

## Winter's coming!

### Take care of yourself and those around you

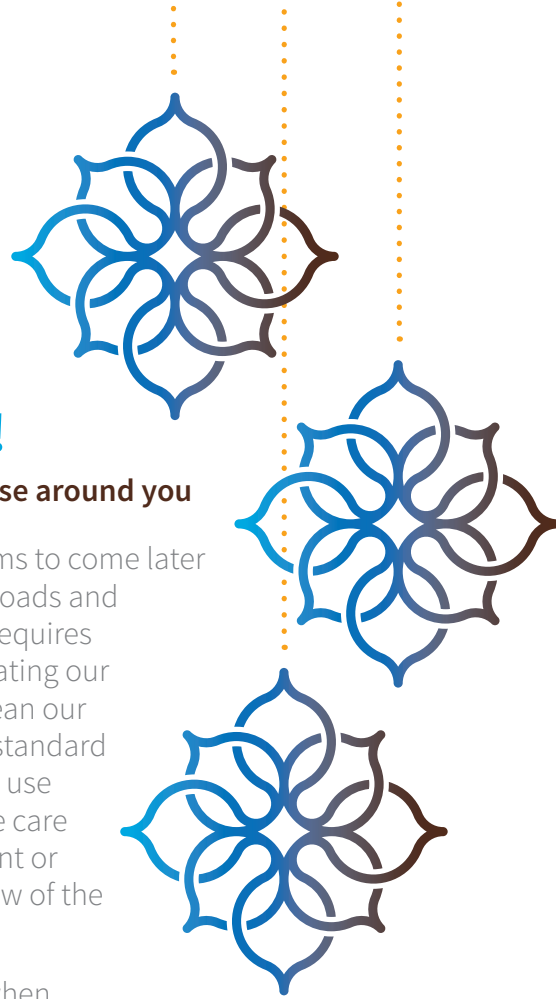
Winter will come, even if it seems to come later than usual in recent years; icy roads and sidewalks will follow. The law requires a 'standard of care' when operating our motor vehicle and when we clean our property of snow and ice. The standard of care always requires that we use reasonable care, defined as the care with which an ordinarily prudent or careful person would use in view of the surrounding circumstances.

To meet the standard of care when driving in poor road conditions, maintain awareness of circumstances and adjust your speed and driving style accordingly. When driving in snow or ice, maintain a zone of safety around you. Double the distance between yourself and the car in front of you, and if someone is following too closely, let them pass. Be vigilant.

When clearing your property of snow and ice, take reasonable care to inspect and maintain the premises and to make them reasonably safe. You must also warn or guard a visitor from being injured by reason of any defects that the visitor could not reasonably be expected to discover. Simply put, the standard of care requires you to consider or 'care' for the wellbeing of those who may come upon your land.

### Take care and be safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and friends happiness and health for the Holidays.



## New People, New Identity

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Unfortunately, people who are sued are frequently unable or unwilling to accept responsibility for the harms and losses their conduct caused. This is where Ferry Law can help. Simple, non-legalistic communication with the jury sets us apart. Principles of Tai Chi, Yoga, and Eastern Philosophies are combined with preparation, creativity, and a burning desire for the jury to understand the awesome power it has to right wrongs.

We are particularly happy to announce **Cara Cavallari** has joined the firm as our newest attorney. Cara graduated from Quinnipiac Law School this year and will be hitting the ground running and trying a jury case with Attorney Ferry this Month.



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## New People, New Identity

SAME CARE, COMPASSION AND VIGILANCE

Welcome to Ferry Law, a new name to go with our new identity, as the firm continues to evolve and grow organically and dynamically. With our new name, we have introduced new symbolism to reflect our firm's philosophy of Yin and Yang—we work like tigers for you, but in a considered, compassionate way. A new icon for the law firm is also being introduced. This Mandala represents wholeness, and reflects conceptual circles of friends, family and community.

These symbols represent ancient wisdom, determination, flexibility and patience. In essence, these symbols remind us of the vagaries of life. We believe that when negligent conduct challenges or derails the trajectory of one's life, every harm and loss must be appropriately compensated. If Natural Laws were followed, payment would be freely made to those injured by negligence. Instead, our law prescribes the duties of care one owes to another.

