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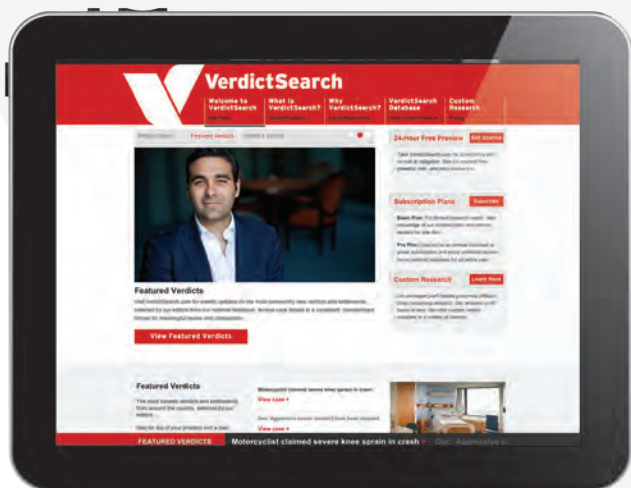
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# TOP 50 VERDICTS OF 2015

Rank	Amount	Type	Case Name	Court Name	Docket	Date	Lead Plaintiff's Attorney(s)/Firm	Lead Defense Attorney(s)/Firm
1	\$844,566,000	Motor Vehicle	<b>Estate of Blaikie v. Auto America Automotive Corp.</b>	Broward County Circuit Court, 17th	CACE-13026068	6/17/15	David W. Brill, Weston, FL of Brill & Rinaldi, The Law Firm; Joseph J. Rinaldi, Jr., Weston, FL of Brill & Rinaldi, The Law Firm; Robert J. McKee, Weston, FL of The McKee Law Group LLC; Mary Luz Rodriguez, Weston, FL of The McKee Law Group LLC	Daniel M. Novigrod, Miami, FL of Hightower, Stratton, Wilhelm
2	\$532,900,000	Intellectual Property: Patents	<b>Smartflash LLC v. Apple Inc.</b>	United States District Court, Eastern District, Marshall	6:13-cv-00447-JRG-KNM	2/24/15	Bradley W. Caldwell (lead), Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Jason D. Cassady, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; J. Austin Curry of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Warren J. McCarty, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Jason S. McManis, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Justin T. Nemunaitis, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Daniel R. Pearson, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Christopher S. Stewart, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; John F. Summers, Dallas, TX of Caldwell Cassady & Curry; Hamad M. Hamad, Dallas, TX of Caldwell, Cassady & Curry, PC; Claire Abernathy Henry, Longview, TX of Ward & Smith Law Firm; T. John Ward, Jr., Longview, TX of Ward & Smith Law Firm; T. John Ward, Longview, TX of Ward & Smith Law Firm; Thomas J. Ward, Jr., Longview, TX of Ward & Smith Law Firm	James R. Batchelder (lead), East Palo Alto, CA of Ropes & Gray LLP; Sharon Lee, Washington, DC; Eric M. Albritton, Longview, TX of Eric M. Albritton P.C.; Shawn A. Latchford, Longview, TX of Eric M. Albritton P.C.; Tom Gorham, Dallas, TX of Fish & Richardson; Thomas B. Walsh, IV, Dallas, TX of Fish & Richardson; Jamil N. Alibhai, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Samuel W. Dunwoody, IV, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Jordan C. Strauss, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Ching-Lee Fukuda, New York, NY of Ropes & Gray LLP; Douglas Hallward-Driemeier, Washington, DC of Ropes & Gray LLP; Kevin J. Post, New York, NY of Ropes & Gray LLP; Megan F. Raymond, Washington, DC of Ropes & Gray LLP; Daniel W. Richards, East Palo Alto, CA of Ropes & Gray LLP; Lauren N. Robinson, East Palo Alto, CA of Ropes & Gray LLP; Josef B. Schenker, New York, NY of Ropes & Gray LLP
3	\$218,500,000	Intentional Torts: Assault and Battery	<b>Sokolow v. Palestine Liberation Organization</b>	U.S. District Court, Southern District	1:04-cv-00397-GBD-RLE	2/23/15	Kent A. Yalowitz (lead), New York, NY of Arnold & Porter LLP; Rachel May Weiser, Rocky River, OH of of counsel, Milano Pasch Medici Attorneys & Counselors at Law	Mark Rochon (lead), Washington, DC of Miller & Chevalier Chartered; Laura G. Ferguson, Washington, DC of Miller & Chevalier Chartered; Brian A. Hill, Washington, DC of Miller & Chevalier Chartered
4	\$159,157,611	Workplace: Workplace Safety	<b>Cuevas v. Certified Safety Specialists Inc.</b>	Harris County District Court, 129th	2012-21574	8/6/15	Tony Buzbee (lead), Houston, TX of The Buzbee Law Firm; Andrew Dao, Houston, TX of The Buzbee Law Firm; Ryan Pigg, Houston, TX of The Buzbee Law Firm	Howard L. Close (lead), Houston, TX of Wright & Close LLP; Marie Jamison, Houston, TX of Wright & Close LLP; Andrea Tindall, Houston, TX of Wright & Close LLP
5	\$150,000,000	Products Liability: Automobiles	<b>Walden v. Chrysler Group, LLC</b>	Decatur County, Superior Court	12-CV-472	4/2/15	Jeb Butler, Atlanta, GA of Butler Tobin; James E. Butler, Jr., Columbus, GA of Butler Wooten Cheeley & Peak LLP; George Floyd, Bainbridge, GA of Floyd & Kendrick, LLC	Bruce W. Kirbo, Jr., Bainbridge, GA of Attorney at Law, LLC; Karsten Bicknese, Atlanta, GA of Seacrest, Karesh, Tate & Bicknese; Brian W. Bell, Chicago, IL of Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP; Terry O. Brantley, Atlanta, GA of Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP
6	\$122,500,000	Intentional Torts: Assault and Battery	<b>Pierce v. Mann</b>	Crittenden County Circuit Court	CIV-2010-61	3/17/15	Robert M. Cearley, Jr., Little Rock, AR of Cearley Law Firm, P.A.	Aaron M. Heffington, Little Rock, AR of Gill Ragon Owen, P.A.

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## Jury awards \$122.5 million to bomb-hurt doctor

A Crittenden County jury has awarded the former Arkansas State Medical Board chairman \$122.5 million in damages against a former Russellville doctor who orchestrated a 2009 bombing that severely injured him.

Dr. Trent Pierce was injured at his West Memphis home on Feb. 4, 2009, when a bomb hidden in a spare tire that was placed in front of his car exploded. Pierce was severely

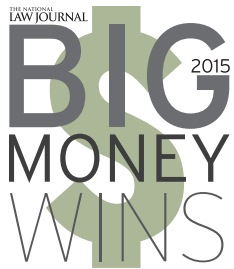
burned and suffered broken bones and teeth, partial hearing loss and the loss of sight in one eye.

A jury Tuesday awarded Pierce and his wife, Melissa, \$17.5 million in compensatory damages for injuries suffered and \$105 million in punitive damages, attorney Robert Cearley said Wednesday. The Pierces originally filed the civil suit against Randeep Mann and other unknown defendants in 2010,

and a circuit judge issued a partial summary judgment in favor of the Pierces, a jury to determine the amount of damages to award the Mann was in 2010 sentenced to life in prison in the attack in 2009. Prosecutors argued for the board not reissue a permit to prescribe after it had been reissued. Concern about several patients overdosing

