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#### From the Editor:

## Welcome to the newest edition of the Blume Forte Fried Zerres & Molinari Newsletter.

As the world around us continues to change, our firm continues to adapt and invest in ways to help each and every client of our firm.

Our mission is simple: we strive to deliver less stress and more recovery to every client who has entrusted us with the responsibility of putting their life back to together after a traumatic event such as medical malpractice, automobile and trucking accidents, unsafe products and premises, as well as workplace and construction accidents.

Our entire firm is dedicated to delivering exceptional results to all of our clients, one case at a time. Our dedicated staff of attorneys, paralegals, assistants, doctor, nurses, and medical librarian are here for you. We prepare each and every case for trial and are prepared and equipped to "go the distance" to make each client whole after a life-altering experience.

Thank you for entrusting us with your case. For more than 60 years, our firm has been dedicated to helping people navigate very challenging and difficult circumstances. We look forward to the opportunity to help you or anyone you may know who has been injured due to the negligence of another person or company.

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Jeffrey Zenna





Voted #1 Personal Injury Law Firm in New Jersey by NJ Law Journal

## Recoveries

### \$6 Million - Carol L. Forte Radiology malpractice

A 45-year-old single mother of 3 had a screening mammogram. The images were reviewed later that day by a radiologist who recognized findings concerning for breast cancer. The radiology technician at the imaging center was supposed to send the patient a letter telling her of the findings and that she needed to return for more testing, but instead, sent a form letter telling her the mammogram was normal. Sixteen months later, cancer was diagnosed that was then at stage 3 of 4 breast cancer stages. After years of treatment, including potent chemotherapy, surgery and radiation, she died of breast cancer that had spread throughout her body. After three weeks of trial, the case settled for \$6 million.

### \$1.75 Million - Carol L. Forte Medical malpractice

A 72-year-old woman fell out of bed in the hospital after having brain surgery. After having the surgery, the patient was disoriented.

Discovery showed that the nurse caring for the patient probably incorrectly set the bed alarm, which would have sounded and alerted the staff to the fact that the patient was trying to get out of bed if it had been correctly turned on. The patient fell, striking her head and requiring emergency surgery for head trauma.

### \$3.75 Million - Carol L. Forte Kidney surgery malpractice

A man with severe diabetes and kidney failure was recommended by his kidney doctors and vascular surgeons to have a procedure known as renal artery stenting, for the claimed purpose of improving blood flow to the kidney to obviate the need for dialysis. However, hours after the procedure, blood clots formed, cutting circulation to the feet and eventually resulting in amputations and later, death. The defense claimed that the patient did not want to go on dialysis and wanted to try this instead, that the amputations were due to the diabetes and not the procedure, and that his death was statistically not premature. Discovery showed that the procedure had been discredited in the medical literature for this type of patient

years earlier. Before his death, the patient also claimed that he had not agreed to have a new surgeon, inexperienced in the procedure, perform it.

### \$2.5 Million - John E. Molinari Motor vehicle accident

A 57-year-old plaintiff was struck by a car while he was riding his motorized bicycle. Plaintiff was previously retired from his municipal government position as a result of being inflicted with myasthenia gravis, which causes weakness in the skeletal muscles. At the hospital following the crash, the plaintiff underwent cervical and thoracic fusions. Nearly one year later, he was again hospitalized due to aggressive weakness in his extremities and underwent a second multilevel fusion. Plaintiff underwent several rounds of physical therapy following the procedures.



## Here is a sample of other results we have obtained for clients over the last year.

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Medical Malpractice Carol L. Forte

#### \$5,000,000

Medical Malpractice Carol L. Forte

#### \$3,337,000

Medical Malpractice Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$3,200,000

Day Care Negligence Harris S. Feldman

#### \$2,500,000

Medical Malpractice Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$2,400,000

Workplace Accident Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$2,100,000

Medical Malpractice Michael B. Zerres

#### \$1,950,000

Medical Malpractice Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$1,775,000

Pedestrian/Auto Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$1,600,000

Wrongful Death/Auto John E. Molinari

#### \$1,500,000

Medical Malpractice Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$1,500,000

