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## Five Pegalis & Erickson Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America© 2019

Lake Success, NY September 13, 2018...Five Firm attorneys have been selected for the highly regarded list, *Best Lawyers in America*© for 2019. Fewer than 5% of attorneys in the United States are recognized to this list which is compiled through extensive research, and peer and client review. The five attorneys recognized for Plaintiffs Medical Malpractice are: Steven Pegalis, a Great Neck resident; Stephen Erickson, a Marlboro, NJ resident; Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard, a Port Washington resident; Sanford Nagrotsky, a Mineola resident, and Robert Fallarino, an East Williston resident. In addition, three of those attorneys: Steven Pegalis, Stephen Erickson, and Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard, were also named to *Best Lawyers*© for Personal Injury Litigation.

**Steven Pegalis, Esq.** is the founding partner of Pegalis & Erickson, and one of the nation's foremost medical malpractice trial lawyers. In his nearly 50 years practicing law as an advocate for seriously injured victims of negligence, he has obtained some of the highest jury verdicts in history. 2019 is his 13th time being named to *Best Lawyers*©. Additionally, Pegalis is the only lawyer to be named both the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" on Long Island, for Plaintiffs' Personal Injury Litigation, and the 2016 "Lawyer of the Year," for Plaintiffs' Medical Malpractice lawyer in New York, by *Best Lawyers in America*®. He earned his undergraduate degree from Queens College of the City of New York, and both a Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Law degree from New York Law School where he is both an adjunct professor, and Trustee.

Stephen Erickson, Esq. is a founding partner of Pegalis & Erickson, with over 30 years of experience in the trial of significant medical malpractice and other types of personal injury litigation, including car accidents, bus accidents, and product liability cases. One of his verdicts was noted to be the third highest jury verdict ever awarded in the State of New York for a medical negligence claim, at that time. 2019 is his 12th time being named a *Best Lawyer*. Additionally, Erickson was named the only lawyer on Long Island to receive the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation, by *Best Lawyers*©. Erickson has earned his reputation as a highly skilled litigator by obtaining record-setting, multi-million dollar verdicts for his clients. Many of his cases involve adults and infants who sustained catastrophic brain injury as a result of medical negligence. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from State University of New York at Oneonta, and his Juris Doctor from New York Law School

Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard, Esq. is the managing partner at Pegalis & Erickson. 2019 is her 12<sup>th</sup> time being named to *Best Lawyers*©. She has more than 30 years of experience representing plaintiffs in medical negligence cases involving women's health issues and birth injuries, as well as surgical, neurosurgical, cardiac, and cancer treatment. She is also a leading advocate of being a proactive patient. Bondi-Stoddard lectures on patient safety and medical malpractice for community groups and law industry professionals. She has written extensively on medical negligence. She earned her law degree from Boston University, and her Bachelor's from Seton Hall University.

Sanford Nagrotsky, Esq. is a Partner at Pegalis and Erickson. 2019 is his fifth time being named to *Best Lawyers*©. As a plaintiffs' medical malpractice attorney for 30 years, he has instituted a unique approach to client service rarely seen today; he provides consultations directly with people who call everyday to learn if they have a potential medical negligence case. Nagrotsky focuses on unraveling complex medical negligence situations, utilizing his extensive knowledge and medical research skills to swiftly analyze critical issues for clients and potential clients. He obtained his law degree from State University of New York at Buffalo and his undergraduate degree from State University of New York at Oneonta.

Robert Fallarino, Esq. is a trial attorney at Pegalis and Erickson with more than twenty-five years of experience leading medical malpractice litigation, complex labor law, and product defect litigation. This is his second time being named to *Best Lawyers*©. His record of success includes obtaining the fourth highest verdict in New York State for medical negligence in 2012, making it the top ten verdict in New York that year. Fallarino has resolved cases for millions of dollars for patients who have been victims of medical negligence across NY State and around the nation including in North Carolina, Nebraska, Idaho, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. He earned his bachelor's and law degree from St. John's University.

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