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Robert Cristiano defends against medical malpractice claims with a concentration in long-term care and nursing home claims in state and federal courts. During his career, Robert has successfully litigated cases and appeals throughout New York as an attorney at a well-known medical malpractice plaintiff's firm and as a partner at a respected Long Island law firm.

While at St. John's University School of Law, Robert volunteered at the Elder Law Clinic. He served as an intern at the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, and for the Honorable Leonard D. Wexler of the Eastern District of New York.

Long-Term Care & Nursing Home Facilities

Robert takes a deep interest in understanding how each facility operates and how they document care in order to properly defend an action by identifying crucial details. He has more than 18 years of experience as a plaintiff's attorney and can offer analysis from both a defense and plaintiff perspective.

Education

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 2003)
 - Editor, American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review
- Boston College (B.A. History, 2000)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Services

- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- Long-Term Care

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Federal Bar Association
- Nassau County Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers®, 2021

Publications

June 13, 2023

New York's Grieving Families Act Awaits Governor's Signature

Client Wins

McCrink and Cristiano Score Summary Judgment in MedMal Negligence Case

Kate McCrink (Partner-White Plains, NY) and Robert J. Cristiano (Of-Counsel-Long Island) represented a physical therapist in a negligence action in which an 82-year-old allegedly suffered Stage IV pressure ulcers to the right heel and leg because of the client's alleged misuse and mismanagement of the patient's AFO brace and failure to check the patient's skin. Although a fact-specific case, Kate and Robert's summary judgment motion was supported by targeted deposition testimony elicited from the resident's family, and support from our geriatric and physical therapy experts who established that our client properly monitored the patient's skin and appropriately applied and managed the use of the AFO brace. Plaintiff's counsel was unable to raise a genuine issue of fact from the record they created, and the court dismissed the case with prejudice.