

# SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## O'CONNOR LAW

### Celebrating 35 Years of Representing the Injured

#### O'Connor Law Attorney William Kovalcik Speaks at Pennsylvania Bar Association Fall Section Meeting



Attorney William Kovalcik recently presented at the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Law Section Meeting at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. He, along with colleagues Christopher Pavuk, Esq. of Chartwell Law and The Hon. Jeffrey Mills of Lancaster, gave a presentation titled "Advocacy Skills for the Workers Compensation Practitioner: Workers' Compensation Refresher: Nuts and Bolts". The presenters discussed litigation in workers' compensation law, covering the topics of competence, claimant and employer testimony, special rules of administrative practice, and fairness to opposing party. It is an honor to have this opportunity to speak at this event.

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## O'Connor Law Sponsors 5th Annual Latino Golf Classic

Attorney Michael J. O'Connor recently participated in the annual Latino Golf Classic at the Manor Golf Club in Reading, PA. The Golf Classic supports the awesome work of the Centro Hispano Hispanic Center of Berks County which includes their senior center, meal programs, medical interpretation, scholarship programs, and so much more. Thank you Centro Hispano for another year of hosting this great event!



## Another 35th Anniversary Giveaway Announced!



Our 35th anniversary giveaway series continues! This time we are giving away three \$100 gift cards to Rite Aid, CVS, or Walgreens (your choice)! Check our Facebook page to find out how to enter. Three winners will be selected in two weeks on October 9th! Best of luck to everyone and thank you so much for supporting us throughout the years.

## Five Star Spotlight: A Review from Angela S. ★★★★★

"I'm so glad I found this Law firm. They are so caring about their clients. They are very attentive in helping answer all my questions and more. Mary Kathleen and all the staff are excellent, respectful, and professional. If you need help or assistance call O'Connor Law."

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**Cancer diagnosis? Thyroid disease? Ulcerative colitis? Here's everything you need to know about PFAS and how to file a claim.**

## **What are PFAS?**

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are known as “forever chemicals” because they don’t break down easily. They are in many products that we use daily.

## **Why are PFAS so harmful?**

The CDC has linked PFAS exposure to several types of diseases, certain cancers, and other health problems.

## **Are PFAS in my drinking water?**

PFAS have been found in several drinking water sources across Pennsylvania. You can find your city on the interactive map [by clicking here](#).

## **What conditions do PFAS cause?**

Drinking PFAS contaminated water has been associated with the following conditions:

- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Testicular cancer
- Ulcerative colitis
- Thyroid cancer
- Thyroid disease

## **Who can help if I've been affected by PFAS contamination?**

We can. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with any of these conditions, please [contact our office](#).