

VERDICTS AND SIGNIFICANT SETTLEMENTS

\$2.5 Million Premises Liability Settlement

The victim of a construction related explosion received a \$2.5 Million settlement award for cognitive and orthopedic injuries sustained while he was pinned under heavy debris. Norm Hobbie and Jackie DeCarlo prosecuted the case against multiple defendants,

who all blamed each other for the explosion, and also alleged that the explosion was not caused as a result of the actions of any one of them. Norm negotiated the settlement during a hotly contested mediation.

\$1.24 Million for Auto Accident Injuries

B.M. was stopped in traffic on Route 1 in South Brunswick on August 4, 2004 when she was struck in the rear and pushed into the concrete barrier. Norm Hobbie and Jackie DeCarlo represented B.M., who was an airline baggage handler on leave at the time of the crash due to a prior-work related injury. B.M. had also sustained injuries related to her employment as NJT bus driver approximately a year prior to the collision. The Defendants argued that B.M.'s neck and back injuries was caused by the two prior work-related injuries, and not the August 4th crash. In order to

establish that B.M.'s injuries were causally related to the crash, Norm obtained expert opinions from an accident reconstructionist who estimated that the Defendant was traveling at 55 mph when he hit his brakes, and 39 mph when he struck the rear of B.M.'s car. Norm also obtained expert testimony from an orthopedic surgeon with biomechanical training who causally related the injuries to the crash, and presented a video animation to illustrate the expert's opinion for the jury. The parties settled during mediation with retired Superior Court Judge C. Judson Hamlin,

Victim of Broadside Crash Receives \$775K

On November 7, 2007, L.C. was proceeding down Main Street in Middletown Township when the Defendant crashed her school bus into the passenger side of his car, after failing to yield at a stop sign. Norm Hobbie and Dave Corrigan represented L.C. who sustained significant damage to his neck and knee, severely exacerbating a 10-year old knee injury for which he had undergone ligament reconstruction. In

addition to having two additional cervical procedures performed on his knee, L.C. also underwent surgery on his neck. The Defendants argued that the damage down to L.C.'s neck and knee was pre-existing. Norm negotiated the settlement during a mediation with retired Superior Court Judge James D. Clyne, J.S.C.

\$1.25 Million for Construction Accident

On January 25, 2007, O.B. was working as an electrician on a commercial building renovation in Union City when his pants caught fire from a propane space heater utilized at the job site. O.B. sustained third degree burns to his legs and buttocks. Norm Hobbie and Mike Hobbie filed suit against the manufacturer of the heater, the distributor of the heater and the general contractor at the job site, arguing that the job site was not safe, the heater had insufficient

guarding and that the warning label that was printed on the heater was inadequate. All three defendants contributed to the \$1.25 Million settlement, which was reached in August of 2010. Since the accident, O.B. has returned to work part-time as an electrician, and in other capacities, and has returned to school.

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Wrong Death/Portee Case Settles For \$1.3 Million

Our law firm represented the parents of a seven-month old infant who died after suffering serious complications associated with an incident of Respiratory Distress. After extensive discovery and preparation, Norm Hobbie and Jackie DeCarlo secured a settlement of \$1.3 Million. The baby, who was born prematurely, had a

history of medical complications, which required him to undergo a tracheotomy and utilize a ventilator. The Complaint included a claim for the emotional distress sustained by the baby's mother, who witnessed the incident. The parents prosecuted a claim related to the baby's pain and suffering and the pecuniary loss to the Estate.

\$1 Million for Assault on Pop Warner Coach

P.V. coached a team of 12 – 14 year old boys who played on a local football league. M.R., who was the league Vice President, had a son on P.V.'s team. On September 30, 2007, at the conclusion of the game, M.R. punched P.V. in the head after they exchanged words regarding M.R.'s lack of playing time. Norm Hobbie and Jackie DeCarlo represented P.V., who was knocked to the ground, lost consciousness, suffered a concussion, nerve impingement in his shoulder and a torn rotator cuff. These injuries

prevented P.V. from returning to his job as a commercial airline pilot. M.R. pled guilty to a disorderly persons assault charge and defended the case by arguing that he was acting in self defense. Norm resolved the case for the entire \$1 Million afforded by the football league's insurance policy and retained the rights to pursue M.R.'s \$500,000 homeowners policy. P.V.'s wife, who witnessed the assault, had separate counsel, and will receive \$100,000 of the \$1 Million settlement on her per quod and Portee claims.

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ON THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
OF EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE

Injured. Accused. Its Not a Game...A Certified Trial Attorney Could Make a Difference.

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