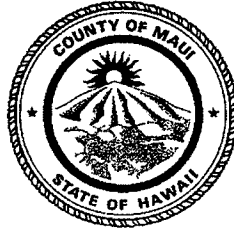


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FROM: John K. Holiona, Deputy Corporation Counsel 

RE: LITIGATION MATTERS (PRL-1(46)) – Status and Special  
Counsel Authorization: Litigation against Opioid  
Manufacturers and Distributors

Per your request, attached hereto are the resumes/curriculum vitae for the following Special Counsels:

Napoli Shkolnik PLL, Attorneys at Law

Paul J. Napoli, Of Counsel

Hunter J. Shkolnik, Senior Partner

John Choi, Trial Lawyer

If you require additional information, please contact me.



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**NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC 2019-PROF-1**

Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC is a national law firm with ten offices in eight states. We specialize in mass tort, pharmaceutical, environmental, commercial class actions and other complex litigations. The firm has been involved in nearly every pharmaceutical mass tort litigation for the past decade. Napoli Shkolnik attorneys have served in leadership roles in many of these cases. The firm has a long history of representing states and other municipalities in commercial and pharmaceutical litigation and has achieved billions in recovery for its clients, including almost \$1 Billion for 9/11 first responders

We have been investigating and litigating the municipal Opioid cases on a national level for over a year and are part of the leadership in both the MDL and in the NY Coordinated proceedings. Significantly, Paul Napoli was appointed co-lead counsel of the New York Coordinated Opioid Litigation for New York-based municipalities, while Hunter Shkolnik was appointed to the Plaintiff's Executive Committee for the In Re: National Prescription Opiate Multi-District Litigation.

Recently, Napoli Shkolnik obtained an extremely favorable decision in the New York Coordinated Opioid Litigation in an application made by Paul Napoli, Co-Lead of the litigation. The Judge is allowing us to proceed with limited discovery even though the motions to dismiss have not yet been decided. We sought early targeted discovery directed to the sales and distribution data for each County in the State of New York to allow our clients to seek immediate injunctive relief. Judge Garguilo saw the need for this and is allowing us to move forward aggressively.

Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC and partners are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion at all levels and in every action. Napoli Shkolnik is unique for a large national mass tort firm in that we are majority woman owned. Marie Napoli is the majority owner of Napoli Shkolnik, and over one-third of our partners are women. In addition to the partnership ranks 52.4% of our total staff are women and thirty percent of our total staff are minority employees.

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**Law Firm Facts**

- Founded in 1998 (the current firm name has been in use since 2015)
  - Average of 150 Employees
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## **FIRM CAPACITY**

Napoli Shkolnik has the significant resources required to handle the voluminous motion practice and discovery demands which will be required in the opioid litigation. The are committed and prepared to fund this complex and expansive litigation. We have significant experience in litigating mass tort and class action matters which normally require the receipt, organization, and analysis of millions of documents. We have a database system which electronically organizes all motion papers and discovery received. We have the document review technology required to sort through millions of pages of documents.

We are easily able to muster sufficient resources to fully engage with the defendants and to respond to any attempts by the defendants to engage in voluminous motion and discovery practice. These firms have done exactly that with success in many drug and pharmaceutical cases in the past, and some are doing that specifically with respect to the opioid litigation nationwide.

We have already considered, identified and begun working with multiple experts whom we believe will be instrumental to the case against the prospective defendants. These include medical and pharmaceutical experts in the field of addiction, pharmaceutical regulation, pain management, anesthesiology, and economists. We have also contacted physician(s) who formerly received payment from these companies to push their misleading statements which they now admit were misleading and are seeking to assist our clients in this litigation.

Napoli Shkolnik PLLC has already demonstrated through its national leadership roles in numerous mass tort and class action cases, and in other drug and device cases, that they have both the financial resources and the legal, human, intellectual, and technological resources to successfully pursue and obtain substantial results against the prospective defendants. The firms are able and prepared, as necessary, to advance and invest millions of dollars in time and out-of-pocket expenses, with the firms' recovery contingent upon a successful outcome, in the opioid litigation. Addition financial information will be provided upon request.