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## Meet the Team

The names, the faces, the stories



### KEVIN FERRY

I am a lifelong Connecticut resident, a UConn Husky, obtaining my BS in Accounting in 1988 and JD from Quinnipiac University in 1991. I instinctively stood up against injustice from a young age. My dedication to my studies in Law School, and the care and passion put into every case, arise naturally because my desire to fight against injustice has only increased.

I like to think I have been reasonably successful in this approach, having been recognized by my peers for the 8th consecutive year as New England Super Lawyer in 2017.

My philosophy for an attorney may be a little bit different to many others, so while I will fight like a tiger in court, my involvement with Tai Chi and Qi Gong have given me a sense of effortless power in my contentious position as a trial lawyer. They have helped immensely in determining where

my energy needs to flow to present my client's case in the most convincing manner.

### MONIQUE FOLEY

I graduated Quinnipiac School of Law in 2003 with a health law certificate which encompasses a concentration on the legal implications of a rapidly changing health care industry and its impact on clients. My focus areas today include personal injury, workers' compensation and criminal law.

I have been named Top 10 Attorney for the State of Connecticut by the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Inc; and was named a Top Rated Lawyer 2017 by AVO.

I am passionate about serving my clients and acting as a strong advocate to ensure I protect all of their rights.

### CARA CAVALLARI

I attended CCSU for undergrad where I played 4 years of Division 1 Women's Soccer. I graduated Quinnipiac School of Law this May

and was admitted to the CT Bar in November of 2017. I graduated with a concentration in Criminal Advocacy and was awarded the High Achievement Award in Trial Practice for earning the highest grade in the class during my last year of law school. I'm passionate about fighting hard for people who can't defend themselves.

Virgen Rodriguez is a litigation paralegal and handles all cases in the office that go into suit with the courts. She is a mom of three and jack of all trades. You can catch her on a sports field most weekends, cheering for her kids.

Olivia Hornberger is a Legal Assistant at Ferry Law. In her past professional experience, she taught High School English and Civics & Law for three years. Olivia ultimately decided to realize her passion to serve the public by transitioning into the justice world.

Nikki Kureczka is a Legal Assistant at Ferry Law. She attended Central Connecticut State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in Psychology and also played Collegiate Soccer.



## We fight to get the settlement our clients deserve.

We recently submitted an auto accident case to arbitration. The client was represented by a well-known Personal Injury lawyer who obtained a \$17,500 offer from the insurance company to settle the case. The client was unhappy with the settlement, although the lawyer was recommending it. She contacted our firm for a second opinion and we agreed to review the case. Once we did, it was clear that the case had a far greater value.

We put the case into suit and after all discovery and depositions were taken, the insurance carrier agreed to a \$10,000–\$50,000 arbitration. All medical bills and records, the police report and photos of the vehicles and the client's injuries were submitted into evidence at the arbitration. We obtained the high of \$50,000 after a hearing in the arbitrator's office where witnesses were called and cross examined.

## Recent Cases: Wrongful Death

### Total Settlement in excess of \$750,000

An eighteen-year-old young man sustained blunt traumatic injuries resulting in his death after being involved as a passenger in a motor vehicle crash following a party where he and several other underage people were served alcohol. Our office brought claims on behalf of the deceased and was able to recover monies for the estate under both motor vehicle policies (driver and owner of the vehicle had separate policies); an underinsured motorist claim and a social host liability claim.

We settled very quickly with the at-fault driver/owner of the vehicle, then collected the remaining amount due under the underinsured portion of the motor vehicle coverage available, and then settled with the social host after conducting numerous

depositions. The case involved complex legal theories and difficult hurdles to overcome in establishing liability based on numerous facts including the decedent's level of intoxication, his whereabouts after leaving the party and the extent of the social host's involvement in service of alcohol.

We serve our clients by vigorously assessing all areas of legal responsibility and accountability, so we can get the settlement our clients deserve.

**We don't believe it's about getting any settlement—it's about getting the best settlement!**