplishments to perseverance, skill, and absolute commitment to doing the best for his clients. His educational background includes a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Quinnipiac University School of Law. Mr. Levy is a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and is licensed to practice in the State of New York and New Jersey.

Notable Cases in the last 12 Months:

- \$1,415,000.00 Construction Accident-Suffolk County
- \$1,375,000.00 Motor Vehicle Accident-Kings County
- \$1,100,000.00 Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Accident-Rockland County
- \$1,000,000.00 Motor Vehicle Accident-Queens County
- \$900,000.00 Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle Accident-Bronx County

Practice Areas

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For 99 years **Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf** has been recognized as one of the Country's most respected law firms. The firm handles cases throughout New York and New Jersey, ranging from construction and automobile accidents to medical malpractice and complex product liability claims. The firm's specialized expertise, aggressive advocacy, and extensive case preparation have fostered an outstanding record of success at both the trial and appellate levels. The vast majority of its cases are referred by other members of the bar who are intimately familiar with the firm's respected reputation as "counsel to the profession." Its attorneys are also retained by clients who, after thorough research, recognize the firm's commitment to providing exceptional personal service and superior results.

Impressive Results

The sum of verdicts and settlements obtained by the attorneys at Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinowitz, Bloom, Hershenhorn, Steigman & Mackauf exceeds \$1.5 Billion dollars. Among the verdicts and settlements obtained by the firm in the last year were the following: a record setting \$71 Million for a client who suffered a spinal injury during a car accident (the largest verdict in the Country for this type of injury), a \$41.5 Million verdict for the wrongful death of a New York City sanitation worker (one of the largest awards ever in Queens County), an \$8.5 million settlement for a man struck by a car at an improperly marked New York City roadway construction project, a \$7.75 Million settlement during trial for a snowmobile accident in Saranac Lake, (the largest settlement ever in Franklin County), a \$6.25 Million verdict for a construction worker, who was an illegal immigrant, injured on the job when he fell from a scaffold, a \$5.85 Million settlement for a construction worker, a \$5 Million settlement during trial for a pedestrian injured in a van accident that occurred in Manhattan, and a \$4.5 Million settlement in a medical malpractice case, involving botched surgery, during trial in New York County.

National Recognition

The firm has been consistently ranked in the *National First-Tier of Best Law Firms* by *U.S. News-Best Lawyers* in its representation of plaintiffs in personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability litigation, professional malpractice law, and mass tort litigation/class actions. Attorneys at the firm have been named *New York Super Lawyers* for twelve consecutive years. Ten of our lawyers were included in the *2018 Best Lawyers in America* and two were named *Lawyer of the Year* by *Best Lawyers*. The firm has received the highest "AV" rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Lawyers.

Practice areas include:

- Personal Injury, Wrongful Death
- Construction Accidents
- Automobile Accidents
- Motorcycle, Bicycle Accidents
- Bus, Truck Accidents
- Subway and Train Accidents
- Airplane Accidents
- Premises Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Failure to Diagnose Cancer
- Surgical Errors & Complications
- Cerebral Palsy & Brain Damage
- Erb's Palsy
- Product Liability & Defective Products
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Education:

Perecman graduated from The State University of New York with a Bachelor of Science degree before attending law school at the Brooklyn Law School, where he received his Juris Doctor degree. He is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, New York State Bar, the U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, and the U.S. District Court Southern District of New York. He has also served as a commentator on Court TV.

Practice Areas:

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Notable Verdicts and Settlements:

- \$40,000,000 Medical Malpractice, Children's Brain Damage¹.
- \$15,208,168 Construction Accident. Union sheet metal worker who fell from ladder².
- \$11,899,468 Construction Accident. Union worker fell from suspension scaffold sustaining injury to back³.
- \$10,000,000 Construction Accident. Laborer fell from suspended scaffold.
- \$10,000,000 Construction Accident. Mason fell from suspended scaffold.
- \$9,900,000 Construction Accident. Union worker fell from a rolling scaffold.
- \$9,825,000 Construction Accident. Mason fell two floors from the side of a building⁴.

