



Making Headlines

Holiday Initiative

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This year's holiday initiative was inspired by the spirit of doing a **Mitzvah**, the Hebrew word meaning a good deed or an act of human kindness. The idea was simple: to spread warmth to those who would be needing it most this season.

In light of this, we have created sixty winter care packages to help support the wonderful, volunteer-run Out of the Cold initiative in Toronto, which works to support the city's homeless population during the winter season. The backpacks contain essential winter clothing items, which we hope will bring both warmth and best wishes on behalf of the Neinstein & Associates LLP team.

Thank you to all who contributed, and a special thanks to the holiday initiative committee members: Claudia, Danielle, Heather, Judith, Kim, Pamela, Sarah and Ruth.



Firm News

We welcome [Daniela Pacheco](#) to the firm. Daniela will be working with our Medical Malpractice Group. She has experience in all areas of plaintiff side medical malpractice and traumatic injury litigation. Daniela has appeared as counsel in complex multi-party medical malpractice trials and appeals, and has appeared before the Superior Court of Justice and Court of Appeal for Ontario as an advocate for her clients.

Daniela is a member of the Medical - Legal Society of Toronto, and has been a speaker for the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, of which she is also a member. Daniela is also on the Board of Directors of Abrigo Centre, a charity that works to build community capacity in downtown Toronto.



Kate O'Malley returns to Neinstein & Associates as a practicing lawyer. Kate joined Neinstein & Associates in February 2011, applied to the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, National Committee for Accreditation in 2012 and completed the challenge examinations in 2013. Kate commenced her articles in January 2014. We are happy that Kate will join the rest of our amazing team of lawyers.

Recent Events

Put Up Your Dukes

The third annual Put Up Your Dukes event took place on Thursday, November 13th, hosted by the Lewin family to fight the battle against mental illness. It was wonderful to see so many returning faces.

[Put Up Your Dukes](#) was cofounded by a valued partner at Neinstein & Associates, Harv Lewin, to celebrate the life of his son, Ryan "Duke" Lewin, who battled against mental illness and addiction. The event started out raising funds to create Duke's Place, a lounge for young adults to socialize within CAMH, in 2011, which they were able to raise \$150,000 from the first event. Since then, the non-profit is focused on improving the lives of those with mental health and addition issues, one room at a time.

Neinstein & Associates is proud to support and sponsor this worthwhile charity.



ABI Network Conference

Recently Neinstein & Associates took part in the ABI Network Conference.

The conference was held at the Allstream Centre, Exhibition Place in Toronto from November 20 to 21. Keynote speakers discussed their research findings including how nature can assist with a brain injury recovery, what impedes the recovery of an ABI survivor and how to measure brain rehabilitation. Our client Jaisa Suliit's presentation on Mindfulness was well received by patrons and other speakers alike. We are proud of her resilience throughout past few years.

We are happy to announce that Hannah Esmaili is the winner of our booth prize, a gift certificate to Barque Smoke-house. Thank you to all those who visited our booth; we look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's conference.



