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Eckell Sparks is proud to announce that two of their attorneys have been promoted to partners at the firm. *Michael J. Davey* leads the employment law and discrimination team, while *Matthew J. Bilker* focuses on general civil litigation, personal injury litigation, and municipal law. Both are involved with local government and have quickly earned the esteem of their peers. Congratulations to both Matthew and Michael on this honor!

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New Charitable Deductions Rules for 2020 Tax Returns

Have you started filing your 2020 taxes? There are new rules to consider for this year. Congress added an *additional deduction* for filers who donate to charity, but did not previously qualify due to the standard deduction rule. Those who do not itemize deductions can claim up to



\$300 in cash contributions on their Form 1040, whether filing jointly or separately.

How to Protect Inherited Assets in a Divorce

With the will battle of Larry King putting a spotlight on inherited assets, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, of which Eckell Sparks attorney Joe Lastowka is a fellow, recently



examined ways to structure a trust that will protect descendants' inheritance. The podcast discusses trust restructuring, distribution tips, and other factors to consider.

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Pursuing a Car Accident Lawsuit

Car accidents can be traumatic experiences that not only create short-term inconveniences, but also long-term effects. There are many factors to consider when bringing legal actions against another driver or party responsible. The firm addressed **some common questions** to help during the claims process.



If you have been injured in a *car accident*, let the *legal team* at *Eckell, Sparks, Levy, Auerbach, Monte, Sloane, Matthews & Auslander, P.C.* help you with your case. *Contact us online* or call us at 610-565-3701 for an initial consultation. Located in Media and West Chester, Pennsylvania, we serve clients throughout Delaware County, Chester County, and Montgomery County.

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