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John D. Zaremba is a partner of Zaremba Brown PLLC, one of New York's largest construction accident and negligence law firms. In addition to his practice, Mr. Zaremba is a member of the executive committee of the Board of Directors for the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and is vice chair of the organization's Labor Law Committee on construction site accidents. He teaches the litigation of construction site accidents, chairing a CLE course for the NYSTLI and is also a published author, having had multiple articles featured in the New York Law Journal and the Legal Intelligencer. Mr. Zaremba has also sat on the Court of Appeals Judicial Screening Panel for the New York State Trials Lawyers Association. He has received a number of prestigious accolades and awards including recognition as a *Super Lawyer*. Mr. Zaremba has been featured multiple times in the New York Law Journal's section on Top Verdicts and Settlements for each of the past six years and in the New Jersey Law Journal's section for the top verdicts and settlements. He has also been featured in the *New York Magazine's* annual list of *Top Personal Injury Litigators*, selected as one of the *Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the State of New York* by the National Trial Lawyers Organization, and selected for the National Trial Lawyers *Top 40 under 40*. Mr. Zaremba has negotiated settlements and awards more than \$150,000,000 over the past few years.

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Notable Verdicts and Settlements:

- \$23,394,775 settlement as co-lead plaintiff's counsel in a multi-district consumer fraud action
- \$8,943,143 settlement in a complex medical malpractice cases with where the defendant's negligence led to the client's wrongful death
- \$4,500,000 settlement for the victims of a tractor-trailer accident.
- \$3,650,000 settlement for a union laborer who was struck with a falling object and sustained neck and shoulder injuries
- \$3,650,000 settlement for a union worker. The client was a Port Authority police officer who was injured when he slipped and fell at a construction site and suffered an injury to his neck
- \$3,640,000 settlement for a union construction worker hit by a falling object and sustained neck injuries
- \$3,250,000 settlement for a union construction worker with a fractured ankle
- \$3,200,000 settlement for a union plasterer who sustained back injuries when he fell from a scaffold
- \$3,000,000 settlement for a union construction worker who fell from a ladder that was placed on top of a scaffold
- \$2,400,000 settlement for a union hvac worker who fell from a ladder
- \$2,400,000 settlement for a union laborer who fell from a ladder
- \$2,400,000 settlement for a laborer who was hit by debris in a wall collapse
- \$2,025,000 settlement for a union member when there was just \$1,000,000 in insurance coverage
- \$2,000,000 settlement for a union worker who was hit by a falling object
- \$2,000,000 settlement for a union laborer injured when a ladder shifted



Brian M. Brown is a partner of Zaremba Brown PLLC and specializes in the areas of medical malpractice and catastrophic injury cases. One of New York's leading trial attorneys, he has won millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for his clients. Mr. Brown began his career as a litigator handling complex products liability, toxic tort, and pharmaceutical and medical malpractice litigation at a high-end litigation boutique firm in Manhattan. He handled all aspects of litigation related to industrial machinery accidents, Vioxx litigation, and catastrophic medical malpractice cases, including cases involving Erb's Palsy and neurologically damaged babies. Mr. Brown transferred his practice to the New York office of a large international litigation firm, where he concentrated on the areas of medical malpractice and professional liability, representing the interests of hospitals, physicians, and legal and accounting professionals. Mr. Brown has received a number of prestigious accolades and awards. He was selected to Super Lawyers and has been featured multiple times in New York Magazine's annual list of Top Personal Injury Litigators. A number of his cases have been featured in the *New York Law Journal's* annual *Top Verdicts and Top Settlements* publications. Mr. Brown has been selected for inclusion and serves on the New York County Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Medical Malpractice. Well respected by both colleagues and clients he attributes his success to his willingness to see each case through to the very end, never backing down or giving in on behalf of his clients. Mr. Brown maintains an active profile in the community and is a member of several professional organizations including the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association for Justice. He also serves on the board of directors of NYSTLA. Mr. Brown's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Davidson College and a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law. He was admitted to the New York State Bar and the U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.



