



# Lackawanna County Retains Marc J. Bern & Partners LLP For Opioid Litigation

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- MARC J. BERN & PARTNERS LLP is honored to represent Lackawanna County in such a meaningful litigation. We thank Commissioner Patrick O'Malley for his foresight and due diligence regarding this issue. As a former Corrections Officer Patrick understood what overdose meant to our community. The heart ache of losing a loved one. He also understands this from personal experience. No family is ever the same. According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse "Every day, more than 90 Americans die after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids-including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl - is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control Prevention estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement." The opioid manufacturer defendants must be held accountable to our society. These multinational corporations have once again placed profits over people and this time have exacted a toll on society that may take years to eradicate. Through false and misleading marketing campaigns, fraud and deception these companies have created nothing short of a human disaster. Counties such as Lackawanna, with their limited resources, are turning to nationally recognized and well-funded trial law firms like MARC J. BERN & PARTNERS LLP. Founding partner, MARC J. BERN has decades of experience and success taking on the pharmaceutical industry holding these goliaths accountable.

MARC J. BERN & PARTNERS LLP concentrates their practice in the handling of complex mass tort litigation. Marc J. Bern has a solid history of representing tens of thousands of individuals, as well as many governmental entities and municipalities throughout the country in various highly publicized mass tort litigations. Marc was a leader in the Fen-Phen diet drug litigation that recovered more than 1 billion dollars in money damages for his clients. In addition to being named co-liaison counsel for the State of New York in both the Diet Drug Litigation and Rezulin Litigation, Marc's firm was also named to the Plaintiff's Steering Committee by Federal Judge Schindlin for the MTBE MDL in Federal Court. Marc was also intimately involved in the Federal Litigation on behalf of 10,000 Rescue and Recovery Workers who suffered the harmful effects of the toxins due to their exposures as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center. In the end, his former firm was successful in recovering over \$800 million dollars for those brave men and women. Mr. Bern played a key role in lobbying for the James Zadroga Health and Compensation Act of 2010. His firm currently serves as the personal attorney's to the Zadroga family. He is a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum and has been featured in Who's Who in American Law. Martindale-Hubbell has awarded Mr. Bern its pre-eminent AV rating: "Highest Rating in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards," for over 20 consecutive years.

MARC J BERN & PARTNERS LLP continues to be leaders in mass tort litigation nationwide. Currently, representing over 4000 victims in the Flint Water Crisis, 2000 victims of the WTC attacks and many thousands of others against the pharmaceutical industry nationwide. They have a team of lawyers and experts prepared to commence this litigation on behalf of Lackawanna County. Marc J. Bern & Partners LLP have both the financial resources and legal resources to provide the highest level of representation on behalf of Lackawanna County and its constituents.

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