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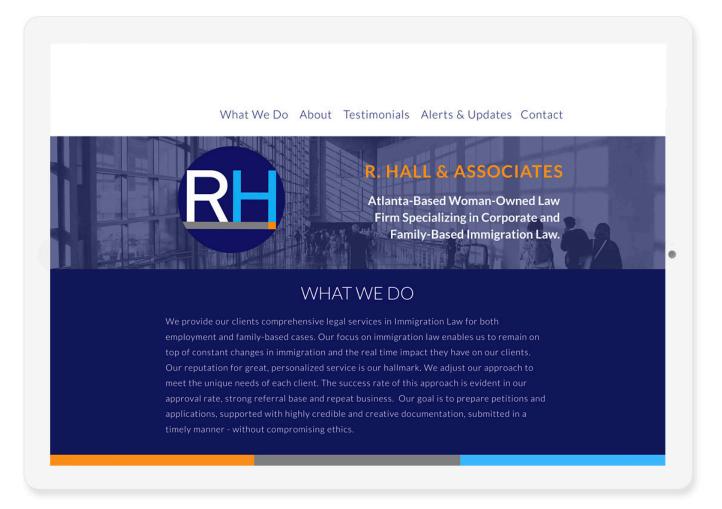
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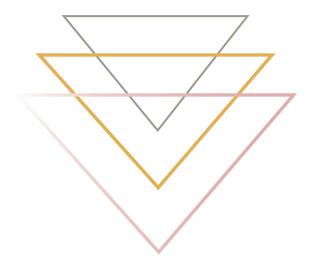
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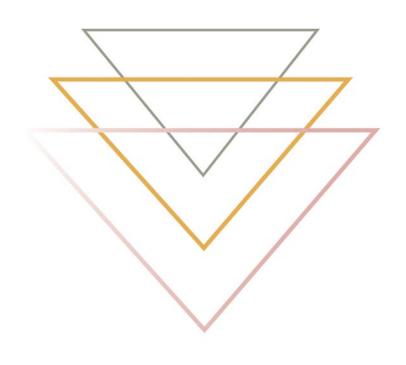


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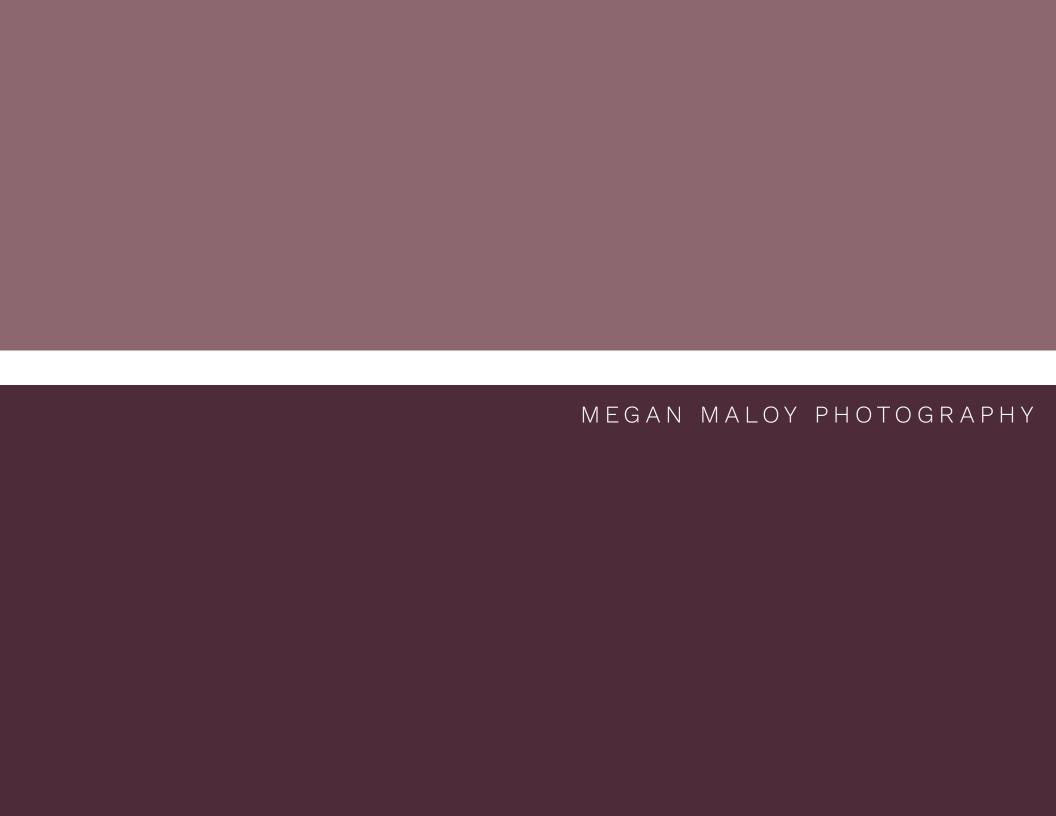