Notable Verdicts and Settlements:

- \$7,944,326 jury verdict in a complex medical malpractice that took 5 weeks to complete. The client was a young child with developmental delays and the claim was that the delays were caused by the malpractice of the defendant doctors. The defendant made no settlement offer before or during trial and took a "no-pay" position
- \$6,000,000 settlement at the start of Jury Selection in a complex malpractice case involving multiple defendants
- \$5,700,000 jury verdict in a pressure ulcer case, thought to be a record total for this type of injury
- \$3,500,000 settlement on the eve of trial in a neurologically damaged infant case
- \$3,500,000 for a client who suffered serious spinal injuries leading to partial tetraplegia after a tractor trailer accident
- \$3,300,000 settlement during a three-week trial in a case where the defendant failed to timely respond to the signs and symptoms of a stroke

Joseph J. Asterita, Esq. is a partner of Bonfiglio & Asterita, LLC, a diversified law firm with offices in both Red Bank, New Jersey, and Staten Island, New York. Mr. Asterita has been in practice since 1999 and focuses on providing clients with his expertise in three primary practice areas; real estate, business law, and estate planning and settlement. Mr. Asterita provides representation to both individual and corporate clients in various real estate matters, including both residential and commercial purchases, sales, refinances, and leases. He has successfully handled real estate litigation matters and disputes ranging from the enforcement of easements and property lines to the partition and sale of residential and commercial properties. Mr. Asterita also supervises the firm's New York mortgage loan closing department and represents residential and commercial mortgage lenders in connection with the closing and settlement of mortgage loans. He is experienced in closing refinances that incorporate a CEMA designed to help borrowers avoid the costs of the substantial mortgage recording tax in New York, especially involving properties throughout the five boroughs of New York City where the mortgage recording tax is especially high. As an experienced business attorney, Mr. Asterita serves as a trusted advisor to a wide variety of individual entrepreneurs and small and large businesses ranging from restaurants, contractors, and real estate investment groups to public relations and advertising firms. Mr. Asterita effectively handles business formation and structuring needs, capital raises and private offerings, as well as commercial contracts, leases, business purchases and sales, and has handled and resolved numerous shareholder disputes and commercial litigation matters. Additionally, Mr. Asterita provides wealth preservation services through his estate planning expertise, which includes the preparation of wills and trusts and the skillful incorporation of these instruments into comprehensive estate plans. Well respected for his dedication and knowledge, he attributes his success to hard work, tenacity, and a commitment to obtaining favorable outcomes for his clients. Mr. Asterita also advocates the value of a firm education as a foundation for success. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University in 1996 and a Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1999. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Asterita studied abroad at the University of Bologna, Italy, where he focused on business law. Mr. Asterita is admitted to practice law in both New Jersey and New York as well as in the United States District Courts for the District of New Jersey and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is a member of the New Jersey and New York State Bar Associations, the American Bar Association, and the Monmouth and Richmond County Bar Associations. Mr. Asterita maintains an active profile in the local community and is a member of the Eastern Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce and the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce. In addition to his career as an attorney he serves both as general counsel for and is a partner of Tommy's Tavern & Tap based in Sea Bright, New Jersey with two new locations anticipated to open in 2018. In his spare time, he enjoys being with his wife and two children.