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7	\$100,000,000	Products Liability: Design Defect	<b>Barba v. Carlson</b>	Superior Court of New Castle County	11C-08-050-MMJ	5/28/15	Fred Thompson, III (lead), Mount Pleasant, SC of Motley Rice LLC; Fidelma L. Fitzpatrick, New York, NY of Motley Rice LLC; Philip T. Edwards, Wilmington, DE of Murphy & Landon	Colleen D. Shields, Wilmington, DE of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott
8	\$88,856,662	Intellectual Property: Misappropriation of Trade Secrets	<b>Texas Advanced Optoelectronic Solutions Inc. v. Intersil Corp.</b>	United States District Court, Eastern District, Sherman	4:08-cv-00451-RAS	3/10/15	Jamil N. Alibhai (lead), Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Kelly P. Chen, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Michael A. McCabe, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Robert D. McCutcheon, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP; Michael C. Wilson, Dallas, TX of Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP	Jeffrey R. Bragalone (lead), Dallas, TX of Bragalone Conroy P.C.; Chris Scott Graham, Palo Alto, CA; Patrick J. Conroy, Dallas, TX of Bragalone Conroy P.C.; Justin B. Kimble, Dallas, TX of Bragalone Conroy P.C.
9	\$79,014,140	Real Property: Trespass	<b>Barfield v. Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative</b>	United States District Court, Western District, Jefferson City	2:11-cv-04321-NKL	2/6/15	Ronald J. Waicukauski (lead), Indianapolis, IN of Price Waicukauski & Riley, LLC; Cecilia Fex, Washington, DC of Ackerson Kauffman Fex, Attorneys At Law; Kathleen C. Kauffman, Washington, DC of Ackerson Kauffman Fex, Attorneys At Law; Matthew A. Clement, Jefferson City, MO of Cook, Vetter, Doerhoff & Landwehr, P.C.; Heidi Doerhoff Vollet of Cook, Vetter, Doerhoff & Landwehr, P.C.; Michael Amberg, Washington, DC of Price Waicukauski & Riley, LLC; Brad A. Catlin, Indianapolis, IN of Price Waicukauski & Riley, LLC	David L. Coffman (lead), St. Louis, MO of Thompson Coburn LLP; Terry M. Evans, Smithville, MO of Andereck, Evans, Widger, Johnson & Lewis LLC; Dana L. Flora, Smithville, MO of Andereck, Evans, Widger, Johnson & Lewis LLC; Jean P. Bradshaw, Kansas City, MO of Lathrop & Gage LLP; David T.M. Powell, Kansas City, MO of Lathrop & Gage LLP; Rachel E. Stephens, Kansas City, MO of Lathrop & Gage LLP; Darrell W. Downs, Claremore, OK of The Law Firm of Taylor, Burrage, Foster, Mallett, Downs, Ramsey & Russell; Clinton D. Russell, Claremore, OK of The Law Firm of Taylor, Burrage, Foster, Mallett, Downs, Ramsey & Russell; R. Stratton Taylor, Claremore, OK of The Law Firm of Taylor, Burrage, Foster, Mallett, Downs, Ramsey & Russell; Christopher M. Hohn, St. Louis, MO of Thompson Coburn LLP; Mark A. Mattingly, Kansas City, MO of Thompson Coburn LLP; Robert J. Wagner, St. Louis, MO of Thompson Coburn LLP; W. Stanley Walch, St. Louis, MO of Thompson Coburn LLP; Stephen A. D'Aunoy, St. Louis, MO of Thompson Coburn LLP
10	\$72,960,000	Premises Liability: Fire	<b>Wells v. Aslan Commons LLC</b>	Fulton County, State Court	12EV014728	1/15/15	Peter A. Law (lead), Atlanta, GA of Law & Moran Attorneys at Law; E. Michael Moran, Atlanta, GA of Law & Moran Attorneys at Law; Christopher B. Newbern, Atlanta, GA of Law & Moran Attorneys at Law	Michael G. Frick, Brunswick, GA of Hall Booth Smith, P.C.; Jonathan Tyler Schermerhorn, Atlanta, GA of Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC; Y. Kevin Williams, Atlanta, GA of Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC

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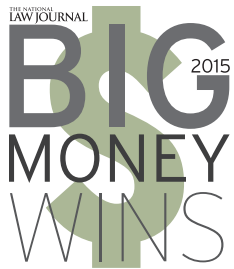
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11	\$72,691,279	Animals: Dog Bite	<b>Ingram v. Vaughn</b>	DeKalb County, State Court	12A41402-5	1/12/15	Kevin A. Adamson (lead), Norcross, GA of Adamson & Cleveland, LLC; Alan Cleveland, Norcross, GA of Adamson & Cleveland, LLC	None reported
12	\$64,500,000	Workplace: Workplace Safety	<b>Matthews v. Semco Construction</b>	Hillsborough County Circuit Court, 13th	10-CA-009268	3/27/15	David D. Dickey, Tampa, FL of The Yerrid Law Firm, P.A.; C. Steven Yerrid, Tampa, FL of The Yerrid Law Firm, P.A.	Daniel A. Shapiro, Tampa, FL of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.
13	\$60,000,000	Premises Liability: Social Host Liability	<b>Crowe v. Spectators3, LLC</b>	Collier County Circuit Court, 20th	07-0858-CA	4/17/15	Ramon A. Rasco, Miami, FL of Podhurst Orseck, P.A.	Paul C. Darrow, Naples, FL of Paul C. Darrow P.A.
14	\$58,650,000	Products Liability: Design Defect	<b>Shinedling v. Sunbeam Products Inc.</b>	United States District Court, Central District, Los Angeles	EDCV 12-438-CJC (SPx)	6/19/15	Arash Homampour (lead), Sherman Oaks, CA of The Homampour Law Firm, APLC; Corey Arzoumanian, Sherman Oaks, CA of The Homampour Law Firm, APLC; Gary K. Kwasniewski, Los Angeles, CA of Via & Kwasniewski	Gary A. Wolensky, Los Angeles, CA of Arent Fox LLP; David J. O'Connell, Chicago, IL of Goldberg Segalla LLP
15	\$46,500,000	Products Liability: Tobacco	<b>Ryan v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.</b>	Broward County Circuit Court, 17th	CACE-8022579	4/21/15	Gary M. Paige, Davie, FL of Gordon & Doner, PA; Alex Alvarez, Coral Gables, FL of The Alvarez Law Firm	Maria H. Ruiz, Miami, FL of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres, Friedman, LLP; W. Ray Persons, Atlanta, GA of King & Spalding; Connor J. Sears, Kansas City, MO of Shook Hardy & Bacon L L P; David B. Thorne, Kansas City, MO of Shook Hardy & Bacon L L P
16	\$45,000,000	Wrongful Death: Survival Damages	<b>Estate of Dixon v. Dixon</b>	Wake County, Superior Court	09 CVS 3222	2/19/15	Daniel S. Bullard, Gibsonville, NC of Walker & Bullard, P.A.	Robert Dennis Dixon, pro se; Matthew Devon Fields, pro se; Thomas Clay Friday, pro se
17	\$43,943,006	Worker/Workplace Negligence	<b>Lee v. Berkel &amp; Company, Contractors Inc.</b>	Brazoria County District Court, 149th	75576-CV	5/6/15	Kurt Arnold (co-lead), Houston, TX of Arnold & Itkin LLP; Chuck Clay, Jr. (co-lead), Atlanta, GA of Chuck Clay & Associates; Justin Gilbert, Angleton, TX of Gilbert & Furey	Jeffrey L. Diamond (co-lead), Houston, TX of J. Diamond & Associates PLLC; Andrew T. McKinney, IV (co-lead), Houston, TX of Litchfield Cavo LLP; John D. Dwyer, Los Angeles, CA of Gordon & Rees LLP; Ann E. Knight, Houston, TX of J. Diamond & Associates PLLC; Jerry B. Dozier, Alvin, TX of Law Office of Jerry B. Dozier P.C.; Douglas Mena, Houston, TX of Litchfield Cavo LLP





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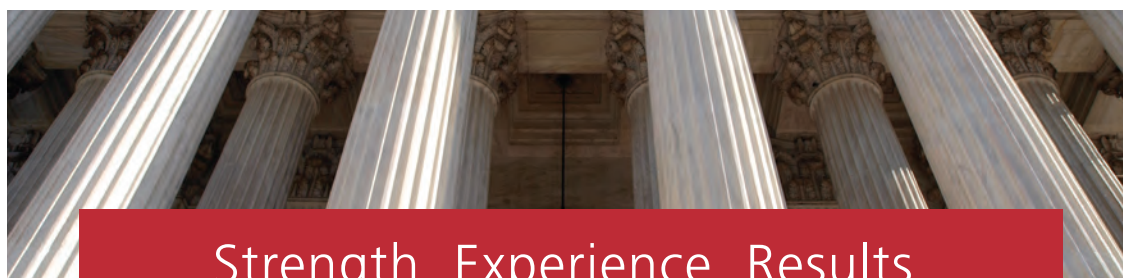
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18	\$40,000,000	Hotel/Restaurant: Dram Shop	Jordan v. T.G.I. Friday's	Superior Court of Riverside County, Riverside	RIC1100955	6/18/15	Keith J. Bruno (co-lead), Newport Beach, CA of BRUNO   NALU; Nicholas C. Rowley (co-lead), Beverly Hills, CA of Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley, LLP; Angela Bruno, Newport Beach, CA of BRUNO   NALU	Thomas P. Gmelich (co-lead), Glendale, CA of Bradley & Gmelich; Larry N. Willis (co-lead), Santa Ana, CA of Law Office of Larry N. Willis; Stephen A. King, Ontario, CA of Rodriguez & King
19	\$38,000,000	Products Liability: Failure to Warn	Schmidt v. Abbott Laboratories Inc.	St. Louis County Circuit Court, 22nd	1222-CC02479-01	5/26/15	John T. Boundas (co-lead), Houston, TX of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas LLP; John E. Williams, Jr. (co-lead), Houston, TX of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas LLP; Jennifer Richards, Dallas, TX of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP; Jay Henderson, Houston, TX of Jay Henderson, PLLC; G. Erick Rosemond, Houston, TX of Rosemond Law Group, P.C.; Sejal K. Brahmhatt, Houston, TX of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas, LLP; Brian Abramson, Houston, TX of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas LLP; Margot G. Trevino, Houston, TX of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas LLP	Dan H. Ball, St. Louis, MO of Bryan Cave LLP; Paul F. Strain, Baltimore, MD of Venable LLP