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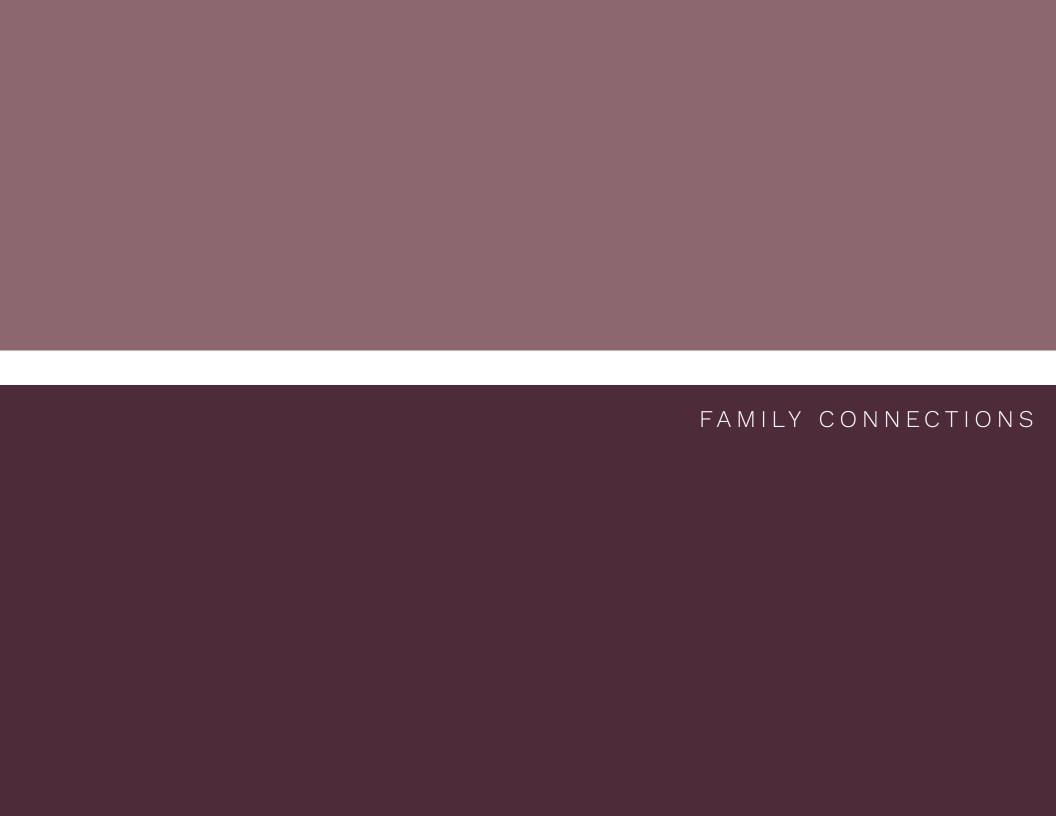