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Wills, Trusts, and Estates	Staten Island, NY 10314	Red Bank, NJ 07701	Red Bank, NJ 07701
Litigation Services	Phone: 718.370.2900	Phone: 732.741.5800	Phone: 732.741.5800
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Joseph F. Sensale, Esq., is a partner of The Chase Sensale Law Group, L.L.P. and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2001. With almost 20 years of distinguished legal experience, Mr. Sensale, with partner, Dennis R. Chase, Esq., concentrate their practice on matters pending before the New York Workers' Compensation Board, nationally, before the Social Security Administration, the New York State and Local Retirement System, the New York Unemployment Insurance Board, and, the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. Mr. Sensale and Mr. Chase serve as disability counsel to the 26 unions of the Nassau Police Conference, and, represent numerous members of law enforcement throughout New York State. Mr. Sensale has also argued before the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, and, Court of Claims. Mr. Sensale's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, a Master of Arts degree, with honors, from St. John's University, and a Juris Doctor degree from St. John's University School of Law. He received multiple accolades for participation in two of the mock trial competitions held at St. John's University School of Law during his attendance, and, received the *CALI Excellence for the Future Award* for his work in the *Civil Practice Seminar*. Mr. Sensale previously served as co-chair of the Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association, and, currently, serves as Treasurer of the New York Workers' Compensation Alliance, the political action committee dedicated to serving the needs of injured workers by lobbying their interests in Albany. Mr. Sensale, recently, successfully lobbied with the Alliance against detrimental changes to the New York Worker's Compensation Law, and, with Mr. Chase, against the holding of a Constitutional Convention, anticipated to adversely affect public pensions, including those of law enforcement. Mr. Sensale is also a presiding judge of *Empire Mock Trial* competitions held in New York and San Francisco, as well as the mock *Alternative Dispute Resolution* competitions held at St. John's University School of Law. As alumni, Mr. Sensale and Mr. Chase are active members of the St. John's University School of Law's Loughlin Society. Mr. Sensale continues as an active member of the Injured Workers' Bar Association, Columbian Lawyers Association of Kings County, and, the Catholic Lawyers' Guild. Mr. Sensale has spoken before the *Police Conference of New York*, continues to be published in industry newsletters and The Suffolk Lawyer, and, with Mr. Chase, conducted Continuing Legal Education courses focusing on prevailing industry issues. Mr. Sensale also conducts regular podcasts hosted by radio personality Steve Sleeper with respect to these issues. Through The Chase Sensale Law Group, L.L.P, Mr. Sensale supports organizations including the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund Inc., Forgotten Friends of Long Island, North Shore Animal League, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Prostate Cancer Research Institute, and the Pat Tillman Foundation. Mr. Sensale "considers the practice of law a vocation rather than merely an occupation," maintaining an active community profile, serving as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and member of the Parish Finance Committee at St. Mary Gate of Heaven Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Sensale, with the support of his wife, April, a registered nurse, is able to continue all of the above, and, both are also personally involved in the rescue and support of stray and abandoned animals. Amongst other activities, Mr. Sensale continues to compose music and lyrics, and, record various musical pieces for piano and organ.



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Practice Areas:

- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability
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- Accidental Death & Dismemberment
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Kim Covington is a bankruptcy attorney and the owner of The Law Office of Kim Covington based in Eugene, Oregon. Ms. Covington established the firm in 2012 and has since assisted countless clients in filing for bankruptcy relief under *Chapter 7* and *Chapter 13* of the *Federal Bankruptcy Code*. Her goal is to help individuals and families file for the proper chapter of bankruptcy relief to receive an *Order of Discharge of Debts*. She has been named a *Top 3 Bankruptcy Lawyer* in Eugene, Oregon by *Three Best Rated* and also received an *AV Preeminent* rating for 5.0 out of 5.0 *Peer Review Rated*, by Martindale-Hubbell. Prior to her practice, she gained invaluable experience as an attorney for Harder, Wells, Barron & Manning, Shlesinger & deVilleneuve, and Gregory and Gregory. Ms. Covington is well respected for her dedication and knowledge, and attributes her success to her genuine passion for helping clients achieve favorable outcomes. She also attributes much of her accomplishments to the support of her parents, who are both teachers, and instilled in her the love of learning at an early age. Ms. Covington graduated *summa cum laude* from Oregon State University in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in political science and graduated from the University of Oregon Law School in 1998 with a Juris Doctor. She was admitted to the Oregon State Bar and the federal court branch of the Oregon State Bar. Away from the office, Ms. Covington maintains an active profile in the legal community. She served as a CARE volunteer in bankruptcy education for the Oregon State Bar in 2008 and was a judge for the *3rd Annual David Frohnmayer Invitational Mock Trial Competition*. She was also honored with a 2002 *Pro Bono Award* from the Oregon City Office Legal Aid Services of Oregon. Ms. Covington has released ongoing bankruptcy information blogs such as, *Weighing the Options for Relief when Credit Cards Soar*, *Reforms in Report of Medical Debt Beneficial to Some, Not All*, and *Consumer Bankruptcy and its Impact on Assets and Debt*. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her son, fiancé, and Chihuahua-Boston Terrier mix, Katy, as well as participating in outdoor activities such as hiking, jogging, and biking.

