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Family injured by falling Central Park tree takes legal action against NYC

NEW YORK -- Notices of Claim were filed today against the City of New York, Central Park Conservancy and others after a large tree in the park fell on a mother who was walking with her three young children. The tree fell on Aug. 15, injuring the mother and children despite the mother's heroic efforts to save them from injury.

The Notices of Claim were filed on behalf of Anne Monoky, her three children, who are three years old, two years old and two months old, and her husband, for catastrophic injuries suffered after the large tree located at West 62nd Street and West Drive fell on them. Monoky suffered a concussion, multiple spine and neck fractures and other severe injuries that require her to stay in bed and not move her neck for three to six months. Her children suffered varying injuries, with one child sustaining a concussion and blunt impact trauma that caused brain bleeding.

To file a lawsuit against the city arising from this incident, Notices of Claim are filed according to General Municipal Law that puts the city on notice of the claims.

Tom Kline, of Kline & Specter, P.C., counsel for the family, was critical of the City of New York, Central Park Conservancy and others for failing to take measures that could have prevented this tragedy.

QUOTE from TRK

Said Jordan Merson of Merson Law, PLLC, who is co-litigation counsel: "The filing of the Notices of Claim is the first step toward getting justice for this lovely family and holding the city and others accountable for failing to keep them and all New Yorkers and visitors to Central Park safe. Too many have been hurt by falling trees and large branches and we intend to get to the bottom of it."

The Notices of Claim allege that the City of New York, Department of Parks and Recreation, Central Park Conservancy and others failed to ensure that the tree was safe and would not fall, and failed to properly maintain and care for this tree, as well as other claims of neglect.

Biographical information:

Tom Kline, founding partner of Kline & Specter, PC, is one of the leading personal injury attorneys in the United States and is licensed to practice in New York and Pennsylvania. His firm has 39 lawyers and is one of the largest personal injury firms in the country.

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