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The Milestone Foundation Announces New Advisory Council to Support the Foundation's Next Decade of Growth

Council members include distinguished attorneys, a litigation funding expert, and a Licensed Professional Counselor to help guide the Foundation's growth and empower plaintiffs seeking justice

BUFFALO, NY — Today, [The Milestone Foundation](#), the only nonprofit organization providing fair and transparent litigation funding to plaintiffs, announced the launch of its new Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of renowned plaintiff's attorneys, litigation finance experts, and a clinical psychologist, each of whom will bring a distinct and essential perspective to advancing the Foundation's critical work.

"The Milestone Foundation was founded to give plaintiffs the opportunity to pursue justice that would otherwise be out of reach; financial pressures too often force injured people into early settlements that fall far short of what they deserve," said Rachel McCarthy, Executive Director of The Milestone Foundation. "This accomplished team's guidance will help us expand our impact and reach more of the people who need us most."

The Advisory Council announcement coincides with the Foundation's recent 10-year anniversary, and the landmark achievement of supporting its 1,000th plaintiff. Together, members of the Council will provide strategic guidance to the organization as it works to reshape the consumer litigation funding landscape for the next decade.

"I've spent my career fighting for people who are up against well-resourced defendants, and I know how often the funding gap is what tips the scales against them. I'm honored to join this Advisory Council and to contribute to an organization that is actively reshaping what fair litigation support can look like," said Erika Vasquez, attorney at Panish | Shea | Ravipudi LLP

As the only non-profit, consumer litigation funding solution, The Milestone Foundation provides mission-driven litigation funding, offering a just alternative in the traditional litigation funding space. The Foundation helps plaintiffs who face financial hardship by offering non-recourse financial support at simple interest rates so they can pursue justice without being forced into unfair settlements.

About the Advisory Council Members

Michael Maizel | Of Counsel, Otterbourg P.C.

Michael Maizel is Of Counsel in the Restructuring and Bankruptcy Department of Otterbourg P.C. in New York, New York, where he represents a variety of stakeholders in all aspects of complex chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, as well as receivers and other court-appointed fiduciaries. Prior to joining Otterbourg, Michael clerked for the Hon. Nancy Hershey Lord in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York. He is a graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he received his J.D., and Tulane University, where he received a B.A. and M.A.

Jean Martin | Partner, Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis, Overholtz PLLC (AWKO)

Jean Martin heads the consumer class action practice at AWKO, where she focuses on data privacy, consumer protection, and defective products class actions. Her practice spans cybersecurity, mass torts, medical products, environmental disasters, and catastrophic personal injury litigation. Ms. Martin has played leadership roles in some of the country's most significant cybersecurity and consumer class actions. In resolved matters, she served as a member of the Executive Committee in *In Re: AT&T Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, resulting in a \$177 million settlement; co-lead in *In re: Morgan Stanley Data Security Litigation*, securing a \$68.2 million settlement for approximately 15 million class members; and co-lead in *In re: Ambray Genetics Data Breach Litigation*, resulting in a settlement valued at more than \$20 million for approximately 230,000 patients. Ms. Martin is also the founder of Class of Our Own, a conference dedicated to supporting female plaintiff class action attorneys.

Erika Vasquez | Attorney, Panish | Shea | Ravipudi LLP

Erika Vasquez is a plaintiff's attorney at Panish | Shea | Ravipudi LLP with more than a decade of experience representing victims of childhood sexual abuse, sexual assault, and utility-caused wildfires, including the Dixie Fire, Kincade Fire, Camp Fire, Butte Fire, and Thomas Fire. As a member of the firm's mass tort team, Ms. Vasquez also represents survivors of childhood sexual abuse, including individuals abused by members of the clergy and Boy Scouts of America leaders. She received the 2026 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award for her work on a case involving hundreds of survivors abused as children in Los Angeles County juvenile halls and detention camps. Ms. Vasquez is a member of the State Bar of California and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.

Adam Rosen | Managing Director of Underwriting, Rocode Capital

Adam Rosen is the Managing Director of Underwriting at Rocode Capital, a leading lender to plaintiff-side law firms handling mass tort, personal injury, and complex litigation matters. In this role, he oversees collateral valuation and leads litigation diligence efforts for the firm. Prior to joining Rocode, Mr. Rosen was a litigator at Ashcraft & Gerel, where he represented plaintiffs nationwide in complex and mass tort litigation involving medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and consumer product liability. Mr. Rosen has been recognized by Legal 500 and previously served on Law360's Editorial Advisory Board. He is a frequent speaker at industry events, including IMN Litigation Finance, HarrisMartin, LF Dealmakers, and Bloomberg forums. He has served in

leadership and advisory roles with nonprofit and legal organizations, including the Young Business Leaders Board of Family House and volunteer work with national bar associations.

Marcy Spitz | Family Law Attorney

Marcy Spitz began her legal career with the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., where she specialized in matters involving the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). She later practiced in the commercial transactions section at Sommers Schwartz, P.C., before helping develop and build a healthcare subrogation practice with her partners. During her 17-year career at Med Lien Solutions she held a variety of leadership and operational roles. Currently, she is pursuing her long-standing interest in the domestic relations space at Goldman & Associates. In addition to her legal work, Ms. Spitz has been a dedicated supporter of The Milestone Foundation and is excited to help advance its continued growth and mission.

Dana Kaspereen, PhD, LPC, LCADC | Counseling of Life, LLC

Dr. Dana Kaspereen is a psychologist, Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor, Approved Clinical Supervisor, and National Certified Counselor with extensive clinical and counseling experience. She holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and a Master's degree in Counseling, Human Services & Education Leadership. At Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Dr. Kaspereen serves as an Assistant Teaching Professor and Practicum/Internship and Experiential Learning Coordinator in the Applied Psychology Program, while also teaching in the Department of Counseling and Psychology. Her background spans addiction treatment, psychiatric care, emergency mental health services, and community-based programs. She is the founder of Counseling of Life, a private practice supporting individuals and families, and FAYLA, Inc., a nonprofit focused on mental health and substance abuse awareness. She also serves as Vice Chair of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Professional Counselor Examiners Committee.

About The Milestone Foundation

The Milestone Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing an ethical funding solution to individuals pursuing justice after suffering a catastrophic incident. Through simple interest-only rates, attorney collaboration, and a mission-driven approach, the Foundation provides plaintiffs with fair access to the financial resources they need to pursue justice. For more information, visit <https://themilestonefoundation.org/>.

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