

FIRM HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN CIVIL JUSTICE

Managing attorney Jim Horwitz at Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder in Bridgeport, was recently honored by the Connecticut Trial Lawyers' Association (CTLA) at its annual meeting for his lifetime of achievements and contributions to civil justice in the state of Connecticut. In addition, Koskoff attorneys and staff were awarded the Riscassi-Koskoff Civil Justice Award for the landmark victories on behalf of families who lost loved ones at Sandy Hook.

CTLA is a nonprofit professional association dedicated to creating and maintaining a more just society by preserving individual rights within the justice system. It is a fellowship of Connecticut's most accomplished, active lawyers interested in protecting plaintiffs' rights.

"...Jim is a tireless advocate for the rights of injured people and he has truly lived the mission of CTLA," said Timothy L. O'Keefe, president of CTLA.

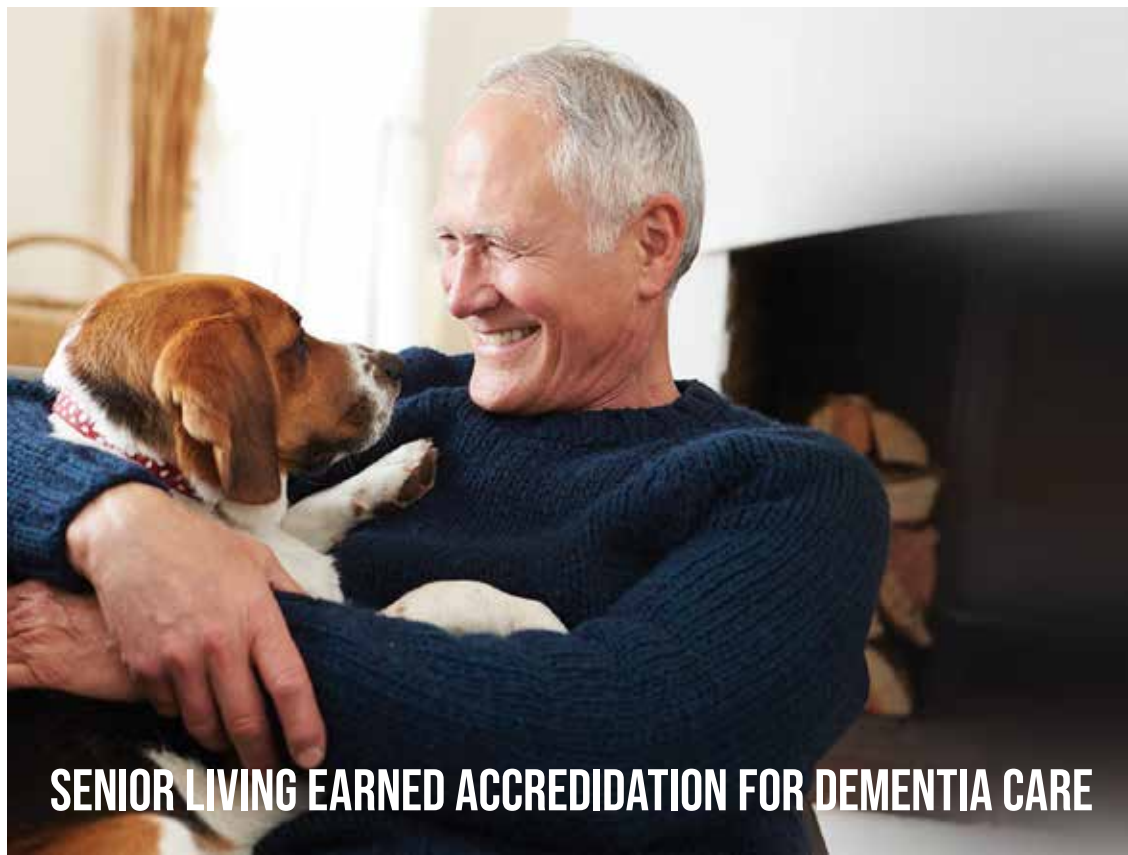
Since joining the Koskoff firm in 1986, Horwitz has handled cases involving a wide range of conditions resulting from medical malpractice and has become well-known for litigation in the fields of obstetrics, neurology, cardiology and pediatric medicine, as well as a wide range of other medical specialties. He has written numerous articles and lectured nationally about birth injuries.

Horwitz's work as a trial lawyer has resulted in numerous multi-million-dollar verdicts for his clients, including a \$58 million verdict, the largest medical malpractice verdict in Connecticut at the time, for a Norwalk family whose son suffered a birth injury that resulted in cerebral palsy.

In 2021, Horwitz was named a fellow of the elite American College of Trial Lawyers.

