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### HAVE YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER BEEN INJURED?

Consult for free anytime with an experienced personal injury attorney that you know and trust: Mike Ranzenhofer.

**Experience:** Mike has 33 years trial experience representing the victims of automobile and motorcycle accidents, slip and fall accidents, defective products and dog bites. Examples of his recoveries for clients' injuries are listed on pages 2-3.

**Availability:** Mike is available seven days a week by calling 716.631.9999 or 585.343.0746, texting 716.983.6370 or emailing: [mrantz@legalsurvival.com](mailto:mrantz@legalsurvival.com). He will meet personally with you at your home or hospital or at one of his seven local offices.

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#### Mike Ranzenhofer promises to:

1. Communicate with you in plain language that is easy to understand.
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6. Show you the personal care, concern and attention which have been the hallmark of our law firm since 1955.
7. Not handle your case in an "assembly line" fashion.
8. Accommodate the needs of you and your family during the handling of your case.
9. Vigorously protect your legal rights. ■



Robert Friedman

### FREE MEDICAID/ELDER LAW SEMINAR

**"FOURTEEN WAYS TO PRESERVE YOUR ASSETS WITH THE MEDICAID LAWS"** will be presented at the Clarence Senior Center, 4600 Thompson Road, Clarence on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 1:30 pm. Speakers are Robert Friedman, Attorney and Jeff Vastola, CLU of M&T Securities. Learn how to preserve your assets and plan for incapacity with powers of attorney, health care proxies, living wills, Wills, Trusts, transferring your home to family members, Long Term Care Insurance, Prepaid Funeral Accounts, IRAs, Pensions, properly documented gifts, spousal allowances and transfers, Caregiver Agreements and promissory notes. To register for the free seminar, call 716.631.9999. To obtain a free copy of the "2013 NY Medicaid Guide," send a stamped (.86), 4"x 9 1/2" self-addressed envelope to PO Box 31-M, Akron, NY 14001-0031 or visit "Free Legal Resources" at [WNY-Lawyers.com](http://WNY-Lawyers.com). ■

## WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT US

- “I just want to take a minute to thank Mike Ranzenhofer for representing me and for guiding me through the court system. From the day that he met with us in the Batavia office, I knew that he was the right attorney for me. It was evident in the court that he is well respected and well liked by the judge and those working with him.”
- “I used Mr. Friedman’s services when suing a seller of real estate who had concealed a great many flaws in the property at issue. His fees were reasonable and his services helped convince the seller to settle out of court, saving me further expense.”
- “We have worked with Bob Friedman for many years. He has always been responsive and knowledgeable regarding our legal needs. Bob has handled a variety of legal issues for us, including real estate closings, rental property, estate and probate closing, and sales tax concerns.”
- “I recently used the services of Robert Friedman and found the service and counsel to be excellent. Throughout the process we had questions that were answered promptly and appropriately. We

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## See What Mike Ranzenhofer has

*Michael H. Ranzenhofer, Attorney focuses his personal  
He has recovered the following personal in*

### PREMISES & PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES

- \$342,500 settlement for a high school senior who sustained a knee injury requiring surgery. She was injured when one of two boys who were engaged in horseplay knocked her to the ground.
- \$325,000 for a woman who was injured when, at age 14, she was performing a “flying Russian” maneuver during a cheerleading practice. She landed between two old mats which became separated and injured her knee which required multiple surgeries.
- \$250,000 settlement from the City of Buffalo for a woman for back injuries that she sustained when she fell in an abandoned tree pit along Chippewa Street. The case was settled on the eve of trial after years of litigation.
- \$200,000 settlement for a woman who injured her knee when she fell walking down a staircase leading into a local fire hall. Mr. Ranzenhofer was able to prove that the woman fell due to a loose stairway railing. The \$200,000 settlement was paid by the insurance company for the fire company.
- \$185,000 settlement for a man who injured his foot when he slipped and fell on accumulated snow and ice in a driveway. He had repeatedly requested that the landlord shovel the driveway, but the landlord refused to keep the premises free and clear of ice and snow. As a result of the slippery conditions, he injured his foot which required surgery.
- \$ 185,000 from a company which designed and manufactured loading ramps. As the man was driving his tractor up the loading ramps into his pickup truck, the cable securing the ramps broke and he fell from the ramp and injured his lower back.
- \$150,000 arbitration award, after a full hearing, for a high school student who was burned when another student poured gasoline on a camp fire, creating flames which flared -up. She sustained first and second degree burns to her foot and leg .
- \$100,000 settlement was paid by the insurance company for Sears to a man who injured his bicep. A Sears employee dropped a weed whacker on the man’s arm resulting in a torn bicep which required surgery and caused him to lose six months from work. The Sears employees lied about how the accident happened and falsified documents saying that the accident never occurred. A thorough investigation by Mr. Ranzenhofer uncovered photographic and documentary evidence which established that the accident had occurred in the store. Sears paid \$100,000 on the eve of trial, more than 20 times their original offer of \$4,500.