Medical Malpractice Mitchell J. Makowicz

#### \$1,250,000

Medical Malpractice Harris S. Feldman

#### \$1,250,000

Pedestrian/Auto John E. Molinari

#### \$1,175,000

Premises Liability Michael B. Zerres

#### \$1,175,000

Medical Malpractice Michael B. Zerres

#### \$1,100,000

Wrongful Death/Fire Michael B. Zerres

#### \$1,000,000

Defective Product Harris S. Feldman

#### \$1,000,000

Medical Malpractice Carol L. Forte

#### \$1,000,000

Medical Malpractice Michael B. Zerres

#### \$850,000

Wrongful Death/Auto John E. Molinari

#### \$850,000

Medical Malpractice Jeffrey J. Zenna

#### \$800,000

Medical Malpractice Jeffrey J. Zenna

#### \$725,000

Medical Malpractice Jeffrey J. Zenna

#### \$700,000

Podiatric Malpractice Michael B. Zerres

Blume Forte was also represented in the "Rising Stars" list, a designation given to less

than 2.5 percent of New Jersey attorneys who are 40 years old or younger and who

have been practicing for 10 years or fewer:

4 Years

3 Years

2 Year

Connor C. Turpin

Terrence J. Hull

Richard T. Madurski

## Achievements, Announcements, and Events

#### Super Lawyers

11 Blume Forte attorneys have been named to the 2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers list.4 Blume Forte attorneys named to Rising Stars List.

A designation awarded to just 5 percent of the lawyers in the entire state. This research-driven, peer-influenced rating system identifies attorneys who consistently hold themselves to the highest professional standards.

#### The following Blume Forte attorneys were recognized again in 2024 for their work in Personal Injury

(the number of years next to their name indicates the number of consecutive years they have received the honor):



David M. Fried **20 Years** 



Carol L. Forte
20 Years



Michael B. Zerres **20 Years** 



John E. Molinari **20 Years** 

Brian M. Reihl

2 Year



Kenneth W. Elwood

20 Years



Mitchell J. Makowicz

20 Years



Jeffrey J. Zenna

13 Years



Cynthia M. Craig

18 Years



Brian E. Mahoney

12 Years



Norberto A. Garcia

17 Years



Frederick D. Miceli

16 Years



7 lawyers from Blume Forte Fried Zerres & Molinari were recognized in The Best Lawyers in America ©2021.

Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.

Best Lawyers lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation.

#### The following Blume Forte attorneys were recognized again in 2024.



David M. Fried

Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs Recognized since 2007



Carol L. Forte

Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs Recognized since 2003



Michael B. Zerres

Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs Recognized since 2007



Cynthia M. Craig

Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
Recognized since 2008



Mitchell J. Makowicz

Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs Recognized since 2024



**Abraham Milgraum** 

Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs Recognized since 2024



Harris S. Feldman

Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs Recognized since 2019

The Best Lawyers in America is issued by Best Lawyers and *U.S. News and World Report.* In order to be eligible for selection, "A firm must have at least one attorney who is recognized in the current edition of Best Lawyers in a 'Best Law Firms' ranked practice area/metro area. All of the quantitative and qualitative data is then combined into an overall 'Best Law Firms' score for each firm. Because firms were often separated by small or insignificant differences in overall score, we use a tiering system rather than ranking law firms sequentially. The number of tiers included in each practice area or metropolitan area ranking varies, and some specialties may not be ranked in metro areas in which there is not enough data to provide rankings in a particular specialty." A full description of the selection methodology can be found at https://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/methodology.aspx.



Blume Forte Fried Zerres & Molinari has been named a
Tier 1 New Jersey
"Best Law Firm" in two practice
areas by U.S. News –
Best Lawyers® in 2024.



Carol L. Forte was recognized as the number 2 attorney in the state of New Jersey in the most recent Super Lawyers Top Ten List. In addition, Carol was recognized as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in New Jersey.

Congrats to our attorneys for being recognized in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch!



Terrence J. Hull



Connor C. Turpan



# Specialization, experience, and resources all add up to success

### by Abraham Milgraum

If you don't practice personal injury law regularly and a client walks into your office with an injury, reach out to us to analyze the matter, as there are often avenues of recovery that only an experienced personal injury lawyer will be able to detect. Besides the fact that it is in the best interests of your client to have additional areas of recovery and giving a client an incomplete analysis could be considered malpractice, you may also get a significant referral fee upon conclusion of the matter. Some of our pending and recent cases highlight the importance of having all injury matters reviewed by a lawyer who specializes in personal injury law:

1) A client was injured at a jobsite and has a workers' compensation claim against his employer. His employer created a dangerous condition at the jobsite. Reach out to determine if another entity could be held at fault for the accident. Our case law establishes enhanced duties on a general contractor. Even when it seems that only the employer is liable, claims may be made against the general contractor for not inspecting the worksite for dangerous



conditions. Our firm has been successful on many such claims.