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**Paul J. Napoli cont'd**

**Speaking Engagements**

- Faculty Member, “Groundwater Contamination Litigation: Proving and Defending Against Liability: Demonstrating Nexus, Causation and Injury to Recover Damages”, Strafford Webinars (June 5, 2018)
  - Speaker, “Opioids – The Latest Information and Strategies”, Masters of Mass Tort Seminar (January 17-19, 2018)
  - Speaker, “Flint Water Crisis: Get in the Know about Lead Poisoning and How It’s Litigated”, Perrin Conferences
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**Paul J. Napoli, Of Counsel - 2019-PROF-1**

is an attorney who developed a law firm headquartered in New York City, with offices in nine states across the United States. On 9/11, the Napoli firm had its NYC offices across the street from the World Trade Center, and its employees were eyewitnesses to the terrorist attacks on lower Manhattan. Paul was appointed by the United States District Court as Co-Liaison Counsel representing more than 11,000 first responders and other rescue and recovery workers who became ill or were injured during the rescue, recovery and debris-removal activities at the World Trade Center site in the months following 9/11 and was instrumental in obtaining settlements that are today valued at more than \$816 million for his clients. Paul also lobbied New York State and the U.S. Congress for and was instrumental in obtaining two important pieces of legislation to assist WTC- injured workers. These are an amendment to New York's General Municipal Law §50-1 ("JIMMY NOLAN'S LAW") that provided a one-year savings statute for otherwise time-barred first responder claims and the

JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2010 ("Zadroga Bill"), which provides for medical monitoring and cash awards for injured first responders and other WTC survivors, local office workers and community members injured by the post-9/11 fallout. Paul has been a generous contributor to the 9/11 Memorial, the 9/11 Memorial Museum and other organizations working to support first responders and other WTC-injured workers.

He was profiled in the published book "City of Dust," a journalistic account of the rescue, recovery and debris removal activities at the site of the World Trade Center following the September 11, 2001 attacks, authored by former New York Times columnist Anthony DePalma.

Mr. Napoli has written on physician liability for diet drug injuries and on "The Cost of Contamination" for the American Water Works Association Journal, November 2012. He has extensively litigated on behalf of municipal clients for contamination to land and water supplies resulting from petroleum and related chemical spills.

He has achieved hundreds of verdicts and settlements valued over \$1 million for his clients and has also received many awards from his peers. He served on the Board Of Directors of the New York Trial Lawyers Association, is active in several bar associations, has been interviewed on numerous television shows, in newspaper and magazine articles and is frequently consulted by attorneys around the country on a variety of mass tort, professional malpractice and general liability issues.

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**Bar Admissions**

- New York
- Illinois
- United States District Court, Eastern, Southern Western, Northern Districts of New York
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- United States District Court, Northern, Southern Districts of Illinois
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Supreme Court





**Paul J. Napoli cont'd**

**Professional Affiliations**

- National September 11 Memorial Museum, Board Member
- Diversity Law Institute, Member
- American Association for Justice
- Trial Law Institute, Member
- American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys (AIOPIA), Member
- Nassau County Bar Association, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- Suffolk County Bar Association, Member
- St. John's Loughlin Society (Benefactors' Council)
- St. John's University School of Law Dean's Advisory Counsel

