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Through Turley, Hansen & Partners, attorneys Troy G. Rosasco, Daniel J. Hansen and Chet Lukaszewski bring together their unique skill sets and experience in handling disability matters and trial litigation to meet the specific legal needs of those seeking compensation through the reopened 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund as part of the Zadroga Act. Mr. Rosasco and Mr. Lukaszewski have been dedicated to the 9/11 rescuers and victims' causes for a number of years, with the pair working diligently to get the Zadroga Act passed.

Mr. Rosasco and his law firm — Turley, Redmond, Rosasco & Rosasco, LLP — is one of New York State's most renowned and respected Workers' Compensation and Social Security disability law firms since its inception in 1995. With 12 attorneys and five offices in the tri-state area, they have handled 9/11 claims involving cancers, respiratory problems, orthopedic injuries, psychological and other injuries since almost immediately after the attacks. Senior Partner Troy Rosasco is the author of the New York Disability Law Blog (www.disabledworkerlaw.com) and has written extensively on 9/11 claims over the past nine years. He has extensive experience in toxic tort claims and is currently litigating against Verizon in a class action medical monitoring claim for victims of radiation and other toxic exposures.

Daniel J. Hansen has over 20 years of experience in the New York City trial court system. He knows the value of serious injuries and fights to obtain maximum awards for all his clients. All Zadroga 9/11 Act Claims will need experienced legal counsel, such as Mr. Hansen, who has extensive experience in proving damages. In 2010, Mr. Hansen successfully represented a construction worker at trial and obtained for him a \$19.6 million verdict. In addition, he has settled cases recently for \$3.2 million and \$1.5 million.

Chet Lukaszewski, P.C. is widely regarded as one of the most skilled and knowledgeable Disability Pension firms in New York. Mr. Lukaszewski has represented countless First Responders and other uniformed and nonuniformed civil servants within the pension systems and the courts. His writings on the legal perils of sick responders have gained legal publication. Mr. Lukaszewski has been consulted by both Federal and State government officials, as well as numerous media outlets. His firm also represents civil servants, as well as non-civil servants, in personal injury matters.

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What Is It?

What is the Zadroga 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund?

On January 2, 2011, President Obama signed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010. James Zadroga was a NYPD Detective who died from inhaling toxic dust while working at Ground Zero. He inspired Congressional passage of federal funds that would provide for healthcare and compensation benefits to those who became sick or died as a result of exposure to Ground Zero toxins.

The Zadroga Act provides \$4.3 billion for healthcare and compensation benefits to certain groups of workers and volunteers at Ground Zero (\$1.5 billion for medical monitoring and treatment for both 9/11 survivors and first responders, as well as \$2.8 billion to reopen the previously closed 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund to compensate victims for loss of earnings and pain and suffering related to their Ground Zero illnesses).



Who's Eligible?

Who's Eligible to File a Claim?

Eligible victims who can apply for a financial award from the reopened Victims Compensation Fund include: police officers, firefighters, EMS workers, construction workers, cleanup workers, utility workers (Con Ed, Verizon, etc), volunteers (Red Cross, etc), original survivors, and downtown residents.

These workers or residents had to be in the Ground Zero area (this area is still to be exactly determined) or the "debris removal area" between 9/11/2001 and 5/30/2002.

The most common illnesses that will be compensated for 9/11 victims will be: asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), reactive airway dysfunction syndrome (RADS), sinusitis, rhinosinusitis, interstitial lung disease, and cancer. Although post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) alone will not be enough for a financial award, 9/11 victims who have PTSD in combination with other physical problems will be entitled to an award from the Victims Compensation Fund.



How Do I File?

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President Obama must first appoint a "Special Master," (the person who will decide the appropriate financial award for each victim) who will have to write new rules and regulations within 180 days of January 2, 2011 about claims procedures. As of early February, no Special Master has been appointed by the President. Until the Special Master writes the new Victims Compensation Fund regulations, we are not able to predict the exact claims procedure. However, given the timelines in the Zadroga Act, we believe the Victims Compensation Fund will be open to receive new claims by mid-summer 2011.

Based upon our previous experience when the original Victims Compensation Fund was open, we know what information the Special Master will eventually require to prove the victim's economic and pain-and-suffering damages before applying for a financial award.

Our firm is currently accepting Victims Compensation Fund cases for clients who want us to fully prepare their claims by gathering all needed medical and financial information prior to the reopening of the Fund this summer. Preparation now will allow victims to receive all the compensation they deserve. Our office provides a free consultation and there is no fee unless you receive compensation.

You should also be aware that attorney fees in Victims Compensation Fund claims are limited by law to 10% of any award, less any fee paid to prior attorneys in other 9/11-related litigation. You have an absolute right to retain a different lawyer for your Victims Compensation Fund claim if you were dissatisfied with the representation you received in any prior 9/11 litigation or claim. Our office offers a free "Second Opinion Service" for those dissatisfied with their prior 9/11 representation. Because the law is written to protect the victims, not attorneys, you will never pay more legal fees by retaining a different law firm for your Victims Compensation Fund claim.

If you have questions, please call us toll free at 1-855-WTC-INFO and visit our Victims Compensation Fund Information website at www.zadrogaclaimsinfo.com.