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DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW PROFESSIONALS,

The success of our firm has been built on the ongoing support of our referral sources, be they fellow attorneys, former clients, friends, or fit into all three categories. We are grateful for the confidence you have in our ability to serve our clients with the highest degree of professionalism, and get results!

We've launched this newsletter to keep in touch, and keep you apprised of what we're doing as a firm, and as individuals.

We hope you'll enjoy this newsletter, and find it informative. We welcome your feedback and comments.



SALENGER SACK ON THE WEB: A NEW YEAR, A NEW LOOK

SSKB launches a new website

May we invite you to visit our new website, www.sskblaw.com? We've updated our look and added some interesting new content to the site. Visit our bio pages, and you'll discover some of our personal stories—where we came from and how we got to where we are today—our mentors, influences, what drives us to succeed

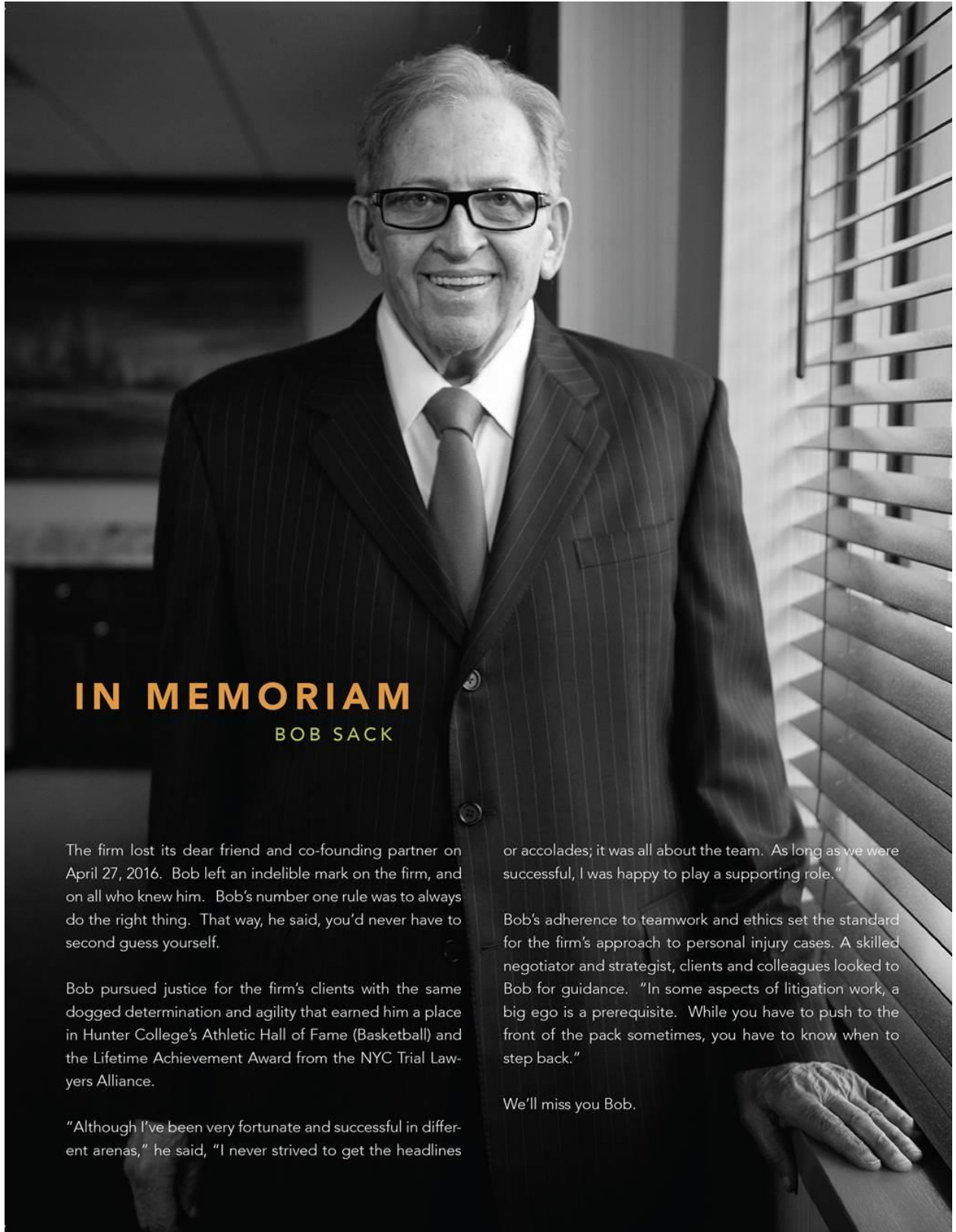
and a few of our favorite things.