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**Court Appointments**

- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in the West Virginia Opioid Litigation (Civil Action No. 17-C-248) by the Honorable Judge David W. Hummel, Jr. of the Second Judicial Circuit Court, Division 2 of Marshall County, West Virginia
- Co-Lead Counsel in the New York Opioid Cost Recovery in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for Suffolk County
- Liaison Counsel in the Colorado PFOA / PFOS Toxic Tort Litigation (*Bell, et al. v. The 3M Company, et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-02351-RBJ) by the Honorable Judge R. Brooke Jackson of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- Plaintiff's Co-Liaison Counsel for *In re: World Trade Center Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 100 (AKH,) settled in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein
- Plaintiff's Steering Committee for *In re Rezulin Products Liability Litigation* (removed from the US market 3/21/2000)
- Plaintiffs' Discovery Committee for *In re: MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) Products Liability Litigation* (MDL-1358)
- Liaison Counsel for the New York State Consolidated Diet Drug litigations *In re: Diet Drug (Phentermine, fenfluramine, dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation*

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**Publications**

- [Opioid Crisis Costs: Is There a Cause of Action?](#), The New York Law Journal (November 16, 2017)
- [The Emerging Crisis of PFAS Exposure](#), The New York Law Journal (October 6, 2017)
- The Cost of Contamination, American Water Works Association Journal, What's New in Water and Waste Water, November 2012
- Compensation through legislation for 9/11 responders and victims: An analysis of Zadroga (Co-Author Brian Crosby), Westlaw Journal - Toxic Torts, Volume 29, Issue 8 / June 2011
- Physician Liability In Diet Drug Litigation, NYLJ April 20, 1998
- Profiled in:
  - Mundy, Alicia, Dispensing with the Truth: The Victims, The Drug Companies, and the Dramatic Story Behind the Battle Over Fen-Phen, St. Martin's Press, 2001.
  - Depalma, Anthony, CITY OF DUST: ILLNESS, ARROGANCE AND 9/11, FT Press, 2010





**Paul J. Napoli cont'd**

**Media Appearances**

- [Counties move forward with opioid lawsuit](#), Rockland/Westchester Journal News, part of the USA Today Network (June 26, 2018)
- [Judge Refuses Drugmakers' Bid to Dismiss New York Opioid Cases](#), New York Law Journal (June 18, 2018)
- [2nd Circuit Revives 9/11 Workers' Suit Against Battery Park City Authority](#), New York Law Journal (June 6, 2018)
- [Exclusive: Are Love Canal chemicals still making people sick?](#), The Buffalo News (June 1, 2018)
- [Priest alleges minor children harmed by lead exposure in Peru](#), St. Louis Record (May 28, 2018)
- [Study predicts most new cases of mesothelioma will not be related to occupational exposure after 2040](#), Madison-St. ClairRecord (May 7, 2018)
- [Opioid Watch](#), The Opioid Research Institute (April 17, 2018)
- [Damages sought from owners of metallurgical complex in Peru over minor childrens' alleged injuries](#), St. Louis Record (April 5, 2018)
- [Nation's top pain doctors face scores of opioid lawsuits](#), YAHOO! Finance (April 3, 2018)
- [New York Opioid Litigation Won't Be Stayed; Lawyers Seeking 1,000 More County-Plaintiffs](#), Forbes.com (March 15, 2018)
- [Palm Beach County picks legal team to pursue opioid litigation](#), Sun Sentinel (March 13, 2018)
- [Opioid Judge Allows Some Discovery, Motions to Go Forward in MDL](#), The National Law Journal (March 7, 2018)
- [City of Gary files lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors](#), Chicago Crusader February 8, 2018)
- [Westchester County Sues Drug Makers Over Opioid Crisis](#), CBS New York Local (February 6, 2018)
- **FOX 5 NEWS:** [Opioid Crisis: Westchester Sues Opioid Makers](#)
- [Westchester Sues Highly Addictive Opioid Manufacturers, Distributors](#), White Plains Daily Voice (February 6, 2018)
- [Westchester Files Lawsuit Against Big Pharma Over Opioids](#), Patch.com (February 6, 2018)
- [BNSF Railway allegedly failed to protect employee from toxic agents](#), Cook County Record (February 2, 2018)
- [Prince George's County is suing opioid manufacturers](#), The Diamondback (January 25, 2018)
- [Prince George's Co. sues opioid makers](#), WTOP 103.5FM (January 24, 2018)
- [Makers of Taxotere breast cancer drug hit with lawsuit over hair loss allegedly caused by drug](#), Cook County Record (January 22, 2018)
- [NY Counties in State Opioid Litigation Allowed Discovery](#), New York Law Journal (1/16/18)
- [With Trump MIA on Opioids, Here Come the Lawyers](#), BloombergView (1/12/18)
- [Judge Sees Forum Shopping in Class Bid to Move Pollution Case](#), New York Law Journal (12/20/17)
- [Yaphank, New York residents file suit over alleged contamination of water supply](#), Legal Newline (12/14/17)
- [Alabama man files suit against John Crane Inc. over father's alleged asbestos exposure injuries](#), Madison-St. Clair Record (12/1/17)
- [How we got here: A history of the opiate epidemic](#), Long Island Business News (November 7, 2017)
- [Cuyahoga County files lawsuit accusing drug companies of racketeering, leading to opioid epidemic](#), Cleveland.com (October 27, 2017)
- [Fulton County filing lawsuit against companies that make, distribute opioids](#), Fox 5 (October 23, 2017)
- [Fulton County to sue drug manufacturers in fight against opioid epidemic](#), WSB-TV2 Atlanta (October 23, 2017)
- [Fulton County to file suit against opioid manufacturers, distributors](#), AJC.com (October 23, 2017)
- [NY Counties Sue Pharmaceutical Companies Over Opioid Epidemic](#), WABC-7 Eyewitness News Exclusive (September 27, 2017)
- [Schuyler county attorney to crack down on manufacturers, distributors of opioids](#), Press & Sun-Bulletin [Part of The USA Today Network] (August 17, 2017)





