

New York Civil Rights Violation Lawyer Investigates NYC Taxi of Tomorrow — Not as Wheelchair Accessible as Promised

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK — The United States attorney's office in Manhattan and [New York civil rights violation lawyer](#) David Perecman are investigating whether the lack of wheelchair-accessible taxicabs in New York City violates parts of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

After a lengthy search for a "Taxi of Tomorrow", the Taxi and Limousine Commission, which regulates which vehicles can be used as taxicabs, chose a Nissan model that is not wheelchair accessible.

Federal lawyers and [New York civil rights violation lawyer](#) Perecman are conducting an evaluation of whether this complies with the disabilities act, which prohibits local governments, or private groups that provide public transportation services, from discriminating against the disabled.

"This is a disappointing turn of events in New York," [civil rights violation lawyer](#) Perecman said. The city had the unique opportunity to set a standard for accessibility for taxis across the country. So, instead of helping New York become the first city in the world to have a fully accessible taxi fleet, the Taxi and Limousine Commission may find itself fighting a civil suit for having [violated civil rights.](#)"

[New York civil rights violation lawyer Perecman](#), founder of The Perecman Firm, one of New York's civil rights violation law firms, understands that taxicab owners are not required by New York City to operate vehicles that are accessible to the disabled. The TLC also says that they have already gone beyond what is required of them for accessibility standards.

The city says that it does issue medallions for wheelchair-accessible taxicabs, and that taxi officials were planning a program to arrange cab rides by telephone for the disabled.

According to the *New York Post*, only 240 of the nearly 13,500 cabs in the city are wheelchair-accessible.

Sadly, one of the initial goals of the Taxi of Tomorrow program was "universal accessibility for persons with disabilities." Other goals were better fuel efficiency, more passenger space and design "iconic to New York City."

New York [civil rights violation lawyer](#) Perecman agrees with State Assemblyman Micah Z. Kellner who said the new taxi should be an "icon of inclusiveness."

"New York City welcomes all people and we should have a taxi that welcomes all to ride in it," added New York civil rights lawyer Perecman.

In New York, [civil rights violation](#) lawyer Perecman points out, if a person wishes to ride in a city taxi, it is a [civil rights violation](#) for a taxi cab driver to refuse a passenger based on disability.

About David Perecman and The Perecman 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 Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including civil rights violations. David Perecman, 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 and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

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