

TOP 2010 VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS BY CATEGORY

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Savillo v. Greenpoint Landing Associates LLC.	12/21	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's 12-foot fall caused paralyzing injury	Roy R. Jaghab, Mineola, NY of Jaghab, Jaghab & Jaghab, P.C. & David B. Golomb, New York, NY of Law Offices of David B. Golomb	\$50,591,036
Barros v. New Roc Parcel 1A, LLC	1/26	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Carpenter alleged spine, ankle injuries from 15-foot fall	Howard R. Borowick, Bronx, NY of counsel to Law Offices of Jacob Oresky	\$18,334,226
Mastando v. One Bryant Park, LLC	7/15	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Makeshift scaffold's failure had paralyzing result	Gregory S. Gennarelli, Robert Sack, Marvin Salenger, Woodbury, NY of Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro, LLP	\$13,000,000
Griffin v. Clinton Green South, LLC	4/24	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Laborer hit by falling piece of scaffold, alleged disabling injury	Seth A. Harris and Alison R. Keenan, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$12,561,772
Montero v. Sentinel Diversified Industries Inc.	3/15	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed 25-foot fall led to fusion of spine	William Schwitzer, New York, NY of Dinkes & Schwitzer	\$ 8,900,000
Rivera v. CSPN Paliuras Contracting	4/23	Queens Supreme	Accidents: Undocumented immigrant roofer paralyzed in fall	Kenneth J. Halperin and Philip A. Russotti, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti & Shapiro	\$ 8,200,000
Garcia v. 77 Holding Corp.	9/13	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Laborer claimed three-story fall ended career	Mauricio Malagon, New York, NY of Dinkes & Schwitzer	\$ 6,327,800
Mamzer v. Consolidated Edison of New York Inc.	11/10	Kings Supreme	Construction worker electrocuted while erecting scaffold adjacent to power lines	Peter P. Traub, Jr., New York, NY of trial counsel to Law Offices of Antoni Moczyszynski, Brooklyn, NY	\$ 6,000,000
Aguilar v. 610 West Realty LLC.	4/20	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Worker hit by falling doorframe underwent fusion of back, neck	Howard R. Borowick, New York, NY of counsel, Law Offices of Jacob Oresky	\$ 5,600,000
Cocoli v. Champion Construction Corp.	5/17	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed shaky ladder caused fall, spinal fractures	Nick Gjelaj and Daniel P. O'Toole, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP, New York, NY, trial counsel, Elliot Iffrimoff & Associates, P.C., Forest Hills, NY	\$ 4,900,000
Migliaccio v. 808 Columbus LLC	1/4	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker lost toes, claimed he was placed too close to danger	Pat James Crispi, New York, NY of Keogh Crispi P.C.	\$4,500,000
Shabazz v. City of New York	2/1	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Contractors didn't address icy renovation site, worker alleged	Steven M. Weinstein, New York, NY of The Perecman Firm, PLLC	\$ 4,093,694
Caban v. Maria Estela House I Assoc. LP	6/25	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker broke ankle, leg in 20-foot fall after electric shock	D. Carl Lustig, III, New York, NY of Arye, Lustig & Sassower, P.C.	\$ 4,077,239
Turk v. CPS 1 Realty LP	5/7	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Plaintiff alleged roof's dangerous condition resulted in injury	Nick Gjelaj and Daniel P. O'Toole, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP	\$ 4,000,000
Rawlings v. City of New York	9/7	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's spine fractured in 20-foot fall	Michael A. Rose, New York, NY of Hach & Rose, LLP	\$ 3,475,000
Lee v. Riverhead Bay Motors	11/23	New York Supreme	Scaffolds and Ladders: Appeals court's reversal of \$ 1.3 million verdict led to second trial	Kenneth A. Wilhelm, New York, NY of Law Offices of Kenneth A. Wilhelm	\$ 3,375,576
Gualpa v. Key Fat Corp.	10/19	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Laborer broke ankle in fall from unsecured ladder	Michael A. Madonna, New York, NY of Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman, P.C.	\$ 3,118,600
Ma v. Bradmor LLC	6/18	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's 20-foot fall caused spinal fracture	Peter K. Overzat, New York, NY of Morelli & Ratner	\$ 3,040,039
Estate of Mielnik v. Demarest Mill Realty	3/22	Rockland Supreme	Labor Law: Worker died after fall through hole on building's second floor	Slawek W. Platta, New York, NY of Slawek W. Platta PLLC	\$ 3,000,000
Iannaci v. 808 Columbus LLC	8/5	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker blamed 15-foot fall on unstable scaffold planks	William Cafaro, New York, NY and Steven M. Pivovar, Nanuet, NY, trial counsel to Jasper & Jasper	\$ 3,000,000
Moran v. Fifth @ 42nd LLC	9/1	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Worker hit by falling wood, claimed injuries of spine, knees	Stuart M. Rissoff, Garden City, NY	\$3,000,000
Lalvay v. MBC Contractors Inc.	3/19	Rockland Supreme	Labor Law: Roofer suffered brain damage in fall from scaffold	John S. Park, Bronx, NY of Park & Nguyen	\$ 2,750,000
Dooling v. NTX Interiors Inc.	2/24	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Electrician claimed shock led to fall, spinal woes	Keith D. Silverstein and Clifford J. Stern, New York, NY of Silverstein & Stern, LLP	\$2,600,000
Baran v. Clinton Green Condo, LLC	3/3	