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Stephen W.:

We represented a young woman who was the victim of sexual assault while she was a student at a school in Brooklyn.

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The city and the Board of Education was negligent in that case because they had multiple summer schools for different ages of students all operating at the same time in one building with a minimum amount of security. My client, who was a young girl, young student at the time, left a classroom to go to the bathroom. Because one of the bathrooms was locked and not operational, she had to go into a staircase, go down several flights of stairs, and in the staircase, she encountered an older student. He grabbed her, he dragged to an upstairs floor that was abandoned, and there was a sexual assault that occurred.

Stephen W.:

We sued the City of New York and the Board of Education, as the owner of the school and the operator of the school, for negligent supervision and negligent security. It was litigated for close to four years plus. It was very near trial when finally the city acknowledged what had occurred, acknowledged that the defenses that they had were unlikely to be successful if the case was tried, and provided my client with a substantial settlement. We were very gratified to get her full compensation for what had occurred and avoid trial at the same time.