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20	\$35,400,000	Medical Malpractice: Negligent Treatment	<b>Larkin v. Johnston</b>	Norfolk County, Superior Court	2011-00923	5/7/15	Benjamin R. Novotny, Boston, MA of Lubin & Meyer, P.C.; Karen A. Zahka, Boston, MA of Lubin & Meyer, P.C.	Robert L. Bouley, Cambridge, MA of McCarthy Bouley & Barry; Clare Carroll, Cambridge, MA of McCarthy Bouley & Barry
21	\$34,555,220	Motor Vehicle: Right Turn	<b>Casillas v. Landstar Ranger Inc.</b>	Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles	BC500485	1/29/15	Brian J. Panish, Los Angeles, CA of Panish Shea & Boyle LLP; Thomas A. Schultz, Los Angeles, CA of Panish Shea & Boyle LLP	James J. Yukevich (lead), Los Angeles, CA of Yukevich   Cavanaugh; Kevin J. Gramling, Santa Ana, CA of Klinedinst PC; Patrick J. Cimmarusti, Los Angeles, CA of Yukevich   Cavanaugh
22	\$33,839,000	Products Liability: Design Defect	<b>Landers v. Williamson</b>	Tarrant County District Court, 48th	048-257207-11	4/2/15	J. Patrick Gallagher (lead), Fort Worth, TX of Haslam & Gallagher LLP; Mark Haney, Fort Worth, TX of Griffith, Jay & Michel; Thomas M. Michel, Fort Worth, TX of Griffith, Jay & Michel LLP; Ron L. Hundley, Dallas, TX of Puls Haney PLLC	Brett Lee Myers (lead), Dallas, TX of Fox Rothschild LLP; Andy Nikolopoulos, Dallas, TX of Fox Rothschild LLP
23	\$31,500,000	Intellectual Property: Patents	<b>DataQuill Limited v. ZTE Corp.</b>	United States District Court, Eastern District, Marshall	2:13-cv-00634-JRG-RSP	6/18/15	Parker C. Folse, III (lead), Seattle, WA of Susman Godfrey LLP; Sidney Calvin Capshaw, Longview, TX of Capshaw DeRieux; Elizabeth L. DeRieux, Longview, TX of Capshaw DeRieux; D. Jeffrey Rambin, Longview, TX of Capshaw DeRieux; Nate Davis, Houston, TX of Heim Payne & Chorush LLP; Blaine Larson, Houston, TX of Heim Payne & Chorush LLP; Leslie V. Payne, Houston, TX of Heim Payne & Chorush LLP; Joseph S. Grinstein, Houston, TX of Susman Godfrey LLP; Brian Hogue, Houston, TX of Susman Godfrey LLP; Johnny Ward, Longview, TX of Ward & Smith Law Firm	Michael P. Sandonato (lead), New York, NY of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto; Brian Craft, Tyler, TX of Findlay Craft; Eric H. Findlay, Tyler, TX of Findlay Craft; Chitra Kalvanaraman, Washington, DC of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto; Brian Klock, Washington, DC of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto; Natalie Lieber, New York, NY of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto; Stephen Yam, Washington, DC of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto
24	\$29,800,000	Contracts: Breach of Contract	<b>Lufkin Industries Inc. v. International Business Machines Corp.</b>	Angelina County District Court, 159th	CV-02073-13-02	5/26/15	James R. Wetwiska (lead), Houston, TX of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Lauren McLaughlin, Houston, TX of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Holli V. Pryor-Baze, Houston, TX of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Scott C Skelton, Lufkin, TX of Skelton Slusher Barnhill Watkins Wells PLLC	R. Paul Yetter (lead), Houston, TX of Yetter Coleman LLP; Scott Brazil, Houston, TX of Brazil & Dunn, LLP; Mark E. Smith, Dallas, TX of Touchstone, Bernays, Johnston, Beall, Smith & Stollenwerck; Anna Rotman, Houston, TX of Yetter Coleman LLP; Reagan W. Simpson, Houston, TX of Yetter Coleman LLP

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25	\$29,487,831	Motor Vehicle: Single Vehicle	<b>Jacobs v. Yellow Cab Affiliation Inc.</b>	Cook County Circuit Court	2005-L-010138	3/17/15	<b>Robert A. Clifford, Chicago, IL of Clifford Law Offices, P.C.; Patrick J. Giese, Chicago, IL of Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, LLC; Timothy S. Tomasik, Chicago, IL of Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, LLC</b>	<b>Steven R. Bonanno, Chicago, IL of Hinshaw &amp; Culbertson LLP; Anne C. Couyoumjian, Chicago, IL of Hinshaw &amp; Culbertson LLP; Carlton D. Fisher, Chicago, IL of Hinshaw &amp; Culbertson LLP; Mark A. Mordini, Chicago, IL of Mordini Schwartz Vine</b>
26	\$29,166,049	Intentional Torts: Tortious Interference with a Contract	<b>Ortega v. Abel</b>	Harris County District Court, 269th	201270156	5/15/15	<b>Anthony G. Buzbee, Houston, TX of The Buzbee Law Firm</b>	<b>Steven O. Grubbs, Houston, TX of Sheehy, Ware &amp; Pappas P.C.</b>
27	\$29,050,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence	<b>Kelley v. Electrochem Solutions Inc.</b>	Harris County District Court, 113th	2012-75148	2/3/15	<b>Tony Buzbee, Houston, TX of The Buzbee Law Firm; Matthew J. Mussalli, The Woodlands, TX of The Law Office of Matthew J. Mussalli, P.C.</b>	<b>David E. Brothers, Houston, TX of Brothers Alvarado, P.C.; Darrell L. Barger, Corpus Christi, TX of Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP; Aaron J. Burke, Dallas, TX of Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP; Scott G. Edwards, Dallas, TX of Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP; Benjamin Zuffranieri, Buffalo, NY of Hodgson Russ LLP; Shannon Robbie Ramirez, Houston, TX of LeClairRyan; Andrew T. McKinney, IV, Houston, TX of Litchfield Cavo LLP; Ronald C. Lewis, Houston, TX of Marshall &amp; Lewis LLP; Jessica Z. Barger, Houston, TX of Wright &amp; Close; Thomas C. Wright, Houston, TX of Wright &amp; Close</b>
28	\$27,600,000	Intellectual Property: Infringement	<b>Sprint Communications Co. L.P. v. Comcast Cable Communications, LLC</b>	U.S. District Court, District of Delaware, Wilmington	12-cv-00205	2/6/15	<b>B. Trent Webb (lead), Kansas City, MO of Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon L.L.P.; John D. Garretson, Kansas City, MO of Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon L.L.P.; Aaron E. Hankel, Kansas City, MO of Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon L.L.P.; Robert H. Reckers, Houston, TX of Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon L.L.P.; Peter E. Strand, Washington, DC of Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon L.L.P.</b>	<b>Matthew B. Lehr (lead), Menlo Park, CA of Davis Polk &amp; Wardwell LLP; Michael L. Brody, Chicago, IL of Winston &amp; Strawn LLP</b>

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Congratulations to Bob Clifford on his achieving one of the Top 50 Verdicts in the country in 2015.

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## Robert A. Clifford's Recent Achievements:

Robert A. Clifford, founder and senior partner of Clifford Law Offices in Chicago, has been recognized for several other accomplishments in the past few months. He was named one of the 100 Most Powerful Chicagoans in 2015 by *Chicago Magazine*, a list led by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel that included those who have "the most clout and why."

Mr. Clifford was given the Award of Honor by the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation at its Fourth Annual Valor Luncheon. For years, Clifford has been a supporter of the Foundation that recognizes exceptional police work and service to the community by presenting the Award of Valor to a deserving individual. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to honoring the lives and memories of our fallen heroes by providing support and assistance to the families of Chicago Police Officers killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

Clifford Law Offices was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of its 2015 Elite Trial Law Firms in what publishers called "fierce" competition and the honorees "represent those law firms that are on the cutting edge of plaintiffs-side work in the United States and that have achieved exemplary results for their clients."

Bob Clifford also has been front and center in the class action against Volkswagen, having spoken to members of the press – from *The Wall Street Journal* to Fox Business News. More than 1,200 owners of vehicles involving the diesel engine scam have contacted the firm in a class action filed by Clifford Law Offices. Thousands of consumers call Bob Clifford to seek guidance and leadership in resolving their claims of consumer fraud. He recently was named class counsel in federal court in a class action against Pella Windows Corporation for defective windows. *Best Lawyers*, one of the top peer review legal organizations in the country, named Bob Clifford the Top Plaintiffs' Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action Lawyer in the Chicago metropolitan area in 2016.



