

LEADERS IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

Learn about the recent accomplishments and engagements of our attorneys



■ **Samuel H. Pond** – was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012, in the field of Workers' Compensation. Mr. Pond will be featured in the *Best Lawyers*® edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Legal Intelligencer*, which will be available in January 2012. Mr. Pond was invited to speak at the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association's Annual Convention on October 1st, and was invited to speak with Mr. Giordano on complex Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability matters for the Bucks County Bar Association on October 12th. Mr. Pond will be a presenter and co-sponsor of a Union Safety Seminar being held on December 10th discussing topics relating to union members and Workers' Compensation.



■ **Thomas J. Giordano Jr.** – will be speaking at the Epilepsy Education & Information Exchange on Saturday, November 12th. Mr. Giordano was invited to speak on complex Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability matters for the Bucks County Bar Association on October 12th.



■ **Jerry M. Lehocky** – was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012, in the field of Workers' Compensation. Mr. Lehocky will be featured in the *Best Lawyers*® edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Legal Intelligencer*, which will be available in January 2012. Mr. Lehocky has been re-appointed as a Committee Member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court for an additional 3-year term which was effective July 1st, 2011. Mr. Lehocky was a moderator and speaker at the Pennsylvania Association of Justice's Annual Update Seminar September 27th.



■ **Alex Sioutis** – will be a presenter at a Union Safety Seminar being held on December 10th, discussing topics relating to union members and Social Security Disability.



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ANNOUNCING...

Pond Lehocky is proud to welcome Attorney Christopher M. Fox to the Firm

A seasoned litigator, Mr. Fox has 9 years of experience in Workers' Compensation Law. Since graduating from Temple University's Beasley School of Law in 2002, Mr. Fox has focused his practice on Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation. Before joining Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano in September 2011, Mr. Fox practiced Workers' Compensation law at a leading national labor and employment firm and with a prominent regional defense firm's Workers' Compensation department. He has guest lectured on the topic of Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation for the Insurance Society of Philadelphia, and has been named to the *Super Lawyers*® *Rising Stars* list for Pennsylvania. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Mr. Fox graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1999 with a B.A. in Labor Studies and Industrial Relations. As a freshman at Penn State, he was a walk-on member of the Penn State varsity football team, and participated in

the Blue-White spring game. With the addition of Mr. Fox, we look forward to representing you and your clients/patients at the highest level of service and professionalism.



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More than your Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability Firm

Pond Lehocky is a name that you can trust. Our clients come to us for all of their legal needs, outside of their Workers' Compensation and Social Security matters. If you have other legal concerns, Pond Lehocky has a network of attorneys that we trust to handle your legal matters. We can help you get the most qualified representation. Call us today to be put in contact with our Network of Attorneys.

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(construction, medical malpractice)
- » **Motor Vehicle Accidents**
- » **Product Liability**
- » **DUI/Traffic Violations**
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- » **Wills and Estates**
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SETTLEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

By Melissa R. Chandy, Esq.

\$360,000 Settlement

Claimant's husband died from a work-related drowning. The widow was left to care for two children ages 7 and 10. Jerry Lehocky secured a lump sum settlement for the family in the amount of \$360,000.

\$242,500 Settlement

A 41 year-old union member injured his lower back and sustained lumbar herniations with an L5-S1 annual tear. In September 2011, Sam Pond secured a lump sum settlement of \$242,500.

\$215,000 Settlement + Open Medicals

A 36 year-old union member sustained a back injury. Dave Stern secured a settlement of \$215,000, plus two years of open medicals.

\$200,000 Settlement

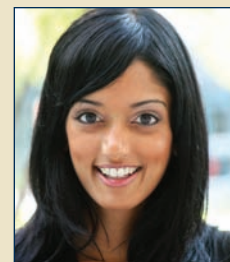
A 45 year-old Pennsylvania union member, who resides in New Jersey, hurt his lower back carrying a metal roof deck while working in PA. The insurance carrier paid this client NJ benefits instead of PA. His checks were stopped in April 2010, when he was told to return to light duty by a New Jersey Workers' Compensation doctor, indicating he reached maximum medical improvement. Client had a herniated disc in the lower spine. A petition was filed to recognize Pennsylvania jurisdiction. In August 2011, Sam Pond secured a \$200,000 lump sum settlement for the client.

