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Initial in-office meeting	1	2	3	4	n/a
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Effectiveness in court room	1	2	3	4	n/a
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Communication style	1	2	3	4	n/a
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Dear Client:

As we enjoy the improving, warm weather and admire the beauty that spring and summer bring to our area, we want you to know how appreciative and grateful we are for your trust and confidence in our representation of you, your family, friends and co-workers. When we opened the office, we made a commitment to each other and to our clients that we would provide the best possible legal service to injured workers in the area.

In furtherance of our commitment to providing the highest quality service to our clients, we have incorporated in our newsletter what we hope to be a simple but thorough review by you of our service. Your feedback will ensure improvement in those areas and continue to provide the service you have become accustomed to.

In order to ensure candid and honest input from you, the names on the reply cards will be held confidentially and will be used only to enter you into the drawing for the \$100 Wegmans Gift Card for those of you who respond.

Your response will help us in our continued commitment to provide the best possible service to you and our future clients.

On behalf of the attorneys and staff of Connors & Ferris, we want to thank you for your trust, confidence and patience in our representation of you. It is truly a team effort and we are most appreciative of you joining us.

We also thank you for referring your family, friends and co-workers for their Workers' Comp, Social Security and motor vehicle accident claims. We truly are committed to serving you.

Respectfully,
Your personal team at Connors & Ferris, LLP



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Will Reform of Comp Law Include Dropping Schedule Loss of Use Awards in Favor of AMA Guidelines?

Last fall, former New York State Governor, Eliot Spitzer's self-appointed Workers' Compensation Task Force (WCTF) appointed Christopher Brigham, M.D. to make recommendations for changes to the current Workers' Compensation Board Medical Guidelines. The appointment of Dr. Brigham, a leading national consultant to business interests on disability issues, will cost New York taxpayers \$162,000.00 and was done without the consent or knowledge of labor representatives on the Task Force. "We didn't know they (WCTF) were going to hire one of the world's most famous defense witnesses from Hawaii, and pay him \$162,000.00 to push for a system that he makes money off of" said Art Wilcox, a State A.F.L.-C.I.O. official and WCTF member.

The ire of labor is not without merit as Dr. Brigham has lectured, written and counseled extensively on the merits of establishing the American Medical Association (AMA), or some hybrid form thereof, as a replacement for state medical disability guidelines. The reason is quite simple; the AMA guidelines mean less benefits to injured workers. The WCTF has hired their gun, Dr. Brigham, to strike down the current Schedule Loss of Use system codified in §15 of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law. Under the current system, the claimant is evaluated for the purposes of rating his or her permanent disability to an appendage (arm, hand, fingers, leg, foot and toes) based upon a maximum number of weeks for one hundred percent loss of use. The hiring of Dr. Brigham in the "cloak of darkness" was viewed by the

Injured Workers Bar as Mr. Spitzer's most provocative action against injured workers statewide. By intending to create hybrid AMA guidelines to replace the current medical guidelines, specifically with regard to the implementation of schedule loss of use awards, strict application of these AMA guidelines would surely mean that injured workers with shoulder, hand, leg, neck and other injuries would get less money for their permanent injuries.

Current New York State Governor, David Paterson, is the only hope for New York's injured workers to avoid the ill-fate of other states who have sought out Dr. Brigham's recommendations for changing their medical guidelines. Governor Paterson comes from a strong labor background and, unlike his predecessor, understands the trials and tribulations of the disabled and working families in New York. With the ascension of Governor Paterson, there is hope that the current reform of the Workers' Compensation Law will not be entirely dropped at the doorstep of New York's injured workers.

Join us in asking Governor Paterson to oppose implementation of any form of AMA or AMA-like medical guidelines in New York. Contact these individuals: Governor David A. Paterson, State Capitol, Albany, New York, 12224; (518) 474-8390; www.ny.gov/governor/. Assemblywoman Susan John, 840 University Ave., Rochester, NY 14607; (585) 244-5255; johns@assembly.state.ny.us. State Senator Joe Robach, 2300 West Ridge Road, Rochester, NY 14624; (585) 225-3650; www.senatorjoerobach.com.

Meet the Team



Born in Nicaragua, Dan is fluent in Spanish and takes great pride in providing representation to his Spanish-speaking clients. His family moved to the Rochester area in 1982, settling in Scottsville, where Dan graduated from Wheatland-Chili High School. Thereafter, Dan earned his Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Geneseo before embarking on a legal career. He graduated from Syracuse University School of Law, cum laude, and began his practice of law

in Buffalo as a commercial and real estate attorney before devoting his efforts to the craft of workers' compensation.

Today, Dan lives with his wife and two children in Rochester. For recreation, this avid baseball fan might be found on the field playing fast-pitch softball or coaching his son's Little League team. His primary diversion is music and his guitar – an affair that started in 1983. Whether on stage with his band, or playing and composing at home, Dan's guitar is never far out of reach.

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