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29	\$25,590,020	Medical Malpractice: Failure to Diagnose	<b>Beuchamp v. Rhode Island Hospital</b>	Providence and Bristol Counties, Superior Court	PC-2012-2874	4/29/15	Mark S. Mandell (lead), Providence, RI of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair Ltd.; Yvette M. Boisclair, Providence, RI of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair Ltd.; Zachary M. Mandell, Providence, RI of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair Ltd.	William H. Jestings, Providence, RI of Bengtson & Jestings, LLP; Stephen P. Levesque, Providence, RI of Bengtson & Jestings, LLP
30	\$25,284,000	Insurance: Bad Faith	<b>Thornton v. American Interstate Insurance Co.</b>	Pottawattamie County District Court, Council Bluffs	CVCV 110614	2/11/15	Karen M. Keeler, Omaha, NE of Erickson and Sederstrom; Thomas T. Siems, Omaha, NE of Erickson and Sederstrom	Brian Hansen, Omaha, NE of Hansen, Lautenbaugh & Buckley, LLP; Melvin Hansen, Omaha, NE of Hansen, Lautenbaugh & Buckley, LLP
31	\$25,200,000	Government: Police	<b>Sims v. City of NY</b>	Kings Supreme	15519/10	3/13/15	David M. Godosky, New York, NY of Godosky & Gentile, P.C.	Patrick J. Mantione, Queens, NY of Senior Counsel, Zachary W. Carter, Corporation Counsel
32	\$25,000,000	Motor Vehicle: Alcohol Involvement	<b>Estate of Amsden v. Maintenance Dynamics Inc.</b>	Lake County Circuit Court	45-D04-11-5-00111	2/20/15	Stephen D. Phillips (lead), Chicago, IL of Phillips Law Offices; Jill M. Webb, Chicago, IL of Phillips Law Offices; Kevin C. Smith, Munster, IN of Smith Sersic	Thomas W. Kramer, Merrillville, IN of Buoscio Pera and Kramer; Brandon J. Kroft, Crown Point, IN of Cassidy Schade LLP; Joseph A. Panatera, Crown Point, IN of Cassidy Schade LLP; Jerry E. Huelat, Michigan City, IN of Huelat Mack & Kreppin P.C.; Deborah A. Kapitan, Crown Point, IN of Kopka Pinkus Dolin & Eads
33	\$24,750,000	Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	<b>Miles v. Arbor Station Apartments II LLC</b>	Montgomery County Circuit Court	CV-2013-900701.00	3/23/15	Kendall C. Dunson (lead), Montgomery, AL of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; Jason M. Burton, Durham, NC of Alston & Bird LLP; Michael A. Kaeding, Durham, NC of Alston & Bird LLP; Gregg E. McDougal, Durham, NC of Alston & Bird LLP; Jere L. Beasley, Montgomery, AL of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.	David A. Lee (lead), Birmingham, AL of Parsons, Lee & Juliano, PC; Frank M. Wilson, Montgomery, AL of Frank M. Wilson, PC; Miles Gresham of Parsons, Lee & Juliano, PC; J. Evans Bailey, Montgomery, AL of Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, & Garrett, PA; Dennis R. Bailey, Montgomery, AL of Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, & Garrett, PA; Paul M. James, Jr., Montgomery, AL of Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, & Garrett, PA





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34	\$24,057,283	Motor Vehicle: Alcohol Involvement	Estate of Demella v. Kim	Broward County Circuit Court, 17th	CACE12028526	6/23/15	Daniel W. Cotter (lead), Stone Mountain, GA of The Maher Law Firm, P.A.; Bradley J. Edwards, Fort Lauderdale, FL of Farmer, Jaffe Weissing, Edwards, Fistos & Lehrman, P.L.; Gary M. Farmer, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL of Farmer, Jaffe Weissing, Edwards, Fistos & Lehrman, P.L.	Elana B. Goodman (lead), Weston, FL of Mitrani, Rynor, Adamsky & Toland, P.A.; None reported; Hinda Klein, Hollywood, FL of Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A.; Steven R. Adamsky, Weston, FL of Mitrani, Rynor, Adamsky, Toland
35	\$24,010,000	Products Liability: Design Defect	Bowie v. Caterpillar Inc.	Jefferson County District Court, 172nd	E-182248	2/26/15	Curtis W. Leister (lead), Beaumont, TX of Reaud, Morgan & Quinn, LLP; Charlton P. Hornsby, Beaumont, TX; Gilbert T. Adams, Beaumont, TX of Law Offices of Gilbert Adams	Gregory Ulmer (co-lead), Houston, TX of Baker & Hostetler; W. Ray Whitman (co-lead), Houston, TX of Baker & Hostetler; James E. Phillips, Houston, TX of Baker Hostetler; Michael L. Baker, Los Angeles, CA of Strong, Pipkin, Bissell & Ledyard

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HOLDING COMPANY, INC. d/b/a RIVERSIDE HOTEL.**

**VERDICT: \$24,057,283 JUNE 23, 2015**

**Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida (Broward County)**



Brad Edwards and Gary Farmer of Farmer, Jaffe, Weissing, Edwards, Fistos & Lehrman, P.L. in Fort Lauderdale, and Dan Cotter of The Maher Law Firm, P.A., in Winter Park, FL, obtained a \$24 million dollar verdict on June 23, 2015, in a wrongful death suit against The Riverside Hotel, in Fort Lauderdale, for the death of a guest. Alanna Demella, seven months pregnant at the time, was killed when a car traveled off of the road and into the hotel's poolside cabana she was occupying.

At trial, Edwards, Farmer and Cotter sought to prove that the hotel was negligent in failing to maintain its property in a reasonably safe condition by protecting its guest from the known danger that speeding and distracted drivers posed to guests, that the hotel knew of the growing danger, and that it could have done more to protect its guests against that danger. This was the fifth largest verdict in Florida in 2015 and the 34<sup>th</sup> highest verdict in the United States in 2015.

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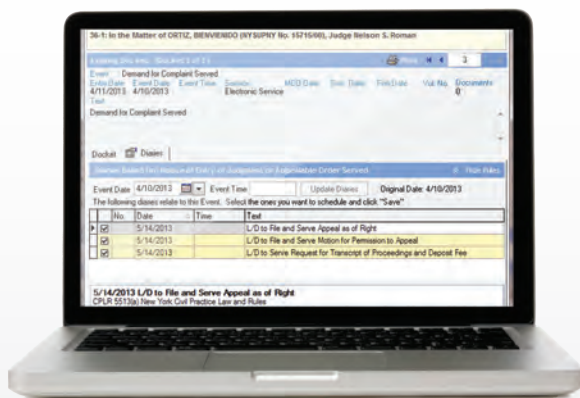
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36	\$23,187,134	Medical Malpractice	<b>Suarez v. Port Charlotte HMA, LLC</b>	Charlotte County Circuit Court, 20th	13-1984CA	4/24/15	Stuart N. Ratzan (lead), Miami, FL of Ratzan Law Group, P.A.; Kimberly L. Boldt, Boca Raton, FL of Boldt Law Firm, P.A.	James E. Looper, Jr. (lead), Nashville, TN of Hall Booth Smith PC; None reported; Duane L. Cochenour, Atlanta, GA of Hall Booth Smith P C; Denise L. Dawson, North Palm Beach, FL of Hall Booth Smith P C; Louis J. La Cava, Tampa, FL of La Cava & Jacobson, P.A.; Matthew W. Tacy, Tampa, FL of La Cava & Jacobson, P.A.
37	\$22,991,985	Contracts: Breach of Contract	<b>Cardiac Science Corp. v. LifeCor Inc.</b>	Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles	BC483613	5/22/15	Eric H. Chadwick, Minneapolis, MN of Patterson Thuyente IP; Aaron W. Davis, Minneapolis, MN of Patterson Thuyente IP	Louis R. Chao, Los Angeles, CA of Archer Norris PLC; Robert F. Hinton, Los Angeles, CA of Archer Norris PLC; Steven L. Kester, Newport Beach, CA of Archer Norris PLC
38	\$21,981,093	Medical Malpractice: Failure to Monitor	<b>Brown v. Southeastern Pain Specialists P.C.</b>	Fulton County, State Court	10EV010621J	1/26/15	James (Jay) Sadd (lead), Atlanta, GA of Slappey & Sadd, LLC; Edward M. Wynn (co-lead), Atlanta, GA of Slappey & Sadd, LLC; Audrey Tolson, Atlanta, GA of The Tolson Firm, LLC	David F. Root (lead), Atlanta, GA of Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP; Neil T. Edwards (co-lead), Atlanta, GA of Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP; W. Curtis Anderson, Marietta, GA of Downey & Cleveland, LLP; Nichole L. Hair, Atlanta, GA of Hall Booth Smith, P.C.; John E. Hall, Jr., Atlanta, GA of Hall Booth Smith, P.C.