\$200,000 Settlement + Open Medicals

A hospital worker was injured after being assaulted by a patient. As a result of the brutal attack, he began losing vision in his left eye, had problems hearing and he also needed treatment for psychological issues. Jerry Lehocky secured a settlement of \$200,000, with medicals to remain open for treatment related to the work injury. Through the agreement, the injured worker also received almost \$30,000 in unpaid vacation and sick time.

\$200,000 Settlement

A woman suffered an injury at work after being run over by a forklift. The employer issued a Notice of Compensation Payable, but only described the injury as involving a broken femur, tibia, and fibula. Frank Ciprero handled this case and filed a petition to expand the description of the injury to include a lower back injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety. The case settled for \$200,000.



Melissa R. Chandy, Esq. is an Associate with Pond Lehocky and focuses her practice exclusively on Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Law and the defense of injured workers.



Pond Lehocky team takes time out for a photo as they proudly participate in this year's Travis Manion 9/11 Heroes Run.



MAKING POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

The attorneys and staff of Pond Lehocky honored the 10th anniversary of September 11 by partnering with the **Travis Manion Foundation's 9/11 Heroes Run**. The goal of the foundation's 9/11 Heroes Run is to never forget the sacrifices of all the Heroes of September 11 – veterans, first responders, and civilians. The proceeds from the charity run go towards supporting the communities that keep us safe.

Pond Lehocky participated in the AFL-CIO's Labor Day celebration at **Penn's Landing**, where we had the opportunity to speak with hundreds of our Union brothers and sisters and enjoyed the day with family, friends and entertainment.

To learn more about the Travis Manion foundation, visit www.travismanion.com



PERSONAL INJURY CORNER What should you do if you've been harmed by a defective product?

Save the Product! When an injury or death is caused by the defective or dangerous conditions of a product, it is absolutely critical to preserve the product. This is extremely important because, in most situations, the loss of or failure to preserve the product will result in the inability for you to prove your case that the product is defective and could ultimately lead to the dismissal of any claim. When a person is injured by a defective product, the seller and or manufacturer may be required to

compensate the victim. A product liability claim should be pursued if the product lacked an element necessary to make it safe for its intended use, the vender or manufacturer misrepresented the products, caused a breach of warranty, and/or was negligent.

If you or a loved one has suffered an injury as a result of defective products, please call our Firm today at 215-568-7500.



Philadelphia VIP recognizes David F. Stern, Esq., for his outstanding volunteer assistance to VIP clients.



David F. Stern describes volunteering for Philadelphia VIP as a natural extension of his practice. "The very nature of my business is helping people who need help," he says. "I felt the need to extend that to those who can't pay the fee." He has been a volunteer for Philadelphia VIP for six years. He hasn't hesitated to take cases that are outside his practice area, handling mostly civil forfeiture cases. The clients he has represented are mostly elderly individuals whose property is being seized by the government because of illegal activity connected to the property. Often an older parent takes in a child who is involved in drug sales. "I don't fault the city or state for taking action," says David, "but I really sympathize with the homeowner who, out of the goodness of his or her heart, gets taken advantage of by a family member." When David is able to secure an agreement that the person responsible for the illegal activity will leave, he has been able to save

the owner's property. "It's very rewarding to save someone's home," he said. David's own practice is busier than ever. Being a principal in a thriving new firm and raising a young family could be enough of a challenge. He also serves as Eastern District Chair of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice. "I'm the busiest I've ever been," says David. But his commitment to VIP doesn't waver. "It's the right thing to do," he says. "No excuses."

Article by Maureen McDonald for Philadelphia VIP

Philadelphia VIP promotes equal justice for the poor by providing civil legal services not otherwise available, collaborating with other legal services organizations and promoting a culture of volunteerism by educating and exposing attorneys and law students to issues of poverty. For more information, visit them online at phillyvip.org



New Additions to the Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano Family

The Pond Lehocky extended family continues to grow as well. We are excited to welcome:



Eli Daniel Stern

Weighing 6 lbs 10 oz, Eli was born on July 19th at 5:00 am to Dave and Laura Stern.



Bailey Edward Gerome

Weighing 7 lbs 6 oz, Bailey was born on July 26th at 11:19 am to Mary and Mark Gerome.



Kevin Marcus Mack II

Born on August 18th at 11:54 pm weighing 4 lbs and 13 oz to Kevin and Victoria Mack.

Congratulations to all of our new parents!



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