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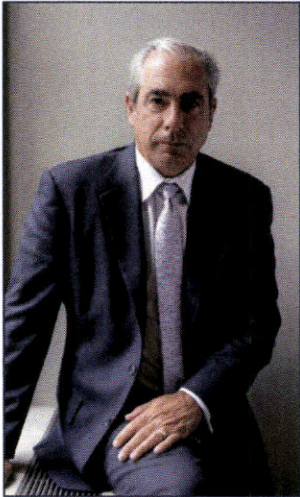
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  - Speaker, “Flint Water Crisis: Get in the Know about Lead Poisoning and How It’s Litigated”, Perrin Conferences
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**Awards and Honors**

- America’s Elite Trial Lawyers
- America’s Top 100 High Stakes Litigators®, 2018
- American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys (AIOPIA), Member
- American Trial Lawyers Association: Top 100 Trial Lawyers
- Lawyers of Distinction, 2016
- Legal Leaders, AV Preeminent <sup>TM</sup>Martindale-Hubbell® Top Rated Lawyers
- The Legal 500 United States, Top Tier
- Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow
- Litigator Awards 2015 & 2016
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- The National Association of Distinguished Counsel, 2016 & 2017
- New York Super Lawyers®, 2007-2017
- Top 50 Elite Trial Lawyer, National Law Journal
- Top 100 Attorneys in the New York Metro Area





**Hunter J. Shkolnik, Senior Partner 2019-PROF-1**

Mr. Shkolnik concentrates his area of practice to the trial of significant personal injury cases primarily in the area of drug, automobile, heavy truck and aviation related product liability actions.

He leads the discovery and trial teams of various mass tort pharmaceutical and medical device litigations for the firm. He is also active in managing national litigation and plaintiff litigation groups including the American Association of Justice's Actos Litigation Group.

He is currently serving as a chairman, leader or court appointed representative on Plaintiff Steering Committees in various drug and other mass torts. Additionally Mr. Shkolnik has also held officer positions in the New York State Trial Lawyers, Nassau County Bar Association and Committee Chair positions in ATLA Health Care Finance

Litigation Group, Orthopedic Implant Litigation Group, AAJ Breast Cancer Litigation Group, Co-Chair AAJ Heart Device Litigation Group and the Chair of the Medtronic ICD and CRTD Litigation Sub Group.