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39	\$20,830,000	Real Property	<b>McCann Holdings Ltd v. SDC Communities Inc.</b>	Sarasota County Circuit Court, 12th	2011CA3897	3/16/15	Steven D. Hutton, Sarasota, FL of Steven D. Hutton P.L.	Morgan R. Bentley, Sarasota, FL of Bentley and Bruning PA; Steven J. Chase, Sarasota, FL of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP; Edward Vogler, II, Bradenton, FL of Vogler Ashton, PLLC
40	\$20,000,000	Medical Malpractice: Negligent Treatment	<b>Estate of Nayyar v. Oakwood Healthcare Inc.</b>	Wayne County, Circuit Court	13-009819-NH	5/6/15	Geoffrey N. Fieger, Southfield, MI of Fieger Law PC	John R. Monnich, Sr., Detroit, MI of Ottenwess, Taweel & Schenk, PLC; David M. Ottenwess, Detroit, MI of Ottenwess, Taweel & Schenk, PLC
41	\$19,250,000	Motor Vehicle: Tractor-Trailer	<b>Bruno v. Landstar System Inc.</b>	Maricopa County Superior Court	CV-2013-94384	3/13/15	Brett L. Slavicek, Phoenix, AZ of Brett L. Slavicek, P.C.; Mikal C. Watts, San Antonio, TX of Watts Guerra LLP; Guy L. Watts, Austin, TX of Watts Guerra LLP; Alan W. Wilson, Tempe, AZ of Wilson Law Firm	Timothy M. Medcoff, Tuscon, AZ of Farhang & Medcoff; Jeremy C. Johnson, Phoenix, AZ of Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C.; Phillip H. Stanfield, Phoenix, AZ of Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C.; Galen H. Satterlee, Phoenix, AZ of Law Office of Galen H. Satterlee
42	\$19,200,000	Real Property	<b>Mendez v. Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services</b>	Palm Beach County Circuit Court, 15th	50-2002-CA-13717	3/17/15	Robert C. Gilbert, Coral Gables, FL of Grossman Roth, P.A.; William S. Williams, West Palm Beach, FL of Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fronrath, LLP	Wesley R. Parsons, Miami, FL of Clarke Silvergate, P.A.
43	\$18,790,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: Negligent Repair	<b>Lacy v. Empire Truck Sales, LLC</b>	Mobile County Circuit Court	02-CV-2012-902600	3/20/15	Greg Allen (lead), Montgomery, AL of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; D. Michael Andrews, Montgomery, AL of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; Kendall Dunson, Montgomery, AL of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; Stephanie Stephens Monplaisir, Montgomery, AL of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; Charles J. Potts, Mobile, AL of Briskman & Binion, P.C.	William J. Gamble, Mobile, AL of Phelps Dunbar LLP; Richard B. Johnson, Mobile, AL of Phelps Dunbar LLP; Breanne Stanley Zarzour, Mobile, AL of Phelps Dunbar LLP
44	\$18,745,001	Motor Vehicle: Alcohol Involvement	<b>Crump v. Goin</b>	Dallas County District Court, 95th	DC-13-03801	2/11/15	Rachel Montes (lead), Dallas, TX of Montes/Lewis Law, PC; E. Todd Tracy, Dallas, TX of The Tracy Firm	Kyle P. Seedorf (lead), Denver, CO of Taylor Anderson LLP; Shelly S. Jock, Dallas, TX of Miller & Brown, LLP; J. Robert Miller, Jr., Dallas, TX of Miller & Brown, LLP; Wilson C. Aurbach, Dallas, TX of Rodriguez Law Firm P.C.; Ronaldo E. Guerra, Dallas, TX of Rodriguez Law Firm P.C.; Adolfo R. Rodriguez, Jr., Dallas, TX of Rodriguez Law Firm P.C.; Clay M. White, Tyler, TX of White-Shaver, PC

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45	\$18,000,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: Negligent Security	<b>Doe v. Saint Leonard's Ministry</b>	Cook County Circuit Court	2009-L-014687	7/14/15	Martin Dolan, Chicago, IL of Dolan Law PC	Richard W. Schumacher, Chicago, IL of Stellato & Schwartz
46	\$16,800,000	Intellectual Property: Patents	<b>Melchior v. Hilite International Inc.</b>	United States District Court, Northern District, Dallas	3:11-cv-03094-M	2/27/15	M. Ross Cunningham (lead), Dallas, TX of Cunningham Swaim, LLP; Steven D. Sanfelippo, Dallas, TX of Cunningham Swaim LLP; Alex J. Whitman, Dallas, TX of Cunningham Swaim, LLP; Thomas C. Wright, Dallas, TX of Cunningham Swaim, LLP; Nicolas Seckel, Washington, DC of Westerman Hattori Daniels & Adrian LLP	John M. DiMatteo (lead), New York, NY of Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP; Marc E. Montgomery, New York, NY of Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP; Amy S. Bowen, Dallas, TX of Hunton & Williams; John C. Eichman, Dallas, TX of Hunton & Williams; John C. Evans, Cleveland, OH of Jones Day; Eugene L. Chang, New York, NY of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
47	\$16,730,565	Motor Vehicle: Alcohol Involvement	<b>Graham v. Senior Living Properties LLC</b>	Tarrant County District Court, 67th	067-26911-13	2/4/15	Laura Brown, Waco, TX of Williams & Brown, LLP; Dale D. Williams, Waco, TX of Williams & Brown, LLP	Kelly M. Crain (co-lead), Dallas, TX of Walters, Balido & Crain; Lee Cameron, Jr. (co-lead), Dallas, TX of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP; Leslie Wong, Dallas, TX of Walters, Balido & Crain; Tyler D. Levy, Dallas, TX of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP; Kristina M. Oropeza, Dallas, TX of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
48	\$16,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Tractor-Trailer	<b>Dallas v. Bass Logging Inc.</b>	Washington County, Superior Court	12-CV-432	3/4/15	Thomas William Malone (lead), Atlanta, GA of Malone Law Office; S. Bradley Houck, Atlanta, GA of Houck & Regas, LLC	F. Michael Taylor (lead), Augusta, GA of Brennan, Wasden & Painter, LLC; Amanda D. Lynde, Augusta, GA of Brennan, Wasden & Painter, LLC
49	\$16,162,429	Motor Vehicle: Motorcycle	<b>Evans v. Regan</b>	Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles	MC023778	2/17/15	Marc Lazarus, Newport Beach, CA of Russell & Lazarus; Christopher E. Russell, Newport Beach, CA of Russell & Lazarus; Arash Homampour, Sherman Oaks, CA of The Homampour Law Firm, APLC	William I. Chopak, Costa Mesa, CA of Brown, Bonn & Friedman, LLP; Gary L. Hoffman, Irvine, CA of Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck, LLP; Tracy L. Hughes, Irvine, CA of Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck, LLP
50	\$15,771,234	Motor Vehicle: Bicycle	<b>Ringdahl v. Alvarado Hospital Medical Center Inc.</b>	Superior Court of San Diego County, San Diego	37-2013-00074300-CU-PO-CTL	3/25/15	Robert J. Chambers, II, San Diego, CA of The McClellan Law Firm; Craig R. McClellan, San Diego, CA of The McClellan Law Firm	Joshua D. Bordin-Wosk, Newport Beach, CA of Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP; Robert L. McKenna, III, Long Beach, CA of Carroll, Kelly, Trotter, Franzen & McKenna





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1	\$210,000,000	Intellectual Property: Copyrights	<b>Capitol Records, LLC v. Sirius XM Radio Inc.</b>	Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles	BC520981	6/27/15	Russell J. Frackman, Los Angeles, CA of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP; Marc E. Mayer, Los Angeles, CA of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP; Peter I. Ostroff, Los Angeles, CA of Sidley Austin, LLP; Rollin A. Ransom, Los Angeles, CA of Sidley Austin, LLP	Daniel M. Petrocelli, Los Angeles, CA of O'Melveny & Myers LLP
2	\$140,000,000	Employment: ERISA	<b>Haddock v. Nationwide Financial Services Inc.</b>	U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, New Haven	3:01-cv-01552-SRU	4/9/15	Richard A. Bieder, Bridgeport, CT of Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, PC; William M. Bloss, Bridgeport, CT of Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, PC; Marc R. Stanley, Dallas, TX of Stanley Law Group; Martin Woodward, Dallas, TX of Stanley Law Group	Thomas F. Clauss Jr., Stamford, CT of Wiggins and Dana LLP; David W. Bowker, Washington, DC of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; Elizabeth K. Canizares, Washington, DC of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; Daniel P. Kearney Jr., Washington, DC of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; Charles C. Platt, New York, NY of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; Amy Kreiger Wigmore, Washington, DC of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
3	\$27,000,000	Motor Vehicle: Single Vehicle	<b>Vangsnes v. North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention Inc.</b>	18th Judicial District Court	DC-12-490A	6/29/15	Alexander (Zander) Blewett, III, Great Falls, MT of Hoyt & Blewett; Anders Blewett, Great Falls, MT of Hoyt & Blewett	Maxon P. Davis, Great Falls, MT of Davis, Hatley, Haffeman & Tighe; Kevin Funyak, Billings, MT of Stacey & Funyak Law Firm
4	\$23,550,000	Government: False Claims Act	<b>Parikh v. Citizens Medical Center</b>	United States District Court, Southern District, Victoria	6:10-cv-0064	4/20/15	Monte F. James, Austin, TX of Jackson Walker LLP; Joshua A. Romero, Austin, TX of Jackson Walker LLP; Jose Vela, Houston, TX of U.S. Attorney's Office	Gary Eiland, Houston, TX of King & Spalding LLP; Michael W. Youtt, Houston, TX of King & Spalding LLP
5	\$18,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Rear-ender	<b>Betterton v. Morris</b>	Upshur County District Court, 115th	100-14	2/4/15	Brent Goudarzi, Gilmer, TX of Goudarzi & Young, LLP	Lance Vincent, Tyler, TX of Ritcheson, Lauffer & Vincent