Practice Areas:

- Bankruptcy
- Chapter 7/13
- Garnishments
- Foreclosures
- Repossessions
- Taxes
- Personal Bankruptcy
- Medical Debt
- Emergency Filings
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Trial Lawyer by The National Trial Lawyers, and named as a *Top 100 Lawyer in the State of Pennsylvania*. In addition, she is a fellow with the Litigation Counsel of America. Judy attributes her success to dedication and genuine passion for helping her clients. She also advocates the value of a firm educational foundation. Judy obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Temple University in 1971 and a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 1975. She is a member of the American Association of Justice, the Pennsylvania Association of Justice, and the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, where she has served on the board of directors. Judy is also a member of the American Bar Association and The Pennsylvania Bar Association. Strongly committed to altruistic endeavors, she maintains an active profile in the local community and supports organizations that benefit women and children such as the Women's Law Project and the Juvenile Law Project. In her spare time, Judy enjoys being with her husband and two grown children. Website: www.greenwoodlawoffice.com



Nicole Vitale is an attorney at The Pearce Law Firm, P.C., one of Pennsylvania's leading personal injury and employment law firms. Ms. Vitale joined the firm in 2015 and throughout her career has represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants in a wide variety of personal injury matters, including: motor vehicle accidents, premises liability actions, products liability actions, and a wide variety of other personal injury matters. Ms. Vitale also represents Plaintiffs in a variety of discrimination and harassment matters in the workplace. Since beginning her career, she has successfully tried more than 75 matters to verdicts throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Ms. Vitale has been selected to the prestigious *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars* from 2012-2017, an award only given to 2.5 percent of lawyers Pennsylvania who are under age 40 and have been practicing ten years or less. Well respected for her knowledge and skill, Ms. Vitale attributes her success to hard work, the mentoring of her boss, owner of the Pearce Law Firm P.C., Edith A. Pearce, and the personal attention she provides to each of her clients. She acknowledges

that despite all of her hard work her success would not be possible without the love and support of her husband John and her mother Donna. Ms. Vitale obtained a bachelor's degree in political science from Rutgers University and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Colley Law School. She also traveled to the UK where she obtained a certification from the world-renowned Oxford University. Ms. Vitale is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and before the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Attentive to altruistic endeavors, Ms. Vitale maintains an active profile in the local community and participates in various events that benefit various charities. In her spare time, Ms. Vitale enjoys spending time with her husband John, and son Alexander, who she hopes one day will follow in her footsteps. Website: www.thepearcelawfirm.com



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Michael Cardamone is the founder and president of Cardamone Law, LLC, a boutique law firm that dedicates 100% of its practice to the strong representation of injured workers under the Pennsylvania Worker's Compensation Act. The firm has five convenient offices located throughout Eastern and Central Pennsylvania and makes home visits upon request. Mr. Cardamone is a Certified Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Specialist with many years of experience and success representing injured workers in Eastern and Central Pennsylvania. Mr. Cardamone has received a number of prestigious accolades including being named to the *Best Attorneys of America List*, recognized as a *Top 100 Attorney in Pennsylvania* by The National Advocates, *Top 10 Personal Injury Attorney in Pennsylvania* by The National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, among the *Best Law Firms in America*, *Top 100 Litigation Attorney in Pennsylvania* by The American Society of Legal Advocates, *Top 40 under 40 Attorney in Pennsylvania* by The National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, and as a perennial *Super Lawyer in Pennsylvania Worker's Compensation*. Mr. Cardamone also has a perfect 10 out of 10 rating on Avvo. Well respected for his knowledge and dedication to his clients he attributes his success to passion, tenacity, and to his parents who instilled in him the value of hard work. "My parents raised me, along with my older brother

