



STEVEN B. TANNENBAUM, ESQ.

Hearing Officer

Steven Tannenbaum has been practicing law for over thirty-five years and has had a distinguished legal career in New York City and Long Island. As an arbitrator and mediator for NAM, he has successfully settled dozens of personal injury cases. In addition, Mr. Tannenbaum has served as a highly-respected and skilled attorney who handles complex litigation involving medical malpractice, dental malpractice, legal malpractice, insurance coverage, commercial cases, construction disputes, personal injury, products liability, Labor Law cases, vaccine injury, lead paint and toxic mold actions on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants.

Mr. Tannenbaum has represented several insurance carriers in the defense of personal injury and dental malpractice claims in State and Federal Courts and was also appointed by the Appellate Division, 2nd Department, as an attorney panelist for the hearing of medical malpractice claims in both Brooklyn and in Queens. As a litigator, he developed an affinity towards ADR, and counseled his broad clientele to consider this mechanism as a means towards finalizing time consuming and costly litigation.

He has lectured and authored on the litigation of psychiatric malpractice claims before medical journalists and on the topic of mold litigation before groups of building owners and managers. He has also completed numerous medical seminars, given by attorneys, physicians and hospitals, in multiple areas of medicine and has lectured nationally on Good Samaritan Laws and pending legislation involving CPR and AED usage.

Steven Tannenbaum has the ability to arbitrate or mediate the most complex matters and is persistent in his effort to assist the parties in reaching and finalizing a resolution. His vast knowledge, education and legal experience make him an exceptionally well-rounded panel member, ideal for the mediation and arbitration of multifaceted cases with NAM.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

Medical Malpractice- Birth trauma and hypoxic encephalopathy; Erb's Palsy; Falls from Hospital beds; Death following coronary artery ablation; Paralysis following post-operative bleeding and delay in Emergency room treatment and diagnosis; Loss of vision as a consequence of toxemia of pregnancy; Loss of ability to speak in child due to failure to diagnose hearing problems following birth; Death from lung cancer due to failure to report mass on lung during a screening chest X-Ray; Death due to failure to diagnose prostate cancer; Death due to failure to diagnose and treat gastrointestinal stromal tumor; Injury due to failure to timely diagnose kidney cancer; Failure to timely diagnose and treat Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm; Complications following bariatric surgery; Insertion of inappropriate orthopedic hardware causing femoral and knee injury; Death by suicide following Hospital discharge for psychiatric illness; Dental malpractice; Podiatric malpractice; Chiropractic manipulation under anesthesia

Uninsured and/or Underinsured Disputes- Homeowners, automobile operators, physicians and other health care providers.

Commercial Disputes- Litigation of matters and representation of parties regarding breach of contract matters, business investments, partnership disputes, employment termination, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements and business dissolutions. General Counsel for two not-for-profit corporations.

Construction- Breach of contract issues, negligent construction, construction defects and resulting property damage claims.

Insurance Coverage- Multiple cases regarding issues of insurance coverage including declaratory judgment actions and disability insurance issues.

Product Liability- Arm amputation due to design of trash compactor; representation of 12 claimants who sustained injury due to improper design of hip prostheses; Ford “illusory” park claims; Honda ATV design claim.

Labor Law- Death due to falling during rigging operation; Loss of leg during rigging operation; Serious arm and injury from material hoist; Serious injury due to materials falling from building during construction.

Premises Cases - Assault in bar causing fractured mandible and orbit; Civil rape claim against major hotel; Civil rape claim against property owner; Compartment syndrome with loss of use of arm following fall on defective stairs; Serious knee injuries as a result on slipping on ice formed by leaking water from building roof; Fractured heel due to fall in parking lot as a result of design of drainage system; serious eye injury suffered by cat attack in veterinarian’s office; multiple cases of injury sustained due to sidewalk injuries; multiple cases of injury sustained at action park and ski resort; Slip and fall in multiple locations including gyms, parking lots, stairs and buildings.

Motor Vehicle Accidents- Hundreds of cases involving large trucks, buses, ATVs, motorcycles and automobile accidents with injuries including soft tissue injuries, disc herniations, degloving injuries, amputations, serious fractures and death.

Lead Poisoning- Multiple cases of lead ingestion by infants in single and multiple dwelling units resulting in neurological and cognitive deficits.

Toxic Tort Claims- Over 100 people claiming injury from exposure to toxic indoor air at apartment complex and at a major health center.

Vaccine Injuries- Claims for injury suffered from DTP vaccinations and from vaccinations containing thimerosal.

Legal Malpractice- Claims involving money lost as a result of Ponzi schemes; Claim for failure to file timely Notice of Claim; Claim for failing to prepare proper documents to secure investments.

Mr. Tannenbaum serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation and the Board of Directors of Parent Heart Watch, the nation’s leading advocacy group dealing with sudden cardiac arrest in children. He has also been elected to the Board of Directors of the Dominic A. Murray 21 Memorial Foundation. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association which is the nation’s leading advocacy group dedicated solely to raising public awareness and to the prevention of death from sudden cardiac arrest and he is a certified CPR/AED instructor. Steve Tannenbaum is a 2013 recipient of the Dominic A. Murray 21 Memorial Foundation’s Save a Child Award, a 2010 recipient of the American Heart Association’s Louis J. Acompora Memorial Heart Saver Award, a 2011 recipient of the American Heart Association Special Recognition Community Outreach Award and the 2012 recipient of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association’s Chairman’s Award. He is also a co-founding member of Heart Screen New York, a local not-for-profit organization which performs free, comprehensive heart examinations and screenings for students aged 14-24.

Mr. Tannenbaum has served as a Board Member and legal counsel to the American Alliance for People with Disabilities, a volunteer Not-for-Profit Corporation in Boca Raton, Florida. He has also served as a volunteer coach to JFK-Bellmore High School students under the New York State’s High School Mock Trial Tournament, as a volunteer judge at New York Law School’s National Robert F. Wagner Mock Trial Contest and as a volunteer judge at Cardozo Law School’s trial practice course.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Attorney Malpractice
- Dental Malpractice
- Commercial Disputes
- Negligence
- Premises Liability
- Toxic Torts
- Lead Poisoning
- Medical Malpractice
- Labor Law
- Insurance Coverage
- Personal Injury
- Torts and Product Liability
- Vaccine Injury
- Construction Cases

HONORS and AWARDS

- Inclusion into the Top Attorneys of North America, 2019-2020 edition of The Who's Who Directories
- American Heart Association's Louis J. Acompora Memorial Heart Saver Award. 2019
- Parent Heart Watch Founder's Award, 2016
- American Heart Association HeartSaver Award, 2015
- Dominic A. Murray 21, Memorial Foundation's Save A Child Award, 2013
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association's Chairman's Award, 2012
- American Heart Association Special Recognition Community Outreach Award, 2011

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Partner, Tannenbaum, Bellatone & Silver, P.C.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar, 1979
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, U.S. Court of Federal Claims Court
- United States Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Nassau State Bar Association
- American College of Legal Medicine
- American Association for Justice
- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
- National Vice Chairman, Parent Heart

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D., 1978
- Brooklyn College, B.A., 1974