

## Gerald Clark, 34

Partner

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**Practice Profile:** A well-traveled plaintiffs' lawyer with a solid record of personal injury awards, Clark is one of the youngest and most profitable partners in history of his law firm, according to his managing partner. Clark serves as lead and co-lead counsel in cases involving workplace accidents caused by defective industrial machines, construction accidents arising from safety violations and automobile accidents. He also handles consumer and corporate fraud litigation on behalf of plaintiffs.

Clark has also taken on offbeat cases that have drawn press attention. Most notably, he was lead class counsel

in *Castro v. NYT Television et al.*, a class action charging invasion of privacy arising from the filming of hospital patients for a television program called, "Trauma: Life in the ER." Clark was successful in certifying a New Jersey class of approximately 5,000 patients. (The Appellate Division reversed but Clark appealed and the case is pending in the state Supreme Court.) He also represents the plaintiff in an individual invasion-of-privacy case stemming from the same filming, *Kinsella v. Welch*, in which the Appellate Division affirmed in part a judge's order that the film company produce in discovery certain unaired footage in connection with the production of the television program.

In another newsmaking case, *Talalai et al. v. Cooper Tire & Rubber Company*, Clark played a leading role in



bringing about the 2002 settlement of an unprecedented consumer fraud class action lawsuit against Cooper Tire & Rubber, a settlement valued at between \$1 billion and \$3 billion.

**Leadership Activity:** Clark co-chairs his firm's Plaintiffs' Committee and its Insurance & Malpractice Coverage Committee while also serving as coordinator of its law-clerk program.

**Pro Bono and Civic Work:** Clark has represented defendants in domestic violence cases charging violations of restraining orders.

**Experience:** Current firm, 2000-present; Morgan, Melhuish, Monaghan, Arvidson, Abrutyn & Lisowski, 1998-2000; clerk to Hon. John D'Amico, J.S.C., 1997-98

**Education:** Fordham University, J.D., 1997; Villanova University, B.A., political science (minor: philosophy), 1994

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