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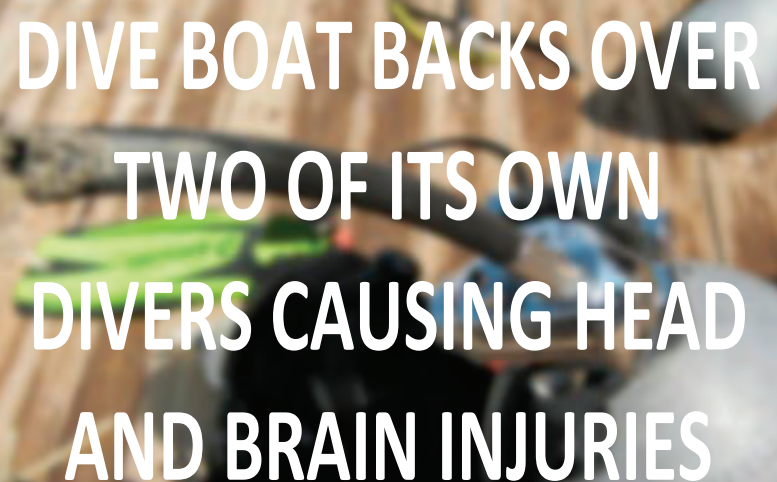
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6	\$12,000,000	Admiralty/ Maritime: Boating Accidents	<b>Adkins v. Big Dipper Charters Inc.</b>	U.S. District Court, Southern District, Key West	4:14-cv-10030-JLK	5/22/15	Christopher Michael Stephan Drury, Miami, FL of Hickey Law Firm PA; John H. Hickey, Miami, FL of Hickey Law Firm, P.A.	Armando Pedro Rubio, Miami, FL of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.; Donna Ellen Albert, Boca Raton, FL of Donna E. Albert & Associates, P.A.; John D. Kallen, North Miami Beach, FL of John D. Kallen, P.A.
7	\$10,999,999	Motor Vehicle: Pedestrian	<b>Stoll v. City and County of San Francisco</b>	Superior Court of San Francisco County, San Francisco	CGC-13-532478	6/16/15	Randall H. Scarlett (lead), San Francisco, CA of Scarlett Law Group; Thomas William Malone, Atlanta, GA of Malone Law Office; Brendan D.S. Way, San Francisco, CA of Scarlett Law Group	Landa S. Low, San Francisco, CA of California Department of Transportation, Legal Division; Karen E. Kirby, San Francisco, CA of Office of the City Attorney
8	\$10,587,810	Products Liability: Design Defect	<b>Dryer v. Musacchio</b>	Madison Supreme	1622/08	2/18/15	Walter F. Benson, Syracuse, NY of Lynn Law Firm, LLP; Patricia A. Lynn-Ford, Syracuse, NY of Lynn Law Firm, LLP	Emily Sullivan, Kansas City, MO of of counsel, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.; Charles C. Eblen, Kansas City, MO of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.; Jeffrey Elkins, Kansas City, MO of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

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9	\$9,947,688	Employment: Whistleblower	<b>Mazza v. Miami-Dade County</b>	U.S. District Court, Southern District, Miami	10-cv-24546	3/17/15	Arley D. Finley, III, Austin, TX of Diamond McCarthy LLP; Benjamin R. Garry, Houston, TX of Diamond McCarthy LLP; James D. McCarthy, Dallas, TX of Diamond McCarthy LLP; Andrea Fischer, New York, NY of Sadowski Fischer PLLC; Raphael Katz, New York, NY of Sadowski Fischer PLLC; Robert W. Sadowski, New York, NY of Sadowski Fischer PLLC; Michael R. Josephs, Coral Gables, FL of The Josephs Law Firm; Adam C. Josephs, Coral Gables, FL of The Josephs Law Firm	Christopher A. Angell, Miami, FL of Assistant County Attorney Miami-Dade; Hugo Benitez, Miami, FL of Assistant County Attorney Miami-Dade; Oren Rosenthal, Miami, FL of Assistant County Attorney Miami-Dade
10	\$9,850,000	Premises Liability: Dangerous Condition of Public Property	<b>Dionisio v. State of California</b>	Superior Court of Yolo County, Yolo	CVPM13-356	2/4/15	Roger A. Dreyer, Sacramento, CA of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora, LLP; Daniel G. Schneiderman, Sacramento, CA of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora, LLP	Douglas L. Johnson, Sacramento, CA of State of California, Department of Transportation; Jeremy C. Thomas, Sacramento, CA of State of California, Department of Transportation; Bradley S. Thomas, Davis, CA of The Thomas Law Firm
11	\$9,000,000	Medical Malpractice: Failure to Diagnose	<b>Williams v. NYCH &amp; H Corp.</b>	Kings Supreme	3251/12	5/26/15	Thomas A. Moore, New York, NY of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore	Daniel G. Federico, New York, NY of DeCorato Cohen Sheehan & Federico LLP
12	\$7,800,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: Negligent Hiring	<b>Prickett v. Bonnier Corp.</b>	Superior Court of Alameda County, Oakland	RG12655617	1/13/15	Wayne K. Kekina, Honolulu, HI of Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina & Fairbanks; Howard McPherson, Honolulu, HI of Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina & Fairbanks; Lyle C. Cavin, Jr., Oakland, CA of Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr.; Abraham Feinstein-Hillsman, San Francisco, CA of McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky; , San Francisco, CA of McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky	Richard A. Lesser, Redondo Beach, CA of Lesser & Associates; Jeff M. Fackler, Walnut Creek, CA of Michel & Fackler; Ferdie F. Franklin, Orange, CA of Walsworth, Franklin, Bevins & McCall; Laurie E. Sherwood, San Francisco, CA of Walsworth, Franklin, Bevins & McCall
13	\$7,750,000	Workplace: Workplace Safety	<b>Rhoades v. Johnson Controls Inc.</b>	Dallas County District Court, 101st	DC-13-11518	7/17/15	Brent Goudarzi, Gilmer, TX of Goudarzi & Young, LLP	Patrick F. Madden, Dallas, TX of Macdonald Devin, P.C.; Nathan Shackelford, Dallas, TX of Macdonald Devin, P.C.; Benjamin Britt, Dallas, TX of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.; Mark J. Dyer, Dallas, TX of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.; Alan P. Moore, Dallas, TX of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.; W. David Carter, Texarkana, TX of Mercy Carter Tidwell LLP; James H. Moody, III, Dallas, TX of Quilling, Selander, Lownds, Winslett & Moser
14	\$7,500,000	Medical Malpractice: Negligent Treatment	<b>Estate of Reidy v. Northwestern Memorial Hospital</b>	Cook County Circuit Court	2015-L-000728	2/23/15	Joseph W. Balesteri, Chicago, IL of Power Rogers & Smith, P.C.; Todd A. Smith, Chicago, IL of Power Rogers & Smith, P.C.	William Bower, Chicago, IL of Northwestern Memorial HealthCare; Jennifer W. Benton, Chicago, IL of Northwestern Memorial Hospital
	\$7,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Truck	<b>Love v. Jackson</b>	Clayton County, Superior Court	2013-CV-02020-6	1/26/15	Joseph A. Fried, Atlanta, GA of Fried Rogers Goldberg LLC; Sean McEvoy, Atlanta, GA of Fried Rogers Goldberg LLC	Marc H. Bardack, Atlanta, GA of Freeman Mathis & Gary LLP; Mark Toth, Macon, GA of Hall, Bloch, Garland & Meyer, LLP; Kevin P. Branch, Alpharetta, GA of McMickle, Kurey & Branch, LLP
16	\$7,300,000	Construction: Accidents	<b>Pena v. Design-Build Interamerican Inc.</b>	Miami-Dade County Circuit Court, 11th	2010-37264-CA-06	3/2/15	David M. Shenkman, Miami, FL of David M. Shenkman, P.A.; Christopher J. Lynch, Miami, FL of Hunter Williams & Lynch PA; Robert Alan Rosenblatt, Pinecrest, FL of The Rosenblatt Law Firm	Daniel J. Klein, Miami, FL of Cole Scott & Kissane, P.A.; Eduardo Cosio, Coral Gables, FL of Cosio Law Group; Bryan W. Black, West Palm Beach, FL of Derrevere Hawkes Black & Cozad; Joseph J. Nagy, Fort Lauderdale, FL of Fulmer LeRoy Albee Baumann & Glass; Michael A. Holtman, Miami, FL of Wicker Smith O'Hara McCoy & Ford P.A.



