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MAGGIANO, DIGIROLAMO, LIZZI & ROBERTS IS ONE OF New Jersey's prominent plaintiffs' personal injury firms. With a record of trial successes spanning more than three decades, the firm is renowned for empowering victims of all types of negligence—motor vehicle collisions, highway defects, premises liability, medical, hospital and nursing home negligence, construction accidents, workers' compensation, unsafe products and more. The firm has successfully litigated numerous complex cases, utilizing its expertise in representing burn victims and those with brain and spinal cord injuries.

MDL&R routinely secures settlements and seven-figure jury awards on behalf of its clients. In January 2006, founding partner Michael Maggiano was co-trial counsel in a medical negligence case that resulted in a \$10 million settlement at trial. Most recently, he secured a \$7 million settlement for a young lady who was permanently injured when she was struck by a passing vehicle while crossing a busy street during rush hour. She had no recollection of the incident. Maggiano also recently settled a medical negligence case for \$2 million just before trial. The case was against the head of orthopedics of a North Jersey hospital who failed to diagnose and treat compartment syndrome of a patient's leg after surgery.

Maggiano, an experienced and accomplished attorney, leads the firm. Defense and fellow plaintiffs' attorneys highly regard Maggiano, who is a past president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America-New Jersey and an advocate member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Among his many accolades, he was recognized as a recipient of the Outstanding Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, a professional organization that represents both sides of the trial bar. In 2006, his peers named him one of the state's Top 100 lawyers in *New Jersey Super Lawyers*®, and in 2005 he was named among Ten Leaders of Civil Trial & Personal Injury Law and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a certified civil trial attorney by the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the National Board of Advocacy. "The greatest reward for a trial lawyer is to be able to advance the law and also make a positive difference in someone's life," Maggiano says.

For the third year in a row, managing partner Christopher DiGirolamo has earned the *Super Lawyers*® designation. DiGirolamo has emerged as one of northern New Jersey's premier young trial attorneys, and has established a strong reputation as an aggressive litigator. He focuses his practice on automobile negligence, construction accidents and premises liability law. In April 2007, he and Maggiano helped secure justice as members of the plaintiffs' trial team of the Tropicana Garage Collapse Litigation. They helped orchestrate a \$101 million settlement, one of the largest construction settlements in history. According to DiGirolamo, "It is our hope that this litigation will send a concentrated and forceful message for stronger jobsite safety practices in the field of construction, so that hard-working men will not be put in harm's way for the benefit of corporate profit."

As an adjunct to his construction injury cases, DiGirolamo brings his trial experience to the field of workers' compensation, in which he represents severely injured and disabled workers. Both Maggiano and DiGirolamo frequently lecture on personal injury law for various bar groups.

This year, Michael Lizzi, a member of the firm since 1999, has been included on the *Super Lawyers* list. He has developed extensive experience in complex litigation in New Jersey as well as New York, and heads the firm's New York litigation department. He has achieved many large recoveries for the seriously injured and families who have lost loved ones as a result of individual, professional and corporate negligence.

Most recently, Lizzi secured a recovery of \$1.3 million from the state of New York for a young man seriously injured after the car he was riding in swerved off the roadway and plunged down an embankment. Lizzi successfully argued that the state should compensate the young man because it failed to install guardrails at the location in 1946, despite the protection afforded the state under a qualified immunity.

With a growing demand for its services and a goal to uphold its highest quality of representation, Maggiano, DiGirolamo, Lizzi & Roberts utilizes the latest in legal technology and an array of experts from around the nation.

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