- 2) A client is injured in a motor vehicle accident by a single owner-operated truck. The injuries are severe, and the truck has only \$1 million in insurance coverage. Reach out to us to analyze if, in fact, a vicarious claim can be made against the company for whom the truck driver was hauling. We have been successful in recovering significant additional funds for such claims.
- 3) A client is injured in a factory by a coemployee's negligence: A) a co-employee turned on a machine while the client's hand was still in the machine, or B) a co-employee lowers a door that strikes the client. Reach out to determine if a product liability claim can be made against the machine manufacturer for not having an appropriate guard on the machine. Additionally, there may be a proper guard on the machine, but the

machine may not be affixed with appropriate interlock technology. As to the door example, the door may have landed on the client because a sensor was not properly installed to detect an object in its path and thus disable closing. We have handled many such cases and are currently involved in many.

4) A client may tell you he or she was involved in a motor vehicle accident caused by a drunk driver. The police report may say nothing about where the defendant became intoxicated, and you may have no information about where or when the defendant drank alcohol last. Extensive investigation may reveal that the defendant became intoxicated at a bar, or someone's house, and there may then be a viable dram shop claim to pursue. We have had many such cases and have many now.

5) A client may be involved in a garden variety motor vehicle vs. pedestrian accident that occurred at night. There may only be limited insurance coverage for the motor vehicle accident. In-depth investigation may reveal, however, that the area where the incident occurred was dark because streetlights were negligently maintained, and the dark street



contributed to the client being struck by a motor vehicle. We have had and currently have such cases.

Additional examples of less apparent claims we have pursued include claims against car manufacturers, trampoline component manufacturers, bed manufacturers, etc for faulty product design, as well as claims for subsequent medical malpractice that occur while the client is receiving treatment for a traumatic injury sustained in a more straightforward trip and fall or automobile case. In short, reach out to us to review the particular facts of your client's injury case. There are often additional avenues of recovery to pursue, and we have the experience and resources to pursue them.





## Do you know the symptoms of a stroke?

### by Jeffrey Zenna

Every year, approximately 800,000 people in the United States have a stroke.

A stroke is a disruption of blood flow to the brain. Without oxygen, brain tissue begins to die. Undetected or late detected strokes can lead to serious, life-altering, permanent injury or even death. Early recognition is the key to proper stroke treatment and thinking FASTER might help you save a life.

Use these clues to detect some common symptoms of strokes to relay to medical professionals:



A Arms. One arm drifts down when raising or is weaker/more numb than the other.

**S** Steadiness. Hard time keeping balance. Trouble walking or loss of coordination.

T Talking. Slurred words or unable to speak or understand speech.

**E** Eyes. Difficulty seeing out of one eye or both; double vision.

**R** React. Call 911 immediately even if symptoms go away. Remember when the symptoms began.



Over the last 20 years, there have been significant advancements in the way doctors can treat strokes. Depending on the type of stroke that is diagnosed, it can be resolved by surgery and or the administration of a medication called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA).

A tPA and surgery, if needed, must be given within a specific time period; therefore, it is critical that the timing of the onset of symptoms be accurately conveyed to the health care providers at the hospital. Per the American Stroke Association, the window of effectiveness for tPA is approximately 4.5 hours from stroke onset.

Hospital personnel are trained to recognize the symptoms of a stroke, and they will take a medical history, conduct a physical examination, and order the necessary tests such as blood work and imaging known as CAT scans. Treatment will then be tailored to the type of stroke, with the goal of restoring blood flow to the brain.

If the stroke is untimely diagnosed or undiagnosed, or there is a delay in initiating treatment, the patient has lost critical time and potentially has lost the ability to get lifesaving treatment. If you, a friend, or a loved one has experienced a stroke, and you believe the treatment they received was not proper, feel free to give us a call and allow us to evaluate the case at no charge.





## The law clerk program at Blume Forte

by Mitchell J. Makowicz, Jr.

The results achieved in litigation matters by Blume Forte are a product of the skill and experience brought to bear by each of the attorneys; in addition, each attorney has a dedicated and skilled team to assist with investigation, litigation, and trial for our clients. The diligence and hard work of administrative assistants, paralegals, and other support staff all contribute to our efforts to prepare each matter to maximize recovery on behalf of each client.

Another important element in the success of Blume Forte is the work of the law clerks whom we hire each year. In fact, more than half of the attorneys with the firm began their professional careers at Blume Forte as law clerks, dating back to the 1980s. In a program at Blume Forte dating back decades, law students entering their final year of classes have been hired from Seton Hall Law

School, Rutgers Law School, and New York Law School to assist our attorneys in doing investigations, performing legal research, and drafting legal documents (including proposed discovery requests and responses, court submissions, and pleadings).