and sister, in a way that fostered discipline, balance, and an appreciation for hard work. My father was a hard working attorney who was the first to graduate college in his family. He became partner at the well-known Montgomery County firm, Timoney Knox, and worked there until he passed in 2001". Mr. Cardamone attended Boston College, majoring in Philosophy with a concentration in English, graduating in the top third of his class. He attended law school at Villanova and obtained his Juris Doctor degree. Attentive to philanthropic endeavors, Mr. Cardamone maintains an active profile in the local community, supporting Manna on Main Street, the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, and the Take a Breather Foundation. In his spare time, he enjoys being with his three daughters, playing tennis, traveling, training in mixed martial arts, and playing the drums.

Cardamone Law, LLC has successfully handled the following types of cases for injured workers in Pennsylvania:

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- Specific Loss
- Occupational Disease Claims
- Disfigurement
- Death Cases
- Burns
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John Corrigan is the president of John F. Corrigan, PC, a leading independent law firm located in Providence, Rhode Island, that specializes in business litigation, mergers and acquisitions, employee benefits, and matters relating to both environmental and international law. Mr. Corrigan is admitted to practice in New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, and has over 30 years of experience as a previous partner and shareholder of Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C., where he engineered many of the firm's most sophisticated merger and acquisition transactions. He has also served as general counsel and advisor to numerous businesses, executing such significant transactions as the five hundred million dollar acquisition of an electronic coating company and a four hundred million dollar merger of an international ceramics retailer. A leading expert on dispositions and joint ventures that involve complex questions of law, Mr. Corrigan maintains an AV rating from the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and is recognized as a *Rhode Island Super Lawyer*. He is a frequent contributor to leading scholarly journals and author and editor of *M&A Process, a Practical Guide for the Business Lawyer*. Mr. Corrigan is an active member of the American Bar Association's committee on negotiated acquisitions and serves as the ABA subcommittee liaison to the R.I. securities administrator. He completed his undergraduate studies at the prestigious University of Notre Dame, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, and earned his JD in law from St. John's University School of Law, where he was an editor of the St. John's Law Review. Mr. Corrigan maintains an active profile within the community through service as general campaign chairman and director of the United Way of Rhode Island, chairman of the American Diabetes Association, director of Junior Achievement of R.I., director and trustee of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, president of Caritas, Inc., elected state delegate to the Republican National Convention, and adjunct professor of mergers and acquisitions at Roger Williams University School of Law. **Website:** www.johnfcorriganlaw.com | **Email:** jfc@johncorriganlaw.com



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Jay Shultz is the owner and sole practitioner of The Shultz Law Firm, Prof LLC, in Rapid City, South Dakota. Mr. Shultz maintains a broad civil trial practice, focusing primarily on personal injury litigation, whistleblower protection involving Medicaid and Medicare fraud and business litigation. Over the course of his career, he has successfully handled a wide variety of civil litigation matters in personal injury, general litigation, business litigation, and Native American law. Mr. Shultz has represented personal injury victims, health care providers and businesses in all types of general and commercial litigation matters in both state and federal courts. He has also practiced extensively in Indian Country, representing the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in tribal court with their legal matters involving gaming issues, telecommunications, Indian water law, banking and more. Mr. Shultz is a member of the Pennington County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association. Equally committed to philanthropic endeavors, he is the former president of Feeding South Dakota and once served on its board of directors. He is also actively involved in the local YMCA, American Red Cross chapters, several music arts organizations, and his church.



