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## Super Lawyer

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Alan W. Clark, Esq., managing partner and founder of the Levittown-based law firm Alan W. Clark & Associates has again been named a leading personal injury and medical malpractice plaintiff attorney in the 2014 New York Metro Super Lawyers publication for his seventh consecutive year.

Super Lawyers is a Thomson Reuters rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. The comprehensive roster represents no more than 5 percent of lawyers in each state who have attained high peer recognition, professional achievement and met ethical standards. With a patented multi-phase, sophisticated selection process, Super Lawyers is based on peer nominations and evaluations combined with independent third party research.

Bar associations and courts across the country have recognized the list as a credible resource for attorneys and consumers seeking legal counsel. Board certified and recertified in Medical Professional Liability by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, Clark has provided dedicated and compassionate representation to clients on Long Island and in the New York metropolitan area for more than 36 years. He focuses his practice on medical malpractice, workers' compensation, personal injury and social security disability.

"My efforts are dedicated to advocating for patient health and safety and reducing negligent medical errors that result in preventable injuries," explains Clark. "I seek accountability, fair and just compensation for those victims who have suffered



serious injuries, disabilities and/or economic losses caused by the unsafe practices and wrongdoing of doctors and hospitals."

Clark often takes on complex cases that other attorneys refuse. For example, 25 years ago he represented Charlie Leal, a mentally retarded, blind man who became permanently disabled after suffering neurological

injuries due to physician negligence and error. A six-week trial resulted in a \$ 2.5 million verdict and set precedent for protecting severely disabled individuals.

Clark has garnered an AV-Preeminent\* rating from Martindale-Hubbell, their highest peer-reviewed rating. Having established a strong reputation among his peers, Clark frequently speaks before local bar associations.

Earning his Juris Doctor from New York Law School in 1977, he now serves as a member of the school's Board of Trustees and on the recently formed public safety initiative committee. Clark was admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York in 1978 and the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals in 1985.

Devoted to giving back to the legal community, Clark was past president of the Long Island chapter of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, serves on the Board of Directors and has been a sustaining member since 1978. He is also a sustaining member of the American Association for Justice, New York State Bar Association, Suffolk County Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association where he continues to serve on the grievance and Supreme Court committee.

Clark has been featured in various publications including the July/August 2014 issue of Nassau Lawyer with an article he prepared entitled: "Impeachment by Medical or Scientific Literature: the Magic and Elusive 'Authoritative' Rule."