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Firm Newsletter



**We Advocate for Justice and Victims' Rights
With Integrity, Passion and Excellence.**

Welcome to the winter installment of the FeganScott firm newsletter – and to 2023.

As we begin another year, it provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the work that our attorneys have undertaken – and the successes we've delivered – on behalf of our clients in 2022.

Last year was filled with important cases. Examples of our work for consumers include a \$92 million data privacy settlement with TikTok, a pending settlement valued in excess of several hundred million dollars for Hyundai and Kia vehicles at risk of catching fire, and ongoing litigation to halt racial discrimination by the NCAA impacting Black student-athletes. Another example is our advocacy on behalf of survivors of sexual assault and harassment. Co-founder Beth Fegan represented the First Partner of California and a professional ballerina who testified against Harvey Weinstein about their sexual assaults in his California criminal trial, and our firm recently filed charges against the City of San Antonio on behalf of female maintenance workers who were targeted by male supervisors with sexual harassment, age discrimination, and physical abuse.

Each of these cases, along with the many others that we're currently working on, are illustrations of FeganScott's mission to initiate positive change to make the world a safer place.

We often hear from our clients how much they appreciate the work we do, and how much our advocacy on their behalf means, which is very heartening for us. Another powerful testament to the quality and importance of our work is when it is recognized by our peers.

The National Law Journal, a well-recognized leader in legal reporting, recently named Beth Fegan to its 2022 list of Sports/Gaming/Entertainment Law Trailblazers for her work on behalf of student-athletes in several cases challenging the NCAA. Attorney Jonathan Lindenfeld was also recently recognized by Super Lawyers as a 2022 New York Metro Rising Star, an honor only bestowed upon 2.5% of attorneys in the New York Metro area.

Below you'll find more information on all the above. As always, [our team of experienced attorneys](#) – whose talent and expertise have earned our firm a tier-one ranking in the 2023 edition of Best Law Firms – is always here to help and is just a call or email away.



Harvey Weinstein Found Guilty of Rape in Los Angeles Trial

FeganScott has a long history of representing victims of sexual assault. We represented a group of women who brought a class action lawsuit against Harvey Weinstein, ultimately resulting in confidential settlements for dozens of women, and continue to represent victims who stepped forward in his recent criminal trial in Los Angeles.

Last month, the jury in the Los Angeles trial found Harvey Weinstein guilty of rape. As a result, he faces up to 18 years in prison, adding to the 23-year sentence that he is already serving for his 2020 New York rape conviction.

The women FeganScott's Beth Fegan represented for the Los Angeles trial include the First Partner of California (known as Jane Doe 4), one of the women for whom the prosecutors brought a charge for rape against Weinstein, and Ashley Matthau, a prior bad-act witness, a legal term for someone who can help establish a pattern of behavior, who testified regarding her assault to support the prosecution's argument that Weinstein engaged in a pattern of predatory behavior.

Beth also represented Louissette Geiss, who was a corroborating witness for Jane Doe 4 and separately, a lead plaintiff in the class action based on her own assault by Weinstein.

After the verdict was delivered, Beth shared this statement:

“Over the course of several weeks, eight amazingly courageous women faced their abuser, Harvey Weinstein. They stood up and shared terribly painful stories with the jurors, and endured attacks from the defense team intended to humiliate and shame them for their bravery. We are thankful that those jurors saw Weinstein for what he is – a serial predator.

“While we would have preferred that those jurors had found him guilty on all counts, we understand that it was a complex trial, made more difficult by the defense team's argument that a woman who is assaulted must forego her chosen career or be accused of consent after the fact.

“My client, Jane Doe 4, shared her story not with an expectation to testify but to support all the survivors who bravely came forward. While we are heartened that the jury found Weinstein guilty on some of the counts, we are disappointed that the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict on Jane Doe 4. She will continue to fight for all women and all survivors of abuse against a system that permits the victim to be shamed and re-traumatized in the name of justice.

“The bravery and courage demonstrated by these women will not be dimmed. Their heroic actions have ensured that Harvey Weinstein will likely spend the rest of his life in prison where he belongs, and that people like him understand the consequences of their actions.”



Beth Fegan Speaks with NPR following the Harvey Weinstein Conviction

After the verdict was delivered in Harvey Weinstein's Los Angeles trial, Beth spoke with NPR about the outcome of the trial, and about the courage demonstrated by the eight women who shared their truth to ensure Weinstein spends the rest of his life behind bars. You can listen to that interview [here](#).

Meet FeganScott's Victim's Advocate

In 2021, FeganScott hired its first victim's advocate paralegal. Since joining the firm, Rachel Blackburn has brought a diverse range of experience centered

around sexual assault and abuse, providing direct client support to those who need it.

Trained in crisis intervention, victim advocacy and civil rights victim investigations, Rachel connects clients to sexual abuse and assault resources – including referrals to mental health professionals – while providing support throughout the legal process under the supervision of FeganScott attorneys.



