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### **DEFENSE VERDICT CASE HANDLED BY BILL BLOOM FEATURED ON NJ.COM**

On November 12 NJ Advance Media's news website, NJ.COM, featured an extensive article analyzing a case successfully tried to verdict by M&W partner Bill Bloom in June of this year. The article was written by Steve Politi, a well-known award winning sports columnist for NJ Advance Media.

The article analyzes the case of [Jake Mesar v. Bound Brook Board of Education](#). The minor plaintiff, a former Bound Brook High School baseball player, suffered a significant leg injury when he slid into third base in a Junior Varsity baseball game at the direction of his coach. The article tells the story of how the case unfolded and culminated in a defense

verdict. It also discusses an issue that we as advocates are prohibited from raising with juries directly: the potential societal implications of tort verdicts in the public arena. While the case itself altered the legal landscape at the Appellate Division by extending heightened liability protection to in-game decisions made by scholastic coaches, the article is instructive on how the media and public might view the outcome of a case like this had it not been defended successfully. You may read it by clicking [HERE](#).

Feel free to contact Bill with any questions or concerns.

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