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17	\$5,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Center Line	<b>Shirley v. LMK Auto Group Ltd</b>	Upshur County District Court, 115th	335-14	6/25/15	<b>Brent Goudarzi, Gilmer, TX of Goudarzi &amp; Young, LLP</b>	<b>Michael L. Dunn, Longview, TX of Smead, Anderson &amp; Dunn; Claire Abernathy Henry, Longview, TX of Ward &amp; Smith Law Firm; Adam B. Allen, Tyler, TX of White-Shaver, P.C.; Clay M. White, Tyler, TX of White-Shaver, P.C.</b>
18	\$5,400,000	Medical Malpractice: Surgical Error	<b>Doe v. Ferzli</b>	Kings Supreme	23918/10	4/23/15	<b>Judith A. Livingston, New York, NY of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston &amp; Moore</b>	<b>CaraMia R. Hart, New York, NY of Dopf, P.C.; Sean F.X. Dugan, New York, NY of Martin Clearwater &amp; Bell LLP</b>
19	\$5,030,000	Construction: Accidents	<b>Cazares v. Summit Design Builders LLC</b>	Cook County Circuit Court	2010-L-005296	6/29/15	<b>Jeffrey Jordan, Chicago, IL of O'Connor &amp; Nakos Ltd.; Martin J. Lucas, Chicago, IL of O'Connor &amp; Nakos, Ltd.; Daniel V. O'Connor, Chicago, IL of O'Connor &amp; Nakos, Ltd.</b>	<b>Susan Bledsoe, Chicago, IL; Thomas F. Cameli, Chicago, IL of Radogno, Cameli &amp; Hoag, P.C.; Edric Bautista of Sanchez Daniels &amp; Hoffman LLP; Manny Sanchez, Chicago, IL of Sanchez Daniels &amp; Hoffman LLP; Mark C. Galasso, Chicago, IL of Tribler Orpett Meyer; Steven Williams, Chicago, IL of Williams &amp; Gundlach, LLC</b>
20	\$5,000,000	Premises Liability: Dangerous Condition	<b>Mangano v. James J. Clearkin Inc.</b>	Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas	140203159	4/8/15	<b>Kenneth F. Fulginiti, Philadelphia, PA of Duffy + Partners</b>	<b>Lloyd George Parry, Philadelphia, PA of Davis, Parry &amp; Tyler, P.C.; Mark T. Riley, King of Prussia, PA of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman &amp; Goggin, P.C.</b>
	\$5,000,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: Labor Law	<b>James v. Southwest Fixture Installers Inc.</b>	New York Supreme	154562/12	3/31/15	<b>Pat James Crispi, New York, NY of Keogh Crispi, P.C.</b>	<b>Sean R. Hutchinson, Albertson, NY of Ahmuty Demers &amp; McManus; Thomas J. King, New York, NY of Harris, King, Fodera &amp; Correia; Christopher Gibbons, Mineola, NY of Hawkins Rosenfeld Ritzert &amp; Varriale, LLP; Gabriella Campiglia, Mineola, NY of Miranda Sambursky Slone Sklarin Verveniotis LLP; Robert E. O'Connor, Melville, NY of O'Connor O'Connor Hintz &amp; Deveney, LLP</b>
22	\$4,775,000	Motor Vehicle: Rear-ender	<b>Waldo v. Goulet</b>	Bergen County Superior Court	BER-L-2560-13	2/12/15	<b>Edward P. Capozzi, Ridgewood, NJ of Seigel Capozzi Law Firm LLC</b>	<b>Daniel Kaye, Morristown, NJ of Viscomi &amp; Lyons</b>
23	\$4,150,000	Construction: Accidents	<b>Jin v. LS Interior Design</b>	Superior Court of San Diego County, San Diego	37-2013-00040839	1/23/15	<b>William R. Gilmore, Pasadena, CA of Strassburg, Gilmore &amp; Wei, LLP; Justin K. Strassburg, Pasadena, CA of Strassburg, Gilmore &amp; Wei, LLP</b>	<b>Richard J. Ritchie, San Diego, CA of Callahan, Thompson, Sherman &amp; Caudill; Jesse D. Marr, Los Angeles, CA of Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley &amp; Jennett LLP; Stephen T. Pelletier, San Diego, CA of Higgs Fletcher &amp; Mack</b>
24	\$4,000,000	Employment: Wrongful Termination	<b>Cerbone v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento</b>	Superior Court of Sacramento County, Sacramento	34-2013-00140297-CU-WT-GDS	3/11/15	<b>Tyler F. Clark, Encino, CA of Clark Employment Law, APC; David A. Lowe, San Francisco, CA of Rudy Exelrod &amp; Zieff LLP; Erin M. Pulaski, San Francisco, CA of Rudy Exelrod &amp; Zieff LLP</b>	<b>Thomas A. Johnson, Sacramento, CA of Law Offices of Thomas A. Johnson; Stephen J. Greene, Jr., Elk Grove, CA of Sweeney, Greene &amp; Roberts LLP</b>
25	\$3,970,000	Motor Vehicle: Lane Change	<b>Kowalski v. PBM Logistics LLC</b>	Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas	12-CV-1787	5/13/15	<b>Marion K. Munley, Scranton, PA of Munley Law; Daniel W. Munley, Scranton, PA of Munley Law</b>	<b>Christopher D. Hillsley, Philadelphia, PA of Billet &amp; Associates, LLC; Robert N. Spinelli, Philadelphia, PA of Kelley Jasons McGowan Spinelli &amp; Hanna, LLP; Louis Hockman, Philadelphia, PA of Mintzer Sarowitz Zeris Ledva &amp; Meyers LLP</b>



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26	\$3,850,000	Workplace: Workplace Safety	<b>Nunez v. Martin Implement Sales</b>	Cook County Circuit Court	2011-L-007937	4/27/15	George G. Argionis, Chicago, IL of Law Offices of Argionis & Associates, LLC	Gregory D. Conforti, Chicago, IL of Johnson & Bell, Ltd.; John W. Patton, Jr., Chicago, IL of Patton & Ryan LLC
27	\$3,750,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: OSHA	<b>Delmo v. Cooper Electric Supply</b>	Monmouth County Superior Court	L 000405 10	2/2/15	Robert Francis Gold, Red Bank, NJ of Gold, Albanese & Barletti, L.L.C.; Anthony V. Locascio, Red Bank, NJ of Gold, Albanese & Barletti, L.L.C.	Gregory J. Irwin, Hackensack, NJ of Harwood Lloyd, LLC; Frank A. Viscomi, Morristown, NJ of Viscomi & Lyons
28	\$3,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Rear-ender	<b>Gordek v. Riggio</b>	Suffolk Supreme	21352/11	1/12/15	Ronald C. Burke (co-lead), New York, NY of Kelner & Kelner; Robert S. Kelner (co-lead), New York, NY of Kelner & Kelner	David Robinson, Melville, NY of Law Office of Andrea G. Sawyers
29	\$3,350,000	Motor Vehicle: Rear-ender	<b>East v. Oakley Trucking Inc.</b>	Bexar County District Court, 73rd	2013-CI-03238	6/2/15	Ryan H. Zehl, Houston, TX of Fitts Zehl LLP	Tres Adami, San Antonio, TX of Adami, Shuffield, Scheihing & Burns; Paul D. Huckabay, San Antonio, TX of Adami, Shuffield, Scheihing & Burns
30	\$3,265,000	Motor Vehicle: Motorcycle	<b>Altamirano v. Harrison</b>	Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles	BC520125	1/29/15	Michael Ehline, Los Angeles, CA of Ehline Law Firm PC; Tyler J. Barnett, Marina del Rey, CA of Yuhl Carr LLP; James P. Carr, Marina del Rey, CA of Yuhl Carr LLP	Mark G. Cunningham, Woodland Hills, CA of Law Office of Mark G. Cunningham
31	\$3,250,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: Labor Law	<b>DiMaggio v. MTA</b>	Kings Supreme	28349/11	1/20/15	Jeffrey A. Block, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP; S. Joseph Donahue, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	Mathew P. Ross, White Plains, NY of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP
32	\$3,000,500	Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	<b>Diaz v. American Commercial Realty Corp.</b>	Palm Beach County Circuit Court, 15th	50-13-CA-13510	3/9/15	Timothy C. Felice, West Palm Beach, FL of The Felice Law Group, PLLC	John A. Lurvey, West Palm Beach, FL of Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A.; Ashley O. Wilson, West Palm Beach, FL of Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow & Schefer, P.A.; Ansley McIntyre Ellmyer, West Palm Beach, FL of Law Offices of Patricia E. Garagozlo
	\$3,000,000	Motor Vehicle: Multiple Vehicle	<b>Benoit v. Travelers Property Casualty Co. of America</b>	East Baton Rouge Parish District Court	617276D	1/30/15	Cody Rees, Beaumont, TX of Clay Dugas & Associates; Clay Dugas, Beaumont, TX of Clay Dugas and Associates; Darrel J. Papillion, Baton Rouge, LA of Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, LLC	Ian A. Macdonald, Lafayette, LA of Jones Walker LLP; Kyle P. Kirsch, New Orleans, LA of McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch, LLC



