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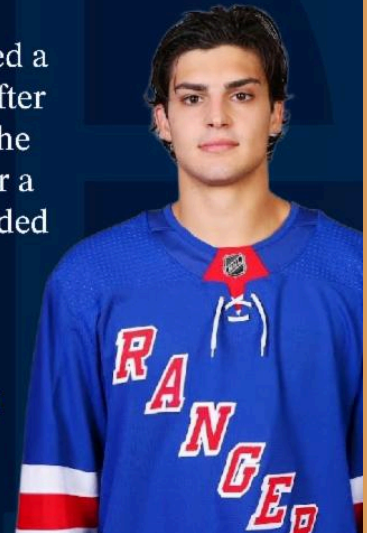
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Verdict Against Uber
for Injured Former
NHL Player

Varcadipane & Pinnisi, P.C. secured a \$19 million verdict against Uber after a Bergen County jury found that the rideshare giant was responsible for a devastating 2018 car crash that ended former New York Rangers player Brandon Crawley's professional ice hockey career.

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Founding Partner Secures \$19M Verdict for Former NHL Player

Founding Partner *Jeffrey W. Varcadipane, Esq.* recently secured a \$19 million verdict for former Brandon Crawley against Uber Technologies, Inc. Crawley suffered career-ending injuries on Christmas Day in 2018 when his Uber driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a utility pole.

Mr. Varcadipane, along with Ms. Pinnisi and Ms. Soraya, and our dedicated team of professionals, successfully argued that, under New Jersey law, rideshare drivers may meet the criteria of employees, despite companies like Uber classifying them as independent contractors. He described the verdict as a significant outcome for individuals across New Jersey who rely on rideshare services.

Meet Our Founding Partners

Jeffrey W. Varcadipane, Esq.

Jeffrey W. Varcadipane, Esq. serves clients in New York, New Jersey, and Florida, handling civil and commercial litigation, appellate matters, real estate, and business law. Recognized as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, he has secured multi-million-dollar recoveries. Mr. Varcadipane brings extensive experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts.



Dawn M. Pinnisi, Esq.

Dawn M. Pinnisi, Esq. primarily represents clients in complex injury matters, including product liability, professional malpractice, and negligence claims. With more than 25 years of litigation experience, she has secured tens of millions of dollars through verdicts, settlements, arbitrations, and mediations. Her work has also contributed to broader safety improvements, product recalls, and policy changes.



Serious Injury Cases We Handle

- Car Accidents
- Medical Malpractice
- Slip and Fall Accidents
- Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Truck Accidents
- Uber and Lyft Accidents



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2026 New Jersey Super Lawyers Recognition

Varcadipane & Pinnisi, P.C. is pleased to announce that Joseph C. Stimmel, Esq. has been selected to the 2026 New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars list in recognition of his work in personal injury and civil litigation.

Rising Stars recognizes exceptional lawyers who are 40 years old or younger, have practiced for 10 years or less, and have achieved a high level of peer recognition and professional accomplishment. Candidates are evaluated through peer nominations, independent research, and peer reviews.

Mr. Stimmel concentrates his practice on personal injury, employment law, and civil and commercial litigation in New Jersey and New York. He frequently represents clients who have suffered catastrophic injuries involving the brain, spine, back, burns, and other life-altering harm. Known for his thorough preparation and determined advocacy, Mr. Stimmel approaches every case with trial readiness, pursuing accountability on behalf of injured clients, even when facing large corporations.

[Learn More About Mr. Stimmel](#)



Varcadipane & Pinnisi, P.C. is a full-service personal injury law firm with top-rated attorneys. To learn more, call **201-588-1500** or **contact us online** to schedule a free, no-obligation consultation. We serve clients throughout New York, New Jersey, and Florida, and have offices conveniently located in Manhattan, Paramus, and Jacksonville.



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