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Seated left to right:  
 Ben Rubinowitz\*, Anthony Gair\*, Ernest  
 Steigman\*, Howard Hershenthorn\*

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 Daniel Brook, Christopher Sallay,  
 Diana Carnemolla, Peter Saghir,  
 Stephen Mackauf\*, Jeffrey Bloom\*,  
 Nkasi Okafor, Timothy Wasiewski,  
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## GAIR, GAIR, CONASON, STEIGMAN, MACKAUF, BLOOM & RUBINOWITZ

Since its inception in 1919, Gair, Gair, Conason, Steigman, Mackauf, Bloom & Rubinowitz (GGCSMB&R) has been synonymous with justice for the victims of serious personal injury, wrongful death, and medical malpractice. The firm's attorneys handle some of the country's most significant cases, including automobile and construction site accidents, medical malpractice, product liability matters, and aviation accidents. The pillars upon which GGCSMB&R was founded—specialized expertise, aggressive advocacy, and extensive case preparation—hold strong. "Our practice is dedicated to representing those who have been seriously injured," says Ben Rubinowitz. "We work tirelessly to achieve our primary goal—obtaining justice for injured individuals and their families by securing financial compensation to make them whole."

For the past century, the firm's outstanding reputation has remained safe in the hands of some of the country's finest personal injury attorneys. A total of nine partners have been listed in the 2014 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, more than any other New York City plaintiffs' firm: Ben Rubinowitz, Jeffrey Bloom, Anthony Gair, Howard Hershenthorn, Ernest Steigman, Richard Steigman, Jerome Katz, Seymour Boyers, and Stephen Mackauf. In 2013, the firm was nationally ranked as the "Law Firm of the Year" in plaintiffs' personal injury litigation by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms." Due to its undisputed dexterity both inside and outside of the courtroom, the firm has been given the honor of representing victims in some of the highest-profile personal injury cases in the country. During the past 10 years alone, the firm has achieved

verdicts or settlements exceeding \$1 million in more than 425 cases. Some of its most notable verdicts and settlements include \$103 million for a child with brain damage sustained at birth, \$26 million for a pedestrian struck by a truck, \$90 million for a child with cerebral palsy resulting from injuries sustained at birth, \$16 million for a man injured at a construction site, \$9.2 million for a woman after a hospital failed to recognize a bowel obstruction, and \$10 million for a woman rendered blind due to the negligence of a drunk driver. Recently, the firm achieved a \$27.5 million verdict for a woman who lost her leg after being struck by a transit authority bus, the largest verdict for such an injury in New York State history. In 2013, the firm successfully represented a pedestrian who suffered knee injuries after being struck by a car; that case resulted in a \$7.125 million verdict—the largest verdict of its type for such injuries.

The firm's partners, who are widely recognized for their knowledge and expertise, continue to act as "counsel to the profession" and are sought out for their expertise in all aspects of the law. Many partners write practical and scholarly books and articles for the legal community and are regularly asked to chair programs and participate in seminars, continuing legal education classes, and conferences held by bar associations.

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