



New York Personal Injury Law Firm Gives Three Reasons Why New York "Scaffold Law" Is Now Even Better For Workers

Daily within New York City occur numerous construction projects and just as numerous construction accidents, like the recent construction accident on Manhattan's East Side. One law created to address worker safety is Labor Section 240, also known as the New York "scaffold law." Partner in the New York personal injury law firm Gersowitz, Libo & Korek and New York Trial Lawyers Association President Jeff S. Korek gives three reasons why this law is now even better for workers.

New York, NY ([PRWeb](#)) July 1, 2008 -- Daily within the crowded cityscape of New York, there are numerous construction projects occurring before thousands of passerbys. And under such conditions, it is not surprising construction accidents occur, as New Yorkers were reminded recently when a 20-story tall construction crane on Manhattan's East Side toppled, killing at least five and injuring at least 20 people. One recent ruling that has improved the New York "scaffold law" (officially known as Labor Section 240) is *Sanatass, et. al., v Consolidated Investing Company, Inc., et al.*, {2008 NY Slip Op 03515}.

"Now the courts have closed a loophole in the New York "scaffold law," says Jeff Korek, Partner in the New York personal injury law firm Gersowitz, Libo & Korek and New York Trial Lawyers Association President, "Today workers have greater assurance that their work site will be safer. Here are three reasons why:"

Reason #1: The 'Sergeant Schultz' defense no longer applies. Now along with general contractors, construction managers and other third parties, building owners will also be held liable for accidents occurring at elevated heights on their property. This remains true whether or not the owner knew about it, whether or not a tenant broke the lease in getting it done.

Reason #2: Safety first: workers protected. Although historically New York has been one of the states with the fewest construction accidents, owners and contractors continually try to weaken laws that make them liable for a worker's on-the-job injury. With this recent case making building owners liable, the "scaffold law" has been strengthened and workers are now even more protected from performing work under unsafe conditions.

Reason #3: Preventing injuries, saving lives. A safer workplace means preventing injuries and saving lives. This is truly the greatest benefit of all and is certainly in the best interest of employees and subcontractors.

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