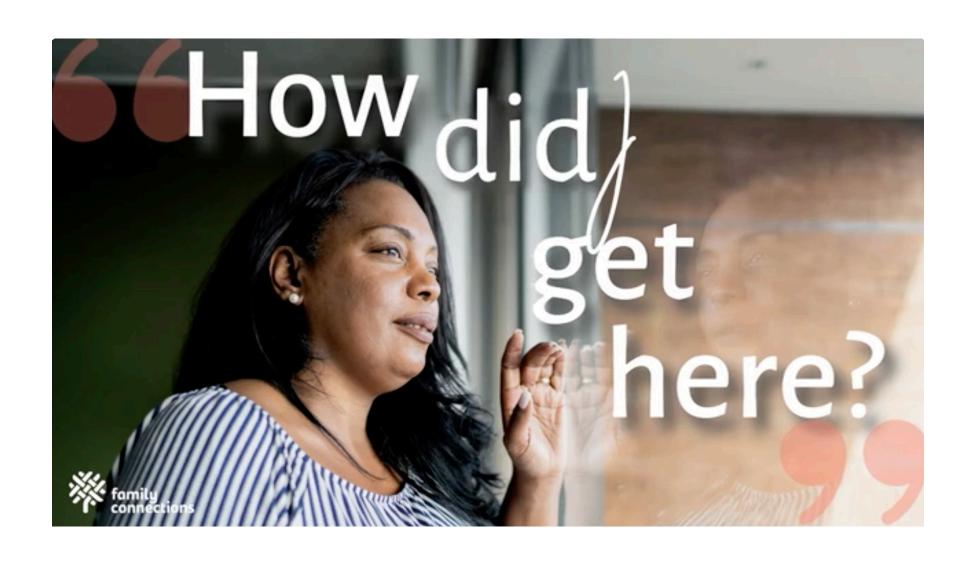






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CLIENT. **FAMILY CONNECTIONS** is a nonprofit social services agency serving Northern New Jersey.

SERVICE. Creative direction for and implementation of annual fundraising video highlighting client success.

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Dear Friend,

"Now did I get here" That's omething we often hear from family Connections program participant. After a series of adverse events, they equi in a situation they never thought they would be in. It could happen to any one of us, at any time. Tellite to that one such story of an incredible woman and Family Connections program participant. Tonl, who came to us over 2 years ago. She was a new mother when the discovered that her partners was suffering from addiction. On top of that, she was devastated to learn that he was also facing unfathomable legal troubles. Through no fault for evon, her life was changed forever.

Toni began one-on-one counseling at Family Connections because she was struggling with the mental health. Being a mother of two without her partner by her side was not how she envisioned her life would be. Through counseling and support, Toni was able to improve her well-being and take care of her children, eventually moving on from Family Connections.

As Ton's life continued, both children quickly grew up and she found herself managing challenging adolescents in the presence of negative influences. She began to feel helpless as mothers. Bee thereunde to Family Connections where she knew she would get the support that she needed. We provided Toni and her children with individual as well as family counseling. She also attended support groups with other families dealing with similar issues.

"Family Connections provided my family with the stability and support that we needed at a very difficult time."

Later, when Toni's mother developed dementia, she was struggling as a caregiver. Once again, she knew where to go. Family Connections' Caregiver Connections Program provided counseling and resources to Toni and her mother. "Family Connections gave me the reassurance I needed to have my own life and to make myself a priority while caring for my mom."

Toni is still with Family Connections and has been able to benefit from other resources that we provide. Through our healthy food delivery partnership, she was able to improve her health and lose weight by perparing and eating healthi meals. She also qualified to receive a computer from Family Connections during the candemic which she used to lounch a small business!

Toni is truly an amazing woman who, throughout her life, has had to ask herself "How did I get here?" She had the strength and perseverance to find help when she needed it most. We are so proud of how far Toni has come and all the progres she has made!

Program participants like Toni are the reason we continue our high-quality work and why we are committed to excellence. At Family Connections, our program participants know that they will get the help they need and gain a lifelon support system, even at times when they struggle to understand "how did I get here?"

But we need you to continue to make a difference and be a part of the support system for our program participants! Donors like you change the lives of families like Toni's, and help strengthen our communities. Please consider getting involved and supporting us by using the enclosed donation card, or by going to family to comerciance of control to the control of the control o

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy holiday!

