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Dear Friends,

In order to serve our clients better, we've created an informative newsletter to keep you up-to-date with Munley Law as well as offer tips and advice. We would love to get your feedback. This is our way of thanking you for your business and let you know that if you ever need legal help, we are here ready to fight for you.

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\$2,050,000 settlement reached in Wayne County

Recently a \$2,050,000 settlement was reached in a wrongful death case scheduled to go to trial in Wayne County. The case involved the death of a Wayne County woman who was struck and killed by a Ford pickup truck on the corner of 7th and Church streets in downtown Honesdale.

Attorneys Daniel Munley and Julia Munley of Munley Law filed the case.

As a result of the accident, the victim suffered irreversible brain damage, which led to her death a few days later.

It was always the position of the victim's family that the change to Honesdale's one-way street configuration and misplacement of crosswalks had led to this fatal accident. The attorneys from Munley Law retained engineers who, after reviewing the site, concluded that the intersection was unnecessarily dangerous to pedestrians.

While no amount of financial compensation could ever make up for the loss of a loved one, the victim's family takes great comfort in knowing changes have been made to improve pedestrian safety at that intersection as a result of the accident and the case made by Munley Law. It is the hope of our law firm that these changes will prevent another senseless tragedy like this from happening to another family.

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Tips for Preventing Pedestrian Accidents

On average, a pedestrian was killed every 2 hours and injured every 7 minutes in traffic crashes in 2012, the most recent year for which data was available. According to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), 4,743 pedestrians died in traffic crashes in 2012 and an estimated 76,000 pedestrians were injured. The NHTSA reported that fatalities among pedestrians increased for the third consecutive year (6.4 percent over 2011).

The [Governor's Highway Safety Association](#) reported a 15 percent increase in pedestrian deaths from 2009 to 2012, as compared with a 3percent decrease in all other motor vehicle deaths during that same time period. Data from the NHTSA showed that the majority of pedestrian deaths occurred in urban areas, at non-intersections, at night and many involved alcohol.

Although the GHSA says reasons for the increase in pedestrian deaths are not clearly understood, possibilities include more people walking in the aftermath of the economic recession and also the encouragement of walking for health and environmental benefits. An increase in distracted drivers and distracted pedestrians is also believed to be a contributor to the increase. According to the [Institute for Highway Safety](#), in 2012, 44 percent of the pedestrian deaths occurred between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. and 25 percent took place between 6 and 9 p.m.

If you have been injured in a pedestrian accident or a car crash, contact the Pennsylvania personal injury lawyers at [Munley Law](#) at 855-866-5529.

Safety Tips

[Munley Law](#) wants all pedestrians to stay safe. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. Walk on a sidewalk or path whenever possible. If none are available, walk facing traffic, on the shoulder, as far away from traffic as possible.
2. Make yourself visible to drivers. Wear bright-colored clothing, and if walking at night, wear reflective materials or carry a flashlight.
3. Never assume a driver sees you. Try to make eye contact with the driver before crossing.
4. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. If none are available, cross at a well-lit area. Be careful at intersections where drivers may fail to yield to pedestrians while turning onto another street.
5. Be alert. Watch for traffic before and while you are crossing a street.

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Back-to-Back Jury Verdicts for Marion Munley



Munley Law had a very successful couple of weeks in the courtroom, thanks to the efforts of Marion Munley.

On August 20, a jury reached a \$1.5 million verdict in a medical negligence trial in Luzerne County. According to the court records, the widow of Simon Struzzi had claimed that Wilkes-Barre General Hospital was responsible for the death of her husband after a nurse had administered a medication after ignoring the orders of the surgeon. Once given the medication, Mr. Struzzi, who was recovering from minor surgery, had suffered a dramatic drop in blood pressure, causing emergency medical measures to be taken. Two hours later, Mr. Struzzi was pronounced dead.

Fellow Munley Law attorneys Caroline Munley and John M. Mulcahey assisted Marion in the case.

Earlier this month, Marion achieved another victory in the case of Sandra Seamans of New Milford. According to the court records, Ms. Seamans was injured after an auto accident on I-81 southbound. Mrs. Seamans' automobile was rear-ended, causing her to suffer from chronic neck and back pain. Ms. Seamans received \$200,500 for pain and suffering and loss of wages.

Marion was extremely pleased with the outcomes of both cases. "The victims and their families can now rest easy knowing that justice has been served," Marion said.

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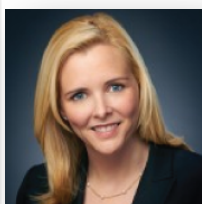
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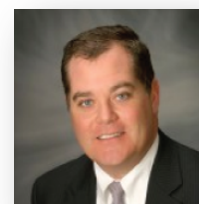
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