

Racial Profiling in New York by Taxi Drivers Should Not be Encouraged, New York Civil Rights Violation Lawyer Says

Comments by Fernando Mateo, president of the New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers are denounced by New York Civil Rights Violation Lawyers at The Peregman Firm.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — December 15, 2010 – Last week, dramatic video was released by the New York Police Department. It showed a struggle between a gunman and a livery cab driver.

From the video, officials determined that the suspect was Hispanic. Now the New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers, led by Fernando Mateo, is telling drivers to [racially profile](#) their passengers for their own protection. He specifically told drivers to racially profile people who are black and Latino.

Said TLC Commissioner David Yassky, "Choosing which passengers to serve on the basis of race is illegal, downright wrong and simply unacceptable." [New York civil rights lawyer](#) David Peregman agrees with this statement.

"Racial profiling is wrong in my opinion, whether taxi drivers or police are [racial profiling in New York](#). It is a violation of the civil rights of individuals across the United States when committed by the police or government, in New York," civil rights violation lawyer, Peregman said.

Racial profiling typically refers to law-enforcement's practice of using an individual's race or ethnicity as a key factor when determining suspicion of criminal activity.

"When it comes down to it, racial profiling," New York civil rights violation lawyer Peregman added, "is just not acceptable law enforcement. Individuals who believe they were racially profiled have every right to file a [civil rights violation complaint](#)."

If you have been the victim of [racial profiling in New York](#) or a [civil rights violation in New York](#), [contact a civil rights violation lawyer](#) at The Peregman Firm.

"Ending racial profiling has been a priority of the ACLU, NAACP, and something often fought by [civil rights violation lawyers in New York](#), and many other groups. In my opinion, The New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers should not be escalating the abhorrent practice of racial profiling. "

About David Peregman and The Peregman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York false arrest, excessive force by police, police negligence, and civil rights violation attorneys at The Peregman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including civil rights violations. David Peregman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial

Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice***.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

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