Jacques Hryshko, LPC Chief Executive Officer





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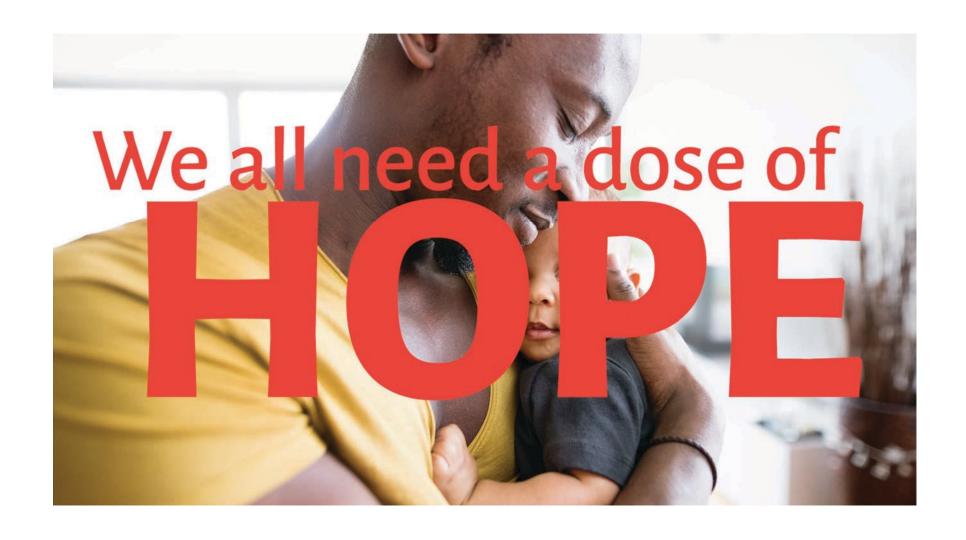










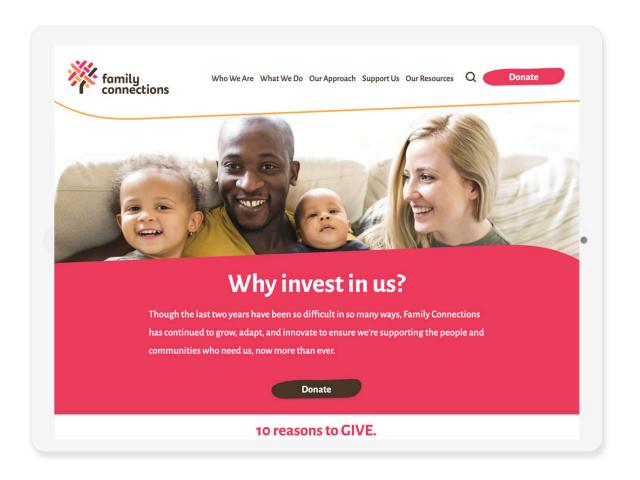


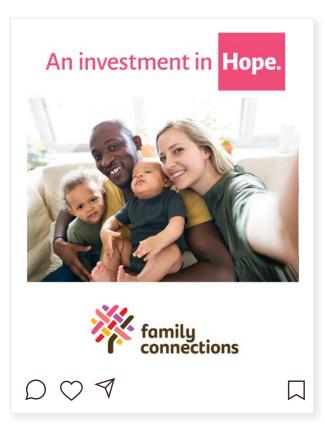


































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Attorney Generals Sue Vascular Care Provider for Allegedly Performing Unnecessary Surgeries

On October 2, 2023, Attorney Generals in New Jersey, New York, and Georgia filed a <u>complaint</u> against Fresenius Vascular Care, Inc., new of its New York based executives, and several of its affiliates for allegedly performing medically unnecessary and potentially dangerous vascular interventions on Medicare and Medical drecipiens with end stage renal disease (ESBD).

The defendants own, operate, and control a network of outpatient vascular care and ambulatory surgery centers in New Jersey, New York, and Georgia. For their own financial gain, they allegedly scheduled patients for appointments every three to four mounts to preserve their dialysis sites despite the defendants allegedly knowing that such procedures were not medically necessary. The patients were sedated and invasive procedures were performed on their views and arteries. ESBD patients are often elderly people, people of color, and low-income individuals.

The defendants allegedly executed this scheme by ignoring medical records and falsifying patient records

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and referral to justify the medically unnecessary procedures. In addition, they allegally created contests to incentivize staff to increase the amount of procedures performed. They then submitted and/or caused to be submitted false claims for payment to Medicare and the States' respective Medicaid programs. The States are seeking to recover treble dramages and civil penalties under the States' respective false claims acts and other monetary relief pursuant to the States' statutes.

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New Jersey Adult Medical Day Care Providers Improperly Billed Medicaid

On October 31, 2023, the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) released a <u>report</u> identifying 21 New Jersey adult medical day care providers (AMDCs) that improperly billed New Jersey Medicaid in an amount totaling \$946,087.

