

Legal Action

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“Standing With You!”

Dear loyal clients and friends,

This Legal Action heralds an exciting new beginning for our downtown law firm.

As of March 1, 2014 the firm of Seaman Garson LLC will form two new firms Garson Johnson LLC, partnered by Stuart Garson and Jeff Johnson, and Dennis Seaman’s new firm Dennis Seaman and Associates LLC.

Garson Johnson LLC will be located in the Midland Building, (corner of Ontario and Prospect) 101 W. Prospect, Suite 1610, joined by attorneys Grace Szubski and Jim DeRoche. Dennis Seaman and Associates LLC will remain in the Rockefeller Building, 614 W. Sixth Street, and move two floors down to Suite 1400. Dennis will be joined by Michael Madden, Michael A. Saltzer and David Meyerson.

This transition has been seamless and the cases have been reassigned according to the original referral sources. With great attention to detail we have systems in place so that our clients’ needs are immediately and expertly met. We are available to handle all your legal matters as usual, attend to new business, answer your questions about your cases and address your legal referrals (see contact information in the box on the right side of this page).

“Our firms will continue to have an excellent working relationship with one another and refer matters that are within the strength of each organization,” said Stuart Garson. “Jeff Johnson and I will continue our extensive workers’ compensation

practice and related personal injury work including medical malpractice and wrongful death. We will also expand our reach into business litigation, partnership disputes and breach of contract.”

Dennis Seaman does not see his core practice changing. “We will still focus on personal injury, workers’ compensation and courtroom litigation,” he said. Seaman’s firm will also further expand into the areas of wage and hour litigation. Making legal referrals in other areas such as bankruptcy, divorce, criminal defense and probate is also a service that both firms will happily provide their clients.

“I want to assure everyone that Irene Sabatine, my legal assistant, who has been with me for 37 years, will still be at the other end of the phone when you call my office,” said Seaman.

The legal world is a very fluid and ever changing as the economy and technology continually require adaptations that were unknown even five years ago. This adjustment permits us to focus on those changes that will allow each organization to better serve our clients while always maintaining our core commitment to working families and their challenging needs in these demanding times. We will continue to serve your legal needs and always pursue what is in your best legal interest. We look forward to continuing the trust that you have placed in us all of these years. Whatever your legal needs, you can be reassured that we will always stand with you. Count on it!



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Message from Lanny Solomon



When attorney Lanny Solomon merged his workers' compensation and personal injury practice with Stuart Garson and Jeff Johnson last year, he felt confident that he was doing the right thing. "Both Stuart and Jeff have the same approach to law that I have since I became a lawyer 37 years ago," says Lanny. "They make their clients' needs their number one priority and

do everything they possibly can to get the best and most equitable results. And like me, Stuart and Jeff were drawn to law because of our shared belief that everyone deserves a fair shake."

Although Lanny spends the bulk of his time living in Florida, where he runs marathons, plays bocce and participates in many other athletic and volunteer activities, he is never far from his computer. "Clients can easily reach me and I am readily available to talk to them about their current or future cases or concerns," he says.

Cobra Violations

Have you recently left or been terminated from work? If you were insured under your employer's healthcare plan, you are entitled to notice of your COBRA benefits. If your employer failed to send the required notice, you may be entitled to compensation.

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 ("COBRA"), requires employers to provide you notice of your right to purchase healthcare coverage through their group health care plan.

There are statutory penalties for each day the notice is late. The employer can also be held liable for any medical expenses you paid due to a lack of health insurance. This 'notice' requirement of the COBRA statute applies whether or not you would have actually purchased coverage.

With the answers to a few brief questions, we can help determine whether you have a potential COBRA claim. Call Dennis Seaman at 216-696-1080 or Jeff Johnson at 216-696-9330.

Kudos to Jeff Johnson

Jeff has been named the Chair of the Workers' Compensation section of the Ohio Association For Justice; his term begins May, 2014. The OAJ is comprised of 1,400 Ohio attorneys

and the Workers' Compensation section is the largest section within the group. "It is an honor to be selected by my peers for this chairmanship," said Jeff.

Medical Alerts

Stryker Orthopaedics Hip Replacement Lawsuit

In July 2012, Stryker voluntarily recalled two metal-on-metal hip replacement components over concerns that the devices could cause pain, swelling and harm to surrounding body tissue. We would like to hear from patients who suspect they have been implanted with a hip replacement subject to the recall. If you received a Stryker metal-on-metal hip implant or a similar device that caused problems, we may be able to help you sue the manufacturer to recover compensation for your medical bills, pain and suffering and other related losses.

Johnson and Johnson DePuy Hip Replacement Lawsuit

Thousands of people were implanted with a metal-on-metal DePuy defective ASR hip replacement system between 2005 and 2010, before it was recalled. If you have a DePuy hip replacement and suffer from hip, groin or thigh pain, pain with walking, pain from rising from a seated position, or weight bearing pain, you may be a victim of a failed DePuy ASR hip implant. Call us today to protect your legal rights.

Help us stay up-to-date & green

To update our files we ask that you send us your email address and/or your address and phone number change to: jjohnson@garson.com. You may also call us at 216-696-9330 with this information.

Referrals are always welcomed. The people who are important to you are important to us. Feel free to call us anytime with a referral. As always, the same courtesy will be extended to your family and friends as we offer you.

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