“I’d like to express my deepest thank you to Mr. Ranzenhofer and his staff. I retained Mr. Ranzenhofer as a lawyer for a personal injury due to my daughter being on a cheerleading team. Before Mr. Ranzenhofer, no one would even consider the case. All I had heard was the term, ‘You assume the risk’. Mr. Ranzenhofer had listened to what I had to say, and agreed to take my case for my daughter. He was very courteous, and on top of everything I was very much at ease to have him for a lawyer. Everything was explained to us every step of the way beginning to end. I felt like he gave us the personal attention we needed. His secretary, Kristin, was prompt in returning all calls and relaying messages to Mr. Ranzenhofer. I wish your firm much continuing success. And I would recommend your firm to anyone. It was a long road, but through it all, you had my daughter’s best interest at heart. Again, My Deepest Thank You.” ■

### Our Practice Areas:

- Accidents/Personal Injury
- Administrative Proceedings
- Animal Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate/Business/LLC
- Criminal/Traffic/DWI
- Divorce/Custody/Support
- Elder Law/Guardianships
- Landlord/Tenant
- Matrimonial/Family Law
- Municipal Law
- Not-for-Profit Corporations
- Probate/Estates
- Real Estate
- Trials/Appeals
- Wills/Trusts

## Recovered for His Injured Clients

*injury practice on motor vehicle and premises accident.  
jury awards and settlements for his clients:*

### AUTO ACCIDENT CASES

- \$2.8 million settlement for a five-year-old girl who sustained back and head injuries when she was a front seat passenger in a car driven by her father. The girl's father was driving around an improperly parked car when he suddenly noticed another car coming towards him and turned back into his own lane, striking the parked car. After the minimum \$25,000 insurance coverage was obtained from the father, Mr. Ranzenhofer successfully negotiated a \$2.8 million settlement with the insurance company for the owner of the parked car. Although the girl sustained serious back and head injuries, she made an excellent recovery and returned to school a few months after the accident.
- \$488,000 settlement was obtained for a deliveryman who was injured in a four-car chain reaction accident. After an initial \$88,000 settlement from one of the other drivers, Mr. Ranzenhofer won an additional \$400,000 utilizing the Supplemental Underinsurance Motorist (SUM) provisions of the insurance policy providing coverage for the delivery truck. Prior to the initiation of a lawsuit, the insurance company for the delivery truck had taken the position that the deliveryman was not entitled to any additional compensation and that he had already received adequate compensation under the original settlement. Through aggressive prosecution of the claim against the insurance company, Mr. Ranzenhofer was able to win an additional \$400,000.
- \$275,000 was awarded to a woman who injured her back when she was rear-ended by another car.
- \$250,000 settlement for a woman who sustained a neck injury when she was struck by another car.
- \$250,000 settlement paid for a concrete worker who was seriously injured when his car was rear-ended by a drunk driver.
- \$165,000 settlement for a fractured ankle and torn ankle tendon that a man sustained in a two car intersection accident.
- \$145,000. When a motorist struck a dog on the New York State Thruway, his bumper fell off, blocking the right lane. He pulled on to the shoulder of the road. Ten minutes later, our client stopped to assist the first motorist. A third motorist who tried to avoid the bumper, struck our client's car and pinned him against the guard rail, severely injuring his legs. Our client eventually succumbed to his injuries. The first motorist denied any liability for the accident. Through a thorough investigation, Mr. Ranzenhofer discovered that the first motorist's version of the accident was not true. Furthermore, Mr. Ranzenhofer learned that he did not call for assistance because he feared being arrested for driving with a suspended license.
- \$130,000 for a woman who was injured when she and another vehicle collided while backing up at a shopping center parking lot. She sustained a neck injury.
- \$125,000 settlement for a woman whose car was struck by another driver who crossed into her lane of traffic and struck her head-on. She sustained an injury to her knee which required surgery.
- \$100,000 settlement for an accident where another motorist traveling in the opposite direction crossed the center line and hit the car in front of her head-on which caused debris on the roadway which led to the accident. She sustained a knee injury.
- \$100,000 settlement for a man who was a passenger in a car driven by his friend who drove off the road and struck a tree. He sustained a broken finger and facial lacerations which required surgery.
- \$100,000 on the eve of trial for a woman who injured her shoulder as she was exiting a car driven by her husband.
- \$100,000 for the family of a firefighter when he aggravated a lower back injury during an automobile accident. ■

### WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT US (cont.)

- would definitely recommend him to friends and business associates.”
- “My husband and I have been clients of Mr. Friedman's for several years. He has been very helpful in putting together and updating our wills, helping us through the purchase of two homes, and getting a small business off the ground. Mr. Friedman is a good listener and really cares about his clients. He is also very intelligent and business-savvy.”
  - “Robert Friedman has been my legal counsel for nearly 25 years representing my property management company. You will find the Western New York market literally inundated with lots of attorneys to choose from. You may ask, what makes Robert Friedman the right choice for me? Simply put, he sets the bar in conduct, dedication to his clients and work. His legal expertise in a word, is expert. Finally, he is an attorney you can trust, who is honest and will work for YOU!” ■

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## Real Estate Investors Workshop

Robert Friedman will present “How to Successfully Collect Rent & Damages” and Russell J Gullo will present “The ABC’s Of Self Storage Investing” at the Buffalo Investors & Exchangers Group meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7 PM. Mr. Friedman, author of legal guides on landlord/tenant and small business law, has handled debt collection and landlord/tenant litigation for over 34 years. He will explain how to use tenant applications, money judgments, small claims court, guarantees, evictions, confessions of judgment, leases, skip

tracing, property executions and garnishments to collect unpaid rent and damages. Landlords will be briefed on how to be prepared for all possible tenant defenses and counterclaims; what the costs to expect; how to properly prepare, serve and file eviction and small claims documents; and how to expedite evictions with key lease provisions. The free meeting will be held at the Millennium Hotel, located at 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, New York (next to the Walden Galleria Mall). To register, call 716.675.1500. ■

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