The AMICs violated Medicaid regulations by billing for norb taff five days in a week (Medicaid allows billing for only 5 days per week), billing for services for a beneficiary who was an inpatient at a different facility, and billing for services provided to a beneficiary when another AMIC also billed for the identical service on the same date. The report stated that these billing errors impacted the AMICS quality of care. If AMICS cannot maintain accurate records showing when a patient is at a facility, there is risk that the AMIC does not know what services are being rendered or whether a patient is receiving medically necessary services. The report concluded that these overapyments were avoidable if AMICS (1) carefully reviewed their documentation prior to submitting claims for payment to ensure they submit claims for service cast vally rendered and do not exceed the five day per week limit and (2) the New Jersey Dixision of Medical

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DOJ Unveils New Safe Harbor Policy for Voluntary Self-Disclosure in M&A Transactions

The Department of Justice (DOJ) recently amounced a new safe harbor police for voluntary self-disclosures made in connection with mergers and acquisitions. Under the new policy, companies that timely and voluntarily self-disclose criminal misconduct uncovered during pre-acquisition due diligence or during the integration of a newly acquired business will receive the presumption of a declination of prosecution from the DOJ. To qualify under the new policy, acquirring companies must self-disclose criminal misconduct within six months from the closing date, cooperate with any DOJ investigation, and undertake full remediation of the misconduct within one year from the closing date, which may include restitution and disgorgement payments where applicable.

The new safe harbor policy serves as a means for acquiring companies to mitigate transactional risks and avoid potential legal liabilities, provided they maintain robust due diligence processes to swiftly uncover and report any misconduct to the DOJ. The policy is

limited to misconduct within "bona fide, arms-length M&A transactions" and does not over conduct that is already public, known to the DOJ, or otherwise requiring disclosure. The policy also does not impact civil merge enforcement. The presence of aggravating factors at the acquired company will not affect the acquiring company's ability to receive a declination under the new policy. The DOJ may, upon request, extend the filing and remediation deadline depending on the facts, circumstances and complexity of a particular transaction. The DOJ stressed that companies should not delay self-disclosure, particularly when national security implications are involved.

The safe harbor is designed to provide significant incentives for parties to potential transactions to disclose illegal conduct to the DOJ. The new policy will be applied department wide throughout all components of the DOJ and apply to transactions in all types of industries, including healthcare transactions. The new policy is not binding on other enforcement or regulatory authorities, and self-disclosed misconduct may still be pursued by other federal, state, local and foreign bodies. It remains to be seen how the DOJ will implement the policy and what implications the new safe harbor policy will have on existing voluntary self-disclosure rules.

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OIG Issues New Guidance on Structuring Healthcare Compliance Programs

On November 6, 2023, the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) unweiled the <u>General Compliance Program Guidance</u> (GCPG), a significant update to its existing compliance guidance for various segments of the healthcare industry

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- 4. Proof of Claim and Discharge of Liability: Filing a proof of claim is essential for preserving your claim and getting paid if there's money available. The injury client's claim, if listed on the bankruptcy petition, will be discharged at the end of the case, unless it's shown to be nondischargeable, [Source 10].
- 5. Adversary Proceeding: If the claim is based on fraud, DUI, or willful and malicious injury, an adversary complaint can argue that the debt is nondischargeable, allowing recovery against the debtor/defendant personally, beyond the amount of available insurance, [Source 1].
- 6. Affect of Automatic Stay on Statute of Limitations: In New Jersey, the statute of limitations for personal injury cases is two years. If the automatic stay expires before the statute of limitation expires, then a complaint must be filed before the two-year statute of limitations expires. If the automatic stay expires after the statute of limitations expires, then the client has thirty days from the order of discharge to file a complaint.
- In summary, bankruptcy filings by either party in a personal injury case introduce complex legal considerations, affecting assets, claims, and the ability to proceed with litigation. It's essential for attorneys to navigate these intricacies carefully to ensure the best possible outcome for their clients.

NEW YORK LABOR LAWS: A LIFELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

BY ALEX CAPOZZI

Construction work, known for its inherent risks, demands robust legal protections. New York's abor laws rise to this challenge, offering a comprehensive safety net for construction workers, especially in the face of accidents. Let's delve into the key benefits of these laws, backed by concrete sources.