Mr. Shkolnik has also lectured and organized seminars on issues involving Guidant, Medtronic and St. Jude pacemakers, ICD and Lead Wire recall science and litigation; Cardiac Device product liability litigation, Class Actions topics such as Ethics of Mass Tort Settlements, Lone Pine, State Federal Coordination and Preemption and on multiple occasions, on science related to various pharmaceuticals.

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**Bar Admissions**

- New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
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**Professional Affiliations**

- American Association of Justice (AAJ), The Actos Bladder Cancer Litigation Group, Co-Chair
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- New York State Trial Lawyers (NYSTLA), Board of Directors; Past Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer
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- Nassau County Bar Association, Past Vice-Chairman, Medical Legal Committee
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Past Vice-Chairman, Healthcare Finance Litigation Group
- American Association of Justice (AAJ) Health Orthopedic Implant Litigation Group, Past Vice-Chairman, Science Committee Director
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Past Chairman, Health Breast Cancer Litigation Group
- American Association of Justice (AAJ), Co-Chair, Health Heart Device Litigation Group

**Awards and Honors**

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**Court Appointments**

- Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804 by United States District Judge Dan Aaron Polster of the Northern District of Ohio
- Co-Liaison Counsel in the Flint Water Crisis Litigation by United States District Judge Judith E. Levy of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In Re: Invokana (Canagliflozin) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2750
- Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in the *Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2738 (Honorable Freda L. Wolfson)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee; *In Re: Taxotere (Docetaxel) Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 274) (Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee; *In Re: Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2151 (Honorable James V. Selna)
- Actos Product Liability Steering Committee, American Association of Justice's Actos Litigation Group
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *In Re: Medtronic Inc.*, MDL 1726 (Honorable James M. Rosenbaum) (retired)
- Co-Lead Counsel, *In Re: Fleet Oral Sodium Phosphate Solutions Litigation*, MDL 2066 (NDOH) (Honorable Dan A. Polster)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee & National Settlement Counsel in the *In Re: Nuvaring Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1964 (MOED) (Honorable Rodney W. Sippel)
- Co-Liaison Counsel & Member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *New Jersey Nuvaring Products Liability Consolidated Mass Tort Litigation* (Honorable Brian R. Martinotti)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *In Re: Medtronic, Inc., Sprint Fidelis Leads Product Liability Litigation*, MDL 1905 (Dist. Minn.); (Honorable Richard H. Kyle)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *In Re: Medtronic Inc.*, MDL 1729 (Honorable James M. Rosenbaum) (retired)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *New Jersey Metaclopramide (Reglan) Product Liability Consolidated Mass Tort Litigation* (Honorable Carol Higbee)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Member- Co-Lead Trial Team, Strategic Planning, Expert and Discovery Subcommittee, *In Re: Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1708 (Honorable Donovan Frank)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, New York State Consolidated Bextra/ Celebrex Litigation
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Lead Counsel; Trial, Expert, Discovery Sub Committees and Co-Lead Trial Team, *In Re: New York Sulzer Inter Op Hip and Knee Implant Litigation*; (Justice Helen Freedman) (retired)
- State Federal Liaison Counsel, *In Re: Bausch & Lomb, Inc., Contact Lens Solution Product Liability Litigation*, MDL 1785 (Honorable David C. Norton)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee & Lead trial attorney for the first scheduled bellwether trials; State Federal Liaison Counsel, *In Re: New York Consolidated Bausch & Lomb Contact Lens Solution Litigation* (Justice Helen Freedman) (retired)
- Discovery Co-Chair, New Jersey Levaquin Mass Tort Litigation
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *In Re: PepsiCo, Inc., Bottled Water Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL 1903 (Honorable Cathy Seibel)
- Liaison Counsel, *In Re: Zimmer NexGen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2272 (N.D.Ill) (Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *In Re: DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc., Pinnacle Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2244 (Honorable James Edgar Kinkeade)
- Plaintiffs' Liaison Committee for Personal Injury and Wrongful Death, *In Re: Pom Wonderful Sales and Marketing Practices Litigation*, MDL 2199 (Honorable Dean D. Pregerson)