You'll also find the latest news about the firm—the verdicts and settlements we've secured, the recognition we've earned, the people we've helped. Please check it out at www.sskblaw.com.

Have you visited our Facebook page? If you'd like to join the Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro community, we wel-

come you to check out our Facebook page at facebook.com/salengersack. Pay a visit and "like" our page. You'll find an active group sharing our accomplishments, ideas and photos. It's a more casual view of the firm than you'll find on our website, and we welcome your comments.

We're LinkedIn too!
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IN MEMORIAM

BOB SACK

The firm lost its dear friend and co-founding partner on April 27, 2016. Bob left an indelible mark on the firm, and on all who knew him. Bob's number one rule was to always do the right thing. That way, he said, you'd never have to second guess yourself.

Bob pursued justice for the firm's clients with the same dogged determination and agility that earned him a place in Hunter College's Athletic Hall of Fame (Basketball) and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the NYC Trial Lawyers Alliance.

"Although I've been very fortunate and successful in different arenas," he said, "I never strived to get the headlines

or accolades; it was all about the team. As long as we were successful, I was happy to play a supporting role."

Bob's adherence to teamwork and ethics set the standard for the firm's approach to personal injury cases. A skilled negotiator and strategist, clients and colleagues looked to Bob for guidance. "In some aspects of litigation work, a big ego is a prerequisite. While you have to push to the front of the pack sometimes, you have to know when to step back."

We'll miss you Bob.

A MOST UNUSUAL REFERRAL PROGRAM

Every lawyer likes to receive a referral fee. But receiving second and third generation referral fees are even better.

Here's how it works. Refer us a case. If the client later refers another case to us, not only do you get a referral fee for the initial referral, you'll get a second referral fee. Likewise, if another referral is generated by the first referral or second referral, you get another referral fee. Pretty nice, but you deserve it.

We enjoy ongoing relationships with more than 100 attorneys who refer their cases to us. Our team approach combines reputation, stability and experience with superior, aggressive litigation from former assistant DAs. The result? Significant settlement and trial awards.

Thank you for your continued confidence in our ability to get results.



RECENT CASES OF NOTE

Last fall, the firm was able to obtain a settlement in one of Long Island's most high profile cases of the year. The firm secured a settlement for the widow of Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey Breitkopf, who was killed in a friendly fire incident.

The wrongful-death suit filed in Central Islip in March 2012 sought unspecified damages against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority police officer who fatally shot Officer Breitkopf. The MTA and a retired New York City police officer on the scene were also named defendants.

The settlement will be paid by the



Paula Breitkopf, widow of fallen Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey Breitkopf, has reached a confidential settlement with the MTA; photo courtesy of Newsday.

MTA on behalf of their police officers, and the estate of Anthony DiGeronimo, the knife-wielding man who also was shot dead during a chaotic crime sequence. The settlement amount is confidential, and was therefore not disclosed.

We also negotiated an \$8 million settlement in a medical malpractice case brought in Staten Island. Due to the defendant doctor's failure to recognize fetal distress during delivery, an indicated cesarean section was not performed. As a result, the infant-plaintiff lost oxygen and consequently suffered permanent brain injuries.

Another medical malpractice case recently settled for \$3 million. That case involved a 63-year-old man who underwent revision of a spinal cord stimulator. During the procedure, the surgeon damaged the patient's spinal cord, resulting in paraplegia. The case was venued in Westchester County.

SUPPORTING ASCENT: A SCHOOL FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM

Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro has long supported the programs of Ascent, which provides individualized behavioral, pre-academic and academic programs representing the practices best suited to the unique characteristics of autism. SSKB partner Joe Bavaro chaired this year's Golf & Tennis Classic, held May 16, at the Hamlet Golf and Country Club in Commack. If you are interested in supporting Ascent, please contact Joe Bavaro at jbavaro@salsack.com.

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