- 1. Elevated Safety Standards for Height-Related Risks New York State Labort Law 240, often referred to as the "Scaffold Law," is a cornerstone of worker safety, it specifically targets the dangers associated with elevated heights, a leading cause of fatalities in construction. The law mandates strict safety precautions for scaffolds and other height-related equipment, ensuring their strength, stability, and security against failing objects. [Source 1] (Source 2)
- 2. Strict Liability in Scaffold Safety Violations A unique aspect of Labor Law 240 is its approach to liability. Workers injured due to scaffold safety violations have the right to file a strict Liability claim, bypassing the need to prove negligence. This provisio significantly eases the path for workers to obtain compensation for injuries, lost wages, and other damages, [Source 3]

3. Comprehensive Workers' Compensation Benefits Injured workers are entitled to workers'

Benefits Injured workers are entitled to workers' compensation, which covers medical treatments and a portion of lost wages, calculated based on the worker's average weekly wage and degree of disability. This benefit is a fundamental right for workers facing injuries on the job. [Source 4] [Source 5]

4. Full Compensation for Damages

While workers' compensation is invaluable, it may not cover all damages, in such scenarios, New York Labor Laws 95 240 and 241 empower workers to seek additional compensation for economic and non-economic damages caused by third-party negligence. This includes compensation for pain and suffering, emotional distress, and unreimbursed medical expenses. (Source 6)

5. Legal Recourse in Cases of Wrongful Death

Tragically, some accidents lead to fatalities. In these instances, workers' compensation provides limited financial support to the family of the deceased. However, if the death resulted from labor law violations, a wrongful death action can be initiated, offering further linancial relief and justice for the grieving family. [Source 7]

Conclusion

New York's labor laws in the construction sector are not just a set of regulations—they are a vital framework ensuring the safety and rights of construction workers. These laws offer protection from the unique hazards of construction work and provide a crucial legal pathway for workers and their families to seek compensation and justice. Understanding and utilizing these laws can make a significant difference in the lives of those who build and shape our cities.

BRACH EICHLER IN THE NEWS

Brach Eichler was included in the "2024 Best Law Firms in New Jersey" list by Best Lowyer

dward Capozzi submitted an Op-Ed piece entitled "The Role of a Personal Injury Lawyer in Jersey City" to Patch.com

ongratulations to Edward P. Capozzi who was recognized as a "2024 Best NJ Lawyer for Families" by New Jersey Family.

Congratulations to Brach Eichler's Alex S. Capozzi, Corey A. Dietz, Jeremy L. Hylton, Daniel G. Leone and Kristofer C. Petrie who were recognized by "Best Lawyers Ones to Watch in America 2024 Edition."

rach Eichler Personal Injury attorneys opined in an article entitled "Taking action without delay ensures that justice is pursued igorously and that victims can begin the process of healing and recovery."

Edward Capozzi was quoted in an article entitled "Dad sues N.J. dealership after deceased son's car was destroyed in it flooding, lawsuit says."

Edward Capozzi presented at the "New Jersey Association for Justice Boardwalk Seminar" in Atlantic City

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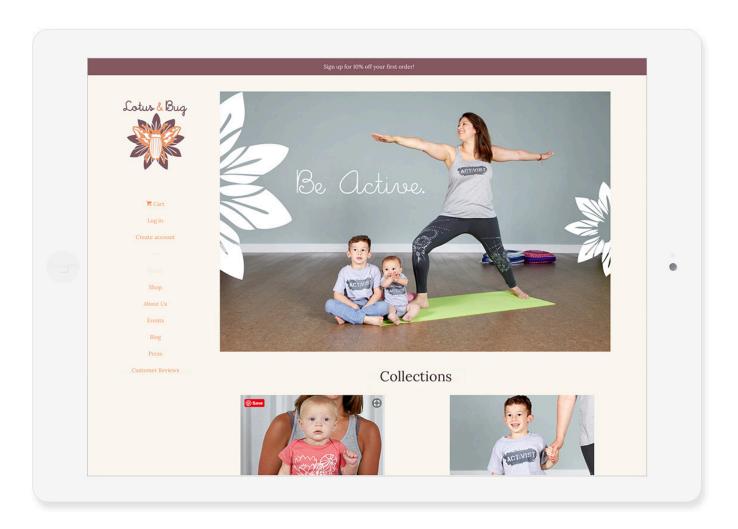
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