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**Court Appointments**

- Co-Lead Counsel, *In Re: Kaba Simplex Push Button Lock Sales and Marketing Litigation*, MDL 2220; (EDOH); (Honorable Donald C. Nugent)
- Co-Lead and Co-Liaison Counsel in the *In Re: Eliquis (Apixaban) Product Liability Litigation*, Honorable Judge Denise L. Cote for the Southern District of New York
- National Settlement Counsel in the *In Re: Pradaxa (Dabigatran Etexilate) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2385, United States District Judge David R. Herndon for the Southern District of Illinois
- Co-Lead Class Counsel in the *In Re: Daily Fantasy Sports Marketing And Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL 2677 (George A. O'Toole, Jr.)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Lead Counsel, *In Re: New York Diet Drug/Phen Fen Litigation*; (Justice Helen Freedman) (retired)
- Co-Lead Counsel, *In Re: Bayer Healthcare LLC and Merial Limited Flea Control Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL 2319 (Nd. III) (Honorable Dan A. Polster)
- Co-Lead Counsel, *In Re: Incretin Mimetics Product Liability Litigation*, MDL 1331 (Honorable Maurice M. Paul)
- Lead Class Counsel, *Hernandez-Ortiz, et al. v. 2 Gold, L.L.C., et al.*, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Index No. 158155/2012; (Honorable Ellen M. Coin)
- Lead Class Counsel, *Roberts, et al. v. Ocean Prime, LLC, et al.*, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Index. No. 150612/2013; (Honorable Manuel J. Mendez)
- Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, *In Re: American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2325 Judge Joseph Goodwin for the Southern District of West Virginia
- Lead Class Counsel, *Sterling, et al. v. Stratfor Enterprises, LLC, et al.*, Eastern District of New York 2:12-cv-00297 (Honorable Judge Denis R. Hurley)

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**Publications**

- Sikkelee: A Victory for Plaintiffs and its Implications for Aviation Product Liability Claims, American Association for Justice Aviation Law Newsletter, Winter 2017
- Danger in the Ring by Marie Brenner, Vanity Fair, January 2014
- Divided They Fall: Concepcion's Effect on Consumer and Employee Claims (Co-Author: Richard J. Arsenault, Esq.), NYSTLA, Vol. 1, 2012





