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» MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND PERSONAL INJURY

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## DRIVING CHANGE, ONE VICTORY AT A TIME

### Silberstein, Awad & Miklos, PC

It's an unsettling fact: Hospitals can be dangerous places. The Journal of Patient Safety estimates that anywhere from 210,000 to over 400,000 patients die annually from medical errors. Factor in those who survive mistakes, and millions are impacted by malpractice each year.

"Whether it's from inattentive medical care or other negligence, nothing is more destructive to daily life than a traumatic injury, disability or death," says Joseph Awad, a senior partner of Silberstein, Awad & Miklos, PC. "The party that causes an unnecessary injury or disability should be held responsible for its actions. The injured person has the right to require the offender to pay the debt. For the community, careless practices impact everyone's safety."

### Challenging the Status Quo

As trial attorneys and appellate advocates, Awad and Joseph Miklos view their team's work as bringing quality control to everyone's enterprise: "Hospital injuries often result from shortcuts. There are too many patients booked. Someone is behind schedule or short-staffed. Something wasn't verified. Factors like these map back to inefficient safeguards.

"Unfortunately, a victim seeking redress will get nowhere on his or her own. Hospitals, insurers and device manufacturers operate from a position of power. The only place an individual has a level playing field is in a civil court of law.

"The government cannot regulate good behavior," they continue. "Lawsuits bring it about by requiring entities to defend their negligent conduct, reflect on their quality control and make critical improvements."

### Providing Broad and Deep Expertise

Silberstein, Awad & Miklos, PC practices with the vision of changing the world, one client at a time. Over the course of nearly 35 years, the firm has represented thousands of cases on a full scope of medical malpractice and personal injury matters.

"When someone seeks our counsel, we are prepared to deliver," says Awad. "Regardless of the injury or negligence involved, we have experience managing and successfully prosecuting cases of all injuries and every kind of negligence."

What motivates the team most is bringing stability and hope back into people's lives. "We provide free consultations, financing for meritorious cases and advice from the finest medical and scientific minds," he says. "Our attorneys have the talent to work anywhere, and they choose to work here. We love what we do."

Joseph Awad served as president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, served as governor of the American Association for Justice and was appointed by the New York State Governor to the State Malpractice Task Force.

Among other honors, Awad and Miklos have received Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup>) for legal ability and ethical standards.

The firm has been ranked Tier 1 for Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation in New York City by U.S. News & World Report—Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> "Best Law Firms" for 2014.

Numerous record-setting verdicts and over 100 appellate representations.

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