In addition to Horwitz's honor, CTLA awarded the Riscassi-Koskoff Civil Justice Award to the Koskoff attorneys and staff who won landmark victories on behalf of families who lost loved ones at Sandy Hook. The decade long effort resulted in an historic \$73 million settlement with the manufacturer of the assault rifle used in the shooting. Then, in 2022, a jury awarded the largest defamation verdict in American history totaling \$1.4 billion to surviving family members and one first responder who were targeted for harassment by Alex Jones and Infowars with the lies that the family members were actors and that the Sandy Hook shooting never occurred.

In addition to its Bridgeport office the Koskoff firm has an office in New Haven.



SENIOR LIVING EARNED ACCREDITATION FOR DEMENTIA CARE

EPOCH Senior Living, a provider of senior living services throughout the Northeast, recently announced that its three Connecticut communities earned the Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ accreditation. The Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA) awarded Waterstone on High Ridge, along with Bridges® by EPOCH at Norwalk and Bridges® by EPOCH at Trumbull, with the accreditation. The honors come following an extensive audit of each community and the ways they embrace best practices in memory care.

The team at Waterstone on High Ridge, joined by representatives from CALA and several local dignitaries, raised the Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ during a special ceremony at the community's one-year anniversary celebration on Flag Day, June 14.

"This accreditation signifies us as a leader in the field of memory care," said Joanna Cormac Burt, chief operating officer of EPOCH Senior Living. "Our team members are trained to deliver expert care and personalized services that create the most rewarding, secure and nurturing lifestyle possible for our residents living with dementia. We're thankful for CALA's work to continue enhancing the lives of seniors and their families..."

Of the top 10 causes of death, Alzheimer's disease is the only one death that currently cannot be prevented, cured or slowed. An estimated 6 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. That number is projected to rise to nearly 13 million by 2050 according to the Alzheimer's Association®.

The Purple Flag for Dementia Care™

accreditation standards, which make up a quality framework and specific elements of care programs, are considered essential and valuable in making a difference in the care of people living with dementia.

"We're proud to have the Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ flying high at these communities," said Christopher Carter, Chief Executive Officer, CALA. "They have demonstrated great leadership not only in memory care, but also in the field of senior living. EPOCH Senior Living's leadership as an early adopter of the standards of excellence required for Purple Flag accreditation showcases their passion and commitment to best practices..."

EPOCH Senior Living has been a leader in New England senior living since 1997 and is the region's largest stand-alone memory care assisted living provider.



Stacey Roberts

MHA APPOINTS CEO

Stacey Roberts, LCSW, has been appointed CEO of The Mental Health Association of Westchester (MHA) in Tarrytown after more than 20 years of serving with the agency. Roberts began her professional career as a clinician at MHA. During those years she initiated and supervised programs throughout the agency, rising to chief operating officer and now to CEO.

A graduate of the Columbia University School of Social Work, Roberts also completed a postgraduate certificate in the treatment of interpersonal trauma at Fordham University. She has served on the Board of the Mid-Hudson Regional Consortium and continues to serve on Health First's Westchester Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health.

For more than 75 years, The Mental Health Association of Westchester has promoted mental health in the county through advocacy, community education and direct services offering a range of programs.



Rita Mabli, left, president and CEO, United Hebrew of New Rochelle; and Nora O'Brien, executive director, assisted living at United Hebrew

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Willow Gardens Memory Care and Willow Towers Assisted Living, both assisted living facilities located on United Hebrew's campus of senior care in New Rochelle,

have received the 2023 National Bronze Quality Award from the American Health Care Association (AHA) and the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL), a leading industry association for long-term and post-acute care. "This recognition is a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care and enriching the lives of our residents through quality improvement," said Nora O'Brien, PT, DPT, executive director.

Willow Gardens and Willow Towers are among an elite group to be recognized in New York state and 57 across the nation, which have also received the Bronze honors. The award is the first of three progressive award levels through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the AHCA/NCAL.

"As the standard of excellence in our industry, this recognition signifies that we are performing well against national quality standards. Now, we're building upon a strong foundation and will track

and measure our progress toward the next level, a Silver Quality Award. Of course, achieving quality is about more than meeting requirements; the real reward is knowing that we are providing the very best possible experience for our residents," said O'Brien.

Rita Mabli, United Hebrew President & CEO, said, "...The program helps us remain competitive as an organization and helps provide the outstanding and compassionate care our residents and their families deserve."

The awards will be presented during the AHCA/NCAL Convention & Expo, Oct. 1-4 in Denver, Colorado.

United Hebrew, a not-for-profit, nonsectarian, multiservice campus of comprehensive care nestled on 7.5 acres, has been serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919 and today, serves more than 1,000 residents and clients daily on its Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Campus.