The candidates who apply – for the next term there were nearly 100 applicants – are



evaluated based upon their scholastic grades and achievements, research and writing abilities, and nonacademic endeavors. When chosen to participate in the process, the best candidates are then interviewed. Those chosen to become our law clerks then work for a full year within the team of the assigned attorney(s), providing significant contributions to the work done for our clients.

Over the years, the overwhelming majority of our law clerks have gone on after graduation to serve as law clerks for judges in both trial courts and appellate courts, including for justices of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The skills they learn at Blume Forte will serve them for their careers in litigation and other areas of the law, and the work they do on behalf of our clients is invaluable.

## Promotions, Additions, Community

## Our attorneys maintain active involvement in many associations and professional organizations.



Jeffrey Zenna

Shareholder Jeffrey Zenna has been named Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Fellowship Life, a not-for-profit organization, which operates adult communities in New Jersey such as Fellowship Village, Friends Village, Pines Village, and Riverwalk Village at the House of Good Shepard. He also is chair of the finance committee and works directly with the chairman of the board, strategizing, developing, and executing ideas to inspire seniors to live their best lives.

Mr. Zenna has also served as the Chair of the District 10B ethics committee, which acts on behalf of the NJ Supreme Court, investigating attorneys accused of unethical conduct. He also serves as a Trustee of the Morris County Bar Foundation.



Terrence Hull

In January 2023, TJ Hull was elected to the Board of Trustees for P.G. Chambers School, located in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. P.G. Chambers is a school for children with severe disabilities, offering a wide variety of therapies and interventions for over 900 students. As a trustee, TJ is involved in the school's governance, strategic planning, and fundraising. In addition to TJ's role as a Trustee, he also serves as a cochair for the school's annual "Walk.Run.Roll.5K" charity event. Proceeds from the event raise funds and awareness for P.G. Chambers School.

#### Janice Fleming

Janice Fleming, DNP RN serves on the Queen City Promise board and works for Blume Forte as a Legal Nurse Consultant. The mission of QCP is to provide graduates of the Plainfield Public School District with a tuition scholarship to pursue a public postsecondary education in New Jersey. "Working with QCP gives me a chance to make a difference in my community and support a cause that I am passionate about. Honestly, supporting the QCP mission is rewarding on every level. I am truly grateful to work for an organization like Blume Forte that supports the QCP mission in thought and deed."

#### Rucha Dubli

Presently, our very own Rucha Dubli serves as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties) Advocate for the CASA SHaW chapter in New Jersey. During her early years interning at the US Attorney's Office, Rucha was first introduced to this wonderful organization. In April 2021, Rucha was officially sworn in as a CASA and currently serves on the planning committee for various upcoming fundraisers, such as "CASA SHaW Comedy Night" and "CASA Blanca Casino Night".

## Promotions, Additions, Community

Blume Forte adds the following attorneys to our team. Welcome aboard.



Richard Madurski

Richard "Rick" Madurski graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology and Rutgers Law School, Newark. He joined Blume Forte as an associate in October 2021, after clerking in the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, for the Honorable Mary Gibbons Whipple, J.A.D. During law school, Rick was a law clerk at Blume Forte; served as an Editor-in-Chief of the Rutgers Business Law Review; was published on the topic of arbitration agreement enforcement; founded a Habitat for Humanity volunteer group; interned twice in the District of New Jersey for the Honorable Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J. and the Honorable Esther Salas, U.S.D.J; and was a Teaching Associate

for first-year students in their legal research and writing course. Over the years, he has enjoyed coaching hockey as a former player at Seton Hall Preparatory School, volunteering with Habitat, and raising funds for Toys for Tots. Rick is eager to develop his legal career representing clients in medical malpractice, product liability, and personal injury litigation.



Abraham Milgraum

Abraham "Abe" Milgraum started his career at Blume Forte as a law clerk while attending evening classes at Widener Law School. After graduating in 2011, Abe practiced as an associate at Blume Forte handling all forms of dangerous premises cases, auto accident cases, dental and medical malpractice cases, dog bite cases, dram shop matters, and defective product cases. After joining another personal injury firm for a few years, Abe has returned to

Blume Forte as a partner. Prior to joining Blume Forte, Abe spent a few years working at two workers' compensation firms and has a broad understanding of the intricacies of workers' compensation law. While Abe handles all types of personal injury cases, a substantial portion of his practice involves cases that are also the subject of workers' compensation claims. Abe is an active member of his community. He coaches his daughter's basketball team and is involved with the board of his local synagogue. He has been honored and recognized for his community growth efforts and results.