Hunter J. Shkolnik cont'd

**Recent Speaking Engagements**

- Speaker, “Hot Topics in Mass Tort Litigation Seminar”, American Association for Justice Continuing Legal Education
- Faculty Member, “Litigating Public Health Epidemics”, Current Issues in Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Biotech Litigation: American Bar Association Regional CLE
- Featured Panelist, “Who are the Governmental Action Plaintiffs and What are the Causation Theories?”, National Opioid Litigation Conference: HarrisMartin Publishing
- Faculty Member, “Public Nuisance: No Doubt, But Can We Prove It?”, Prepare to Fight the Opioid Crisis: American Association for Justice Leaders Forum
- “The Impact of Daimler and BMS-Plavix”, Co-Chair HarrisMartin California Mass Tort and Class Action Litigation Conference
- “Flint Water Crisis: Get in the Know about Lead Poisoning and How It’s Litigated”, Perrin Conferences
- “Hot Topics and Trends in Litigation Seminar”, American Association for Justice
- “Flint Water Crisis”, HarrisMartin’s MDL Conference: Pharmaceutical and Environmental Mass Tort Litigation
- “Uber and the Sharing Economy: Law, Ethics and Policy”, Temple University Fox School of Business
- Pharmaceutical and Environmental Mass Tort Litigation”, HarrisMartin Conference
- “Fantasy Sports, Volkswagen, Porsche and Pharmaceutical Litigation”, Co-Chair HarrisMartin Conference
- “Volkswagen Diesel Fuel Emissions Fraud”, HarrisMartin Conference
- “Mass Tort vs. Class Action: What it is and What it is Not.”, The American Association for Justice (AAJ)
- “Diabetes Drugs (Actos, Januvia, Byetta” at Mass Tort Med School, A Boot Camp for Plaintiff Attorneys, HB Litigation Conferences
- “Decisions 2013: Recent Developments in Tort Law”, NYSTLA Seminar Series
- “Class Certification: Defining or Challenging Class Membership”, Strafford Webinars
- “Mirena IUD, Tylenol, Granuflo, Byetta & Januvia”, HarrisMartin MDL Conference
- “Plaintiff Pharmaceutical Litigation Forum 2013”, HB Litigation Conferences
- Breast Cancer Litigation, ATLA Breast Cancer Litigation Group Educational Seminar
- “Transvaginal Mesh and Actos Litigation Group”, Harris Martin MDL Conference
- “Xarelto & Power Morcellators”, HarrisMartin’s MDL Conference
- “Major Developments in Drug & Device Litigation”, HarrisMartin Conference
- “Multi-district Litigation and the Parallel State Court Universe: A Practitioners Global Positioning Guide”, 11th Annual Class Action/Mass Tort Symposium presented by the LSBA
- “Product Liability Mass Tort & Class Actions: What every lawyer should know and understand”, NYSTLA
- “Case Theories, Challenges and Case Selection Considerations for your Actos Inventory”, Pharmaceutical Litigation Forum

**Media Appearances**

- [Former Sen. Carl Levin to mediate class-action Flint water Lawsuit](#), mLIVE Michigan (1/12/18)
- [County files lawsuit against opioid manufacturers](#), The Champion (1/11/18)
- [Shreveport and Arklatex counties join lawsuit against opioid industry](#), ABC Affiliate KTBS-3 (1/5/18)
- View the accompanying [News Segment](#)
- [Judge Sees Forum Shopping in Class Bid to Move Pollution Case](#), New York Law Journal (12/20/17)
- [Northern District of Ohio judge picked to preside over opioid MDL](#), Madiston-St. Clair Record (12/5/17)





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**Media Appearances**

**WABC-7 Eyewitness News Exclusive**

- [Class Action Water Contamination Lawsuit in Yaphank, New York](#) (October 16, 2017)

**Crime Stories with Nancy Grace**

- [Detective tells why Steven Avery doesn't deserve a new trial](#) (October 10, 2017)

**Law360**

- [MDL May Be On The Horizon In Opioid Litigation](#) (October 6, 2017)
- [Renco Can't Shake Claims Over Poisoning In Peru, Court Told](#) (October 3, 2017)

**790-KABC Dr. Drew**

- [Impact of Flint Water Crisis on Flint Children](#) (September, 2017)
- [New York Courts See Wave of Lawsuits Against Pharmaceutical Firms](#), Niagara Gazette (September 2, 2017)

**LawNewz Network**

- [Aaron Hernandez Double Murder Trial](#)

**FoxNews.com**

- [Arkansas' Death-Row Executions: Is there a problem with the process?](#)

**FoxBusiness News**

- [United Airlines Backlash: Passenger Dragged Off Plane](#)
- [Flint Water Crisis Fallout](#)

**FoxNews Live**

- [First Law Enforcement Officer Facing Terror Charges](#)
- [Michigan Couple Suing 'Pokemon Go' Creators, Claiming It's Ruining Their Quality of Life](#)