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	\$3,000,000	Construction: Labor Law	<b>Agresti v. Silverstein Properties Inc.</b>	New York Supreme	115311/08	3/4/15	Kenneth Sacks (lead), New York, NY of Sacks and Sacks L.L.P.; James J. McCrorie, New York, NY of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C., New York, NY, trial counsel, Sacks and Sacks LLP; David H. Mayer, New York, NY of Sacks and Sacks L.L.P.	Paul S. Devine, Garden City, NY of Goldberg Segalla LLP
35	\$2,950,000	Wrongful Death	<b>Estate of Geer v. Roessler</b>	Fairfax County, Circuit Court	2014-11477	4/21/15	Bernard J. DiMuro (lead), Alexandria, VA of DiMuroGinsberg, PC; Michael S. Lieberman (co-lead), Alexandria, VA of DiMuroGinsberg, PC; Nina J. Ginsberg, Alexandria, VA of DiMuroGinsberg, PC; Andrea L. Moseley, Alexandria, VA of DiMuroGinsberg, PC; M. Jarrad Wright, Alexandria, VA of DiMuroGinsberg, PC	Jim H. Guynn, Jr., Salem, VA of Guynn & Waddell, PC; Kimberly P. Baucom, Fairfax, VA of Office of the County Attorney; Karen L. Gibbons, Fairfax, VA of Office of the County Attorney
36	\$2,875,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence	<b>Menon v. Modjeski and Masters Inc.</b>	Madison County Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit	2014-L-000171	3/10/15	Edward G. Willer, Chicago, IL of Corboy & Demetrio, P.C.	Pamela M. Triplett, St. Louis, MO of Law Offices of Donald Balfour
37	\$2,850,000	Premises Liability	<b>Estate of Bradford v. Xena International LLC</b>	Brevard County Circuit Court, 18th	5-2013-CA-42342	4/28/15	Christopher L. Marlowe, Coral Gables, FL of The Haggard Law Firm; Michael A. Haggard, Coral Gables, FL of The Haggard Law Firm, P.A.	Geoffrey R. Lutz, Jacksonville, FL of St. Denis & Davey; Donald W. St. Denis, Jacksonville, FL of St. Denis & Davey
38	\$2,800,000	Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	<b>Jordan v. Evergreen Marine Singapore PTE</b>	Hudson County Superior Court	HUD-L-1255-13	3/17/15	Richard M. Winograd, Newark, NJ of Ginarte O'Dwyer Gonzalez Gallardo & Winograd, LLP	Paul M. Keane, New York, NY of Cichanowicz, Callan, Keane, Vengrow & Textor, LLP
39	\$2,750,000	Workers' Compensation	<b>Noxon v. Larry Lilley Motorcycles</b>	Workers' Compensation Appeals Board	ADJ8760738	1/8/15	Tina B. Odjaghian, Woodland Hills, CA of Odjaghian Law Group	Richard J. Reyna, Glendale, CA of State Compensation Indurance Fund
40	\$2,700,000	Motor Vehicle: Left Turn	<b>Marcoccia v. Pittsford Central School District</b>	Monroe Supreme	6195/13	1/29/15	Derrick Spatorico (lead), Rochester, NY of Pheterson & Spatorico, LLP; Steven A. Lucia, Rochester, NY	James H. Cosgriff, III, Buffalo, NY of Petrone & Petrone, P.C.
41	\$2,650,000	Worker/Workplace Negligence: Negligent Supervision	<b>Harvey v. New Jersey Department of Transportation</b>	Middlesex County Superior Court	2904/12	6/30/15	Adam L. Rothenberg, Edison, NJ of Levinson Axelrod	Gerard Green, Cranbury, NJ of Law Offices of Gerard M. Green; William E. Paulus, Cranbury, NJ of Law Offices of Gerard M. Green



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42	\$2,545,000	Motor Vehicle: Question of Lights	Estate of Colon v. Martinez	Suffolk Supreme	61474/14	5/8/15	Stephen J. Murphy (lead), New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP; David L. Scher, New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	Michael J. Cannon, Woodbury, NY of Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP; Daniel Tambasco, Melville, NY of Russo, Apoznanski & Tambasco
43	\$2,500,000	Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Bianco v. 78 West 11 Street, LLC	New York Supreme	103297/11	2/20/15	Jordan D. Hecht, New York, NY of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	Kevin J. McGinnis, New York, NY of Harris, King, Fodera & Correia
	\$2,500,000	Premises Liability: Stairs or Stairway	Bengel v. Za Za's Italian Steakhouse	DuPage County Circuit Court	14L-337	1/27/15	Edward J. Manzke, Naperville, IL of The Collins Law Firm, P.C.; Aaron W. Rapier, Naperville, IL of The Collins Law Firm, P.C.	Michael L. Handley, Lombardi, IL of Law Offices of Capuani & Schneider
	\$2,500,000	Government: Prisoner Suit	Swift v. City of Detroit	U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Michigan	2:10-CV-12911-BAF-RSW	3/18/15	William H. Goodman, Detroit, MI of Goodman and Hurwitz, PC; Julie H. Hurwitz, Detroit, MI of Goodman and Hurwitz, PC; Kathryn Bruner James, Detroit, MI of Goodman and Hurwitz, PC; Emma Freudenberger, New York, NY of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP; Barry C. Scheck, New York, NY of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP	Edward V. Keelean, Detroit, MI of Detroit City Law Department; Charles Raimi, Detroit, MI of Detroit City Law Department; John A. Schapka, Mt. Clemens, MI of Detroit City Law Department; Christina A. Daskas, Southfield, MI of Jackson Lewis, PC
	\$2,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Pedestrian	Burton v. Alamo Financing L.P.	New York Supreme	116818/09	1/14/15	Michael W. Gunzburg, New York, NY of Michael Gunzburg, P.C.; Joseph A. Ruta, New York, NY of of counsel, Michael Gunzburg, P.C.	David W. Brand, Garden City, NY of Brand Glick & Brand, P.C.
	\$2,500,000	Motor Vehicle: Pedestrian	Feldman v. Evenson Best LLC	New York Supreme	105132/11	2/19/15	Paul J. Edelstein, New York, NY of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown LLP; Glenn K. Faegenburg, New York, NY of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown LLP	Maureen Peknic, New York, NY of Hoey King Epstein Prezioso & Marquez
	\$2,500,000	Construction: Scaffolds and Ladders	Walls v. Turner Construction Co.	Cook County Circuit Court	09-L-000374	1/8/15	Telly C. Nakos, Chicago, IL of O'Connor & Nakos Ltd.	Adam Kreuzer, Wheaton, IL of Esp Kreuzer Cores LLP; Michael T. Clarke, Chicago, IL of Kralovec & Marquard Chtd.; Michael J. Mullen, Chicago, IL of Kralovec & Marquard Chtd.; Andrew C. Seiber, Chicago, IL of SmithAmundsen LLC
49	\$2,300,000	Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Colon v. Ditmas Park 613, LLC	Kings Supreme	18354/12	2/25/15	Jeffrey A. Block, New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP; S. Joseph Donahue, New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	Gregory Walthall, New York, NY of Hoey King Epstein Prezioso & Marquez
50	\$2,250,000	Government: Excessive Force	Estate of Ferrell v. City of Charlotte	Mecklenburg County, United States District Court, Charlotte	3:14-CV-00047-GCM	5/14/15	Charles G. Monnett, III, Charlotte, NC of Charles G. Monnett III & Associates; Christopher M. Chestnut, Atlanta, GA of Chestnut Firm	Robert D. McDonnell, Charlotte, NC; Mark H. Newbold, Charlotte, NC of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department; Daniel E. Peterson, Charlotte, NC of Office of the City Attorney

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