Tennessee

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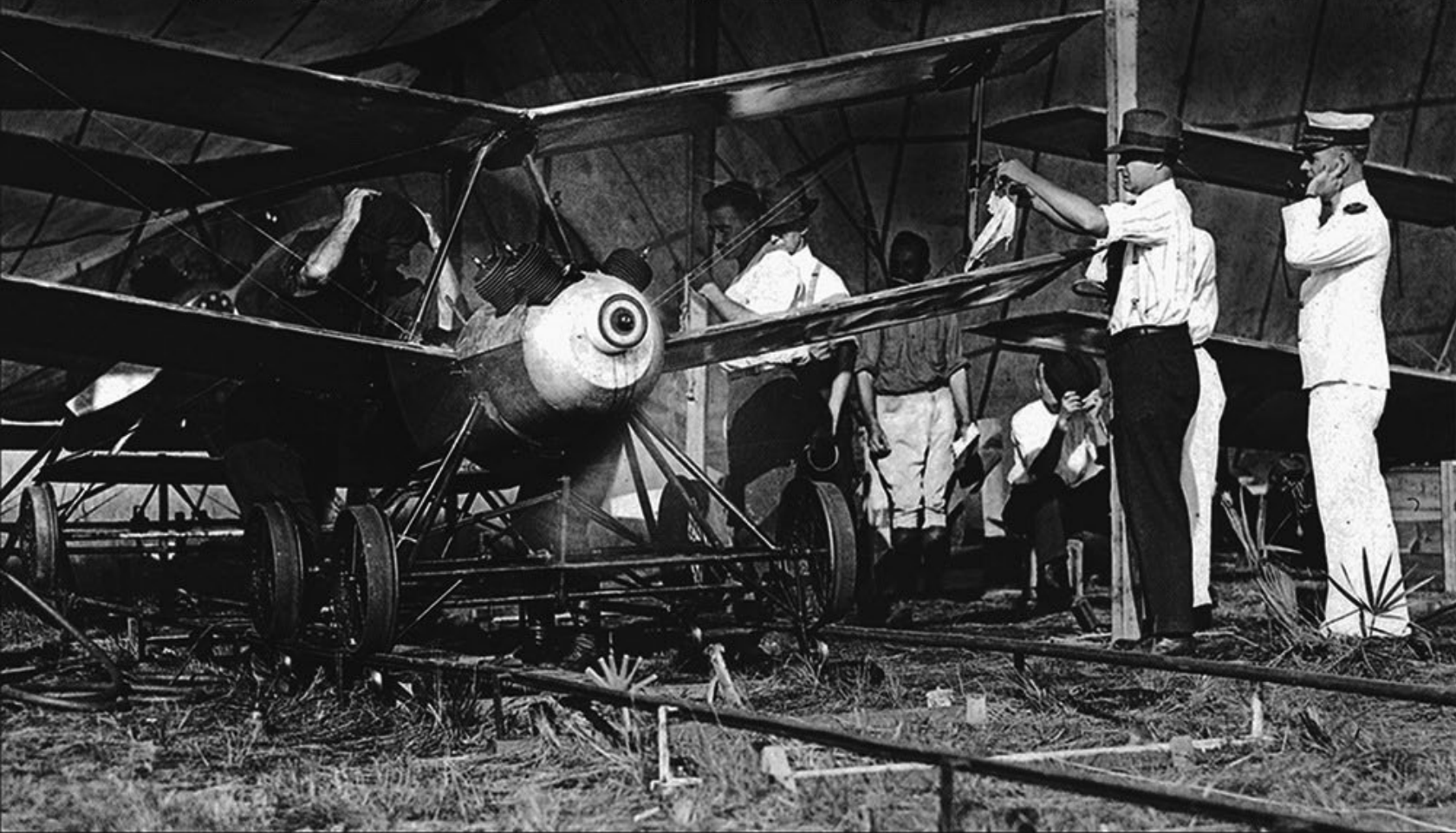


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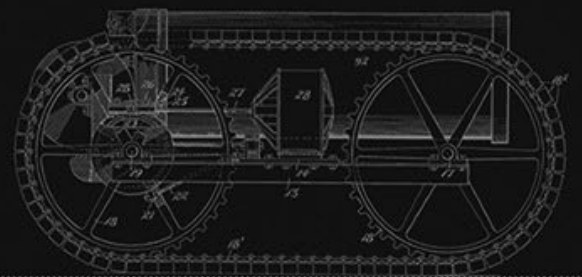
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