**PrimeTime Justice with Ashleigh Banfield**

- [Mom of 3 Gunned Down In Front of Kids on Way to Daycare](#)
- [Horrible Death: Neighbors Suspect Young Woman Burned Alive Was Murdered](#)
- [Brutal Double Murder Cops: Teen Practiced Killing Parents Before Shooting Them](#)
- [Brady's #12 NFL Hall of Fame MVP Jersey Missing](#)
- [Britney Spears' Niece Injured After Driving Into Pond](#)
- [Walmart Shootings: Armed Customer Shoots, Kills Alleged Shoplifter](#)
- [Truck Swerving All Over Interstate Crashes into Police SUV](#)
- [Elder Abuse: 94 Year Old Victim Repeatedly Hit on the Head](#)
- [Mom Charged with Murder of One Son and Abuse of Another](#)
- ['CatWoman' Facing Felony Charge in Brawl with Ex](#)

**News at 4**

- [City of Flint Water Emergency: Lawsuit Filed](#)

**CBS News**

- [Former US House Speaker Dennis Hastert segment](#)

**Documentary, "[Children of Flint: Flint Water Crisis Victims Speak Out](#)"**



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### **Public Interest Cases**

- 2018 Hawaii Opioid litigation – Association with Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC, a national leader in Opioid litigation in representing governments throughout the U.S (potentially millions)
- 2017 Federal Class Action involving the state and national child abuse registry, *Bird v State of Hawaii*, co-counsel with Margery Bronster, Former Attorney General, to protect the civil rights of Hawaii residents (amount pending)
- 2016 Roadway design/public safety case - *Huynh v State of Hawaii*, caused the Department of Transportation to install nine traffic signs to a deadly hairpin curve (\$900,000 00)
- 2015 Defective Seatbelt case - *Chung v. Ford Motor Company*, defective seatbelt design in Mustang convertible (\$2,500,000.00)
- 2003 Published Hawaii Supreme Court case *In re Doe, 101 Hawai'i 220, 65 P 3d 167*, as a deputy attorney general argued the separation of powers doctrine

### **Employment History**

- 2005 to Present Hawaii Accident Law Center – 13 years old, four employee average – \$12,000,000 00+ in recovery for clients
- 2004 Oliver Lau Lawhn Ogawa & Nakamura, Associate Trial Attorney
- 2001 State of Hawaii, Department of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General

### **Trial and Appellate Experience**

Litigated over 20 bench trials, seven jury trials  
Six Hawaii State Appellate cases, Two 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals

### **Education**

University of California, Irvine - BA Social Ecology minor Criminal Justice  
Vermont Law School - Juris Doctorate, Master of Science in Environmental Law  
Gerry Spence Trial Lawyer's College, Dubois, Wyoming



**Capacity to complete work timely** – association with Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC ensure personnel capacity to complete work timely with a team of over 40 lawyers and staff of more 40 persons.

**Professional References**

Retired Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court Ronald T.Y. Moon

Retired Judge Circuit Court Judge Rhonda Nishimura

**Client references from the past 12 months**

Mai Huynh – 808-627-5918, road design case in *Hunyh v. State*, see above

Courtney Bird – 423-619-5563, civil rights class action *Bird v State*, see above.

**Professional/Law Related Community Involvement**

Hawaii State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division –  
Past Board Member

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Hawaii Chapter –  
Board Member

Hawaii Association for Justice - Board Member and Past Vice President

Christian Legal Society of Hawaii - Past President, Current Board Member

Asian Pacific American Law Student's Assn., Vermont Law School Chapter -  
Founding Member and Past President

Department of the Attorney General - Former Deputy Attorney General -  
attended over 2000 family court hearings and over 10 family court bench  
trials representing the State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services

**Non-Law related community based service**

Hawaii Democratic Party - District Chairman, House of Representatives Dist. 19

Hawaii Democratic Party - Past Precinct President of District 19, Prec. 4

Beneficial Protective Order of the Elks - State Mediator

Hawaii Junior Chamber of Commerce - Past Chapter President

Hawaii AYSO - Soccer Coach

The Princeton Review - Teacher of the Year

University of California, Irvine - Order of Omega

Phi Delta Theta – Executive Officer