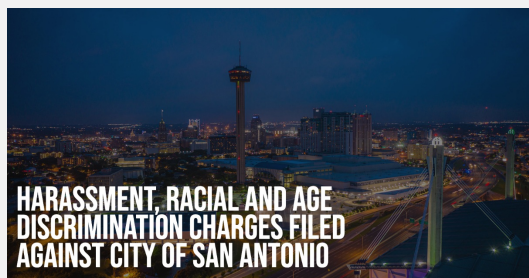
Quote Excerpt:

“You typically will not find a victim’s advocate at a private law firm, but FeganScott is an exception. Beth prioritizes having a victim’s advocate because the fast-paced reality of the court system is often overwhelming and highly stressful for clients. It is crucial to have a trained professional serve as their guide to offer emotional and legal support and to keep the attorneys up to date about the client’s needs.”

Learn more about Rachel and her journey to becoming a victim’s advocate [here](#).

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Featured Cases



Female Maintenance Workers File Charges of Sexual Harassment, Racial and Age Discrimination Against City of San Antonio

In November, FeganScott filed legal charges on behalf of two women against the City of San Antonio, alleging that supervisors at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center created a sexually charged and toxic work environment by routinely targeting female maintenance employees with sexual harassment, age discrimination, and physical abuse.

According to the charges filed with the Texas Workforce Commission, Civil Rights Division, both women complained to management about the supervisors’ inappropriate behavior, but their complaints were ignored.

“These women knew that when they came to work each day, they would likely face a barrage of harassment by their supervisors,” said attorney Lynn Ellenberger, part of the FeganScott team representing the women who filed the complaint.

“We look forward to bringing real and lasting change to the city and, specifically, to the convention center on behalf of all the female maintenance workers,” Ellenberger



FeganScott Investigating Several Automobile Manufacturers Over Alleged Safety Defects

Car defects pose serious hazards to drivers, passengers, and the public at large. Recently, FeganScott has launched several investigations into alleged vehicle defects against some of the largest automobile manufacturers in the world, including Mercedes-Benz and Nissan.

The Mercedes-Benz investigation relates to a potential defect found in vehicles equipped with an M247 engine that can lead to complete piston failure, forcing owners and lessees to pay for an engine replacement that could cost upwards of \$20,000. For the full list of the vehicles we are investigating, click [here](#).

Our firm’s investigation into Nissan is on behalf of owners and lessees of Nissan Rogue vehicles regarding a potential defect that could result in vehicle fires, among other safety issues. If you or someone you know owns a 2014-2020 Nissan Rogue, [contact us](#) to learn more about your rights under the law.

In addition to these ongoing investigations, our firm recently announced the filing of a class action lawsuit by two Ford vehicle

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owners, alleging the car manufacturer sold millions of vehicles with a defect that could cause unintended rollaway accidents. To view the full list of class vehicles included in the suit, click [here](#).

FeganScott Announces Preliminary Approval of Hyundai-Kia Class Action Settlement

For more than two years, FeganScott has been fighting on behalf of Hyundai and Kia vehicle owners, alleging that the manufacturer sold hundreds of thousands of vehicles with a potentially deadly defect.



Recently, a judge granted preliminary approval of a class action settlement of our lawsuit. FeganScott attorney Jonathan Lindenfeld spoke with Orlando's NBC news affiliate on the significance of the settlement and what it means for Hyundai and Kia owners – check out his interview [here](#).

To learn more about the lawsuit, click [here](#).

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Elizabeth Fegan Named to 2022 List of Sports/Gaming/Entertainment Law Trailblazers

We're excited to share that our founding partner, Beth Fegan, has been named to *The National Law Journal's* 2022 list of Sports/Gaming/Entertainment Law Trailblazers. The list highlights attorneys who work to bring awareness to the various legal issues in college athletics and the video game and

entertainment industries.

Beth has been recognized for her work in serving as a powerful advocate for student athletes, forcing positive change to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

To read the full profile, click [here](#).

Jonathan Lindenfeld Spotlited as a 2022 Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Star

Congratulations to FeganScott attorney Jonathan Lindenfeld on his recent recognition in the 2022 Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Stars list, an honor only awarded to the top 2.5% of attorneys in the New York Metro area.



Since joining our team in 2020 and opening the firm's New York City office, Jonathan has developed an impressive record representing victims in economic fraud and commercial and automotive defect class actions. He is integral to our mission of achieving justice for clients and holding companies and individuals accountable for their misconduct.

To learn more about this distinguished recognition, click [here](#).

FeganScott Earns Tier-One Ranking in Best Law Firms Guide

We're thrilled to announce that FeganScott has earned a tier-one designation in *Best Lawyers'* 2023 edition of Best Law Firms for our firm's work in personal injury litigation. We're honored to receive this recognition, as it serves as a testament to the talent, dedication, and expertise of our team.

Learn more about this award and view the full rankings [here](#).

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