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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, PERSONAL INJURY

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TURNING TO A HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL CARE SHOULDN'T be a risky decision, but the unsettling truth is that hospitals can be dangerous places.

IN 2013, A STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF PATIENT SAFETY estimated that hospital mistakes cause as many as 440,000 patient deaths each year—a number that would make medical errors the third leading cause of death in the United States, behind only heart disease and cancer.

"WHEN HOSPITALS MINIMIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT safety, the consequences can be fatal," says Joseph Awad, a senior partner at the medical malpractice and personal injury law firm Silberstein, Awad & Miklos. "These statistics bear that out, and they confirm that many hospitals lack the necessary safeguards for preventing medical errors."

OVER THE PAST 35 YEARS, AWAD AND SENIOR PARTNER Joseph Miklos have made it their mission to address this problem, serving as advocates for injured patients and their families in thousands of medical malpractice, construction site, and negligence cases.

"UNFORTUNATELY, VICTIMS SEEKING REDRESS WILL GET nowhere on their own," Miklos says. "Hospitals, insurers, and construction corporations operate from a position of power, so the only place an individual has a level playing field is in a civil court of law."

IN THAT ARENA, SILBERSTEIN, AWAD & MIKLOS HAS AN enviable track record: the firm has recovered more than \$1 billion for its clients (including numerous record-setting verdicts) and has appeared before appellate courts more than 100 times to argue matters of law. "Experience counts," Awad says of this performance. "I can't think of a medical malpractice or personal injury claim that we haven't encountered over the years, and that gives us a solid foundation for success when prosecuting new matters."

THE FIRM'S COMPREHENSIVE EXPERTISE IS EVIDENT IN the make-up of its team, which, in addition to accomplished trial attorneys, includes an attorney-physician, an attorney-nurse, an attorney-

pharmacist, an in-house board-certified physician, and a registered nurse. The firm also has access to experts in medicine, economics, engineering, and vocational rehabilitation.

"WE KNOW WHO TO TALK TO, WHERE TO FIND THE answers, and what steps are necessary to win," Miklos says, "and we use that knowledge to take on challenging matters too important to ignore."

INDEED, SILBERSTEIN, AWAD & MIKLOS HAS A HISTORY of identifying and prosecuting cases that are vital to the safety and quality of life of the community. Among its accomplishments, the firm has helped improve the quality control of a number of hospitals and construction sites by advocating for changes in clinical practice guidelines and construction site safety protocols. "Our clients' lawsuits share the safety concerns of our juries, which is why we've been able to persuade so many of the righteousness of our clients' causes," Awad notes.

RECOGNIZING THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT, AWAD AND Miklos have been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards, and also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*. Their firm, meanwhile, is ranked Tier 1 in New York City for plaintiffs' medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms."*

"WE HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BRINGING STABILITY and hope back to our clients' lives," Miklos says, "and our dedication stems from the simple fact that we care deeply about our clients' injuries and losses, and want to do all we can to make a difference."

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