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- Municipal Defense
- Excessive Force Defense
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- Personal Injury Defense
- Administrative Investigations

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About the Firm

The law firm of Pattison, Sampson, Ginsberg & Griffin, PLLC is a general practice law firm, located in the historic district of downtown Troy, New York. The firm's practice is extensive throughout New York State, the Capital Region, and the United States.

Positive Results



Theodore Relf and Shelly Relf v. City of Troy, New York; Troy Police Department; (Ren. Co. Sup. Ct. 2019) the Plaintiff sued the City and its police officers alleging civil rights and excessive force violations resulting from a K-9 bite. Plaintiff sought over \$1 million dollars in damages. After a week-long trial, the jury found in favor of the City and the officers. This matter was covered extensively in the press.

John M. Larkins vs. City of Troy, City of Troy Police Officers, 13-CV-1442 (NDNY 2015) This matter was highly publicized in the news. The plaintiff brought suit alleging constitutional and civil rights violations. The case went to a trial verdict and was dismissed in favor of the defendants.

Meysers v. City of Troy, New York (Ren. Co. Sup. Ct. 2017) The Plaintiff trespassed upon the roof of an abandoned building owned by the City and fell through a skylight. She sought millions of dollars in compensation for a permanent injury. The matter was resolved upon favorable terms after years of litigation.

Lamont Lee v. City of Troy 1:19 CV-473 (NDNY 2020) The firm defended four police officers against claims of excessive force, failure to intervene and assault and battery. While the plaintiff sought \$3 million in damages, the jury found that the officers acted reasonably at all times under the circumstances and returned a verdict in favor of the officers.



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Today more than ever law enforcement officers are the targets of those seeking to capitalize on the current anti-law enforcement sentiment.

Officers and the governmental entities they represent are being subject to baseless lawsuits which just simply cannot be ignored. The Pattison Firm can help. We have a proven track record of successfully defending excessive force, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment and other Constitutionally and State law based claims.

It's vital that law enforcement personnel and municipalities receive top quality representation by attorneys with the knowledge and skill set to be victorious. Pattison Sampson Ginsberg & Griffin can help. Contact us today.

Don't wait for a negative result affecting the lives and careers of our front line officers and the negative press associated with such bad results.

Michael Price, et al. v. City of Troy New York, et al., 1:12-CV-0815 (NDNY 2014) Plaintiffs alleged violations of their constitutional rights in connection with an emergency warrantless police entry into a building while chasing an active shooter. The case went to trial and all claims were dismissed by the jury.

Your Place LLC v. City of Troy, et al., (Ren. Co. Sup. Ct., 2014) Plaintiff brought a \$30 million suit alleging the City, its police officers and code officers violated plaintiffs' rights under both the United States and New York Constitutions. A trial victory was achieved on behalf of the City and the officers and was affirmed by the Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Department.

City of Troy v. 1776 6th Avenue, LLC, (Ren. Co. Sup. Ct. aff'd. 133 AD 3d 1019, 2015) This was a high-profile, newsworthy plaintiff's breach of contract matter relating to the City's tenancy at its' interim city hall location, 1776 Sixth Avenue. It involved issues related to breach of contract, landlord tenant and municipal code. We were successful at trial and collected on the City's judgment.