Terrence Hull

Terrence J. Hull ("TJ") focuses his practice on premises liability, personal injury, automobile accidents, medical malpractice, and general negligence matters. TJ is an accomplished litigator with experience in all phases of litigation throughout New Jersey and New York, appearing regularly in court at the state and federal levels. He is driven to obtain successful results for his clients and understands the importance of counseling individuals through some of the more trying times of their lives.

TJ achieved his undergraduate degree from Villanova University and later clerked for Blume Forte during his third year of law school, while also serving as a Staff Editor for the New York Law School Law Review. He graduated cum laude from New York Law School and began his legal career serving as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Thomas V. Manahan, J.A.D., in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. Prior to rejoining Blume Forte, TJ worked for two prominent New Jersey firms where he concentrated his practice advocating for clients in the areas of personal injury, professional liability, general litigation, and medical malpractice, among others.

### **Community**

On Sunday, October 1, P.G. Chambers School hosted its annual Walk.Run.Roll 5K. Blume Forte Fried Zerres & Molinari was a proud sponsor and attorney Terrence Hull served as co-chair for the event. "Team Blume Forte" had over 20 runners/walkers from the firm participating in the race. The 5K raised donations and awareness for the Morris County school, which provides therapies and interventions for more than 900 children with physical, language, sensory, and learning disabilities.



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#### **PERSONAL INJURY**

- Brain Injuries
- · Slip and Falls
- Catastrophic Injury
- Burn Injury
- Explosion Injuries
- Fire Injuries
- Hot Water Heater Injuries
- Scalding Burn Injuries
- Child Injuries
- Day Care Injuries
- Dog Bites
- Nursing Home Negligence
- Wrongful Death
- Amputations
- Clergy Abuse
- Assault
- Aviation Accidents

#### MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

- · Birth Injuries
- Erb's Palsy/Shoulder Dystocia
- Abrupted Placenta
- Baby Brain Damage
- Bell's Palsy
- Birth Defects - Cerebral Palsy
- Cesarean Section
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Down Syndrome
- Failures of Prenatal Diagnosis
- Fetal Distress
- Forceps Injury

- Inadequate Prenatal Screening
- Iaundice
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Spina Bifida
- Tay-Sachs Disease
- Thalassemia
- Wrongful Birth
- Cancer Misdiagnosis
- Breast Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- Colon Cancer
- Lung Cancer - Ovarian Cancer
- Prostate Cancer
- Radiology Errors
- Uterine/Endometrial Cancer
- Other Cancers
- Surgical Malpractice
- Anesthesia Accidents
- Informed Consent
- Preoperative Clearance Failure
- Postoperative Care Failure
- Surgical Mishaps
- Delayed Diagnosis/Failure to Diagnose
- Delayed or Incorrect Treatment
- Failures in Emergency Room Care
- Physician Malpractice
- Hospital Negligence
- Nursing Malpractice
- Medication Errors
- Clostridium Difficile Colitis
- Hemochromatosis
- MRSA Infections

- Opioid Prescription Malpractice
- Testicular Torsion
- Testing Errors
- Wilson's Disease

#### **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS**

- Car Accidents
- Truck Accidents
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Boat Accidents
- Bus Accidents
- ATV Accidents
- Pedestrian Accidents
- Bicvcle Accidents
- Auto Insurance Coverage
- Uber and Lyft Accidents
- Distracted Driving Accidents
- Intersection Accidents
- Waving Accidents

#### CONSTRUCTION **ACCIDENTS**

- Burn Injury
- Chemical Exposure
- Construction Site Deaths Construction Worker Accidents
- Crane Accidents
- · Electrocution Accidents
- Industrial Accidents
- Machinery Accidents
- Nail Gun Accidents
- Scaffold Accidents Trench Accidents
- Welding Accidents

#### PREMISES LIABILITY

- Falls on Snow and Ice
- Inadequate Security
- Lead Poisoning
- Unsafe Stairs

#### **DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS**

- Defective Auto Parts
- Air Bag Defects
- Car Seat Defects - Defective Brakes
- and Brake Pads Defective Tires
- Electronic Stability
- Control Defects Gas Tank Defects
- and Explosions
- Seatback Defects - Seat Belt Defects
- Structural Auto Defects
- SUV Rollovers
- Defective Medical Devices
- Stryker Hip Implants
- Zimmer Knee Implants
- Defective Appliances Defective Machinery
- Household Product Defects

LEGAL MALPRACTICE

**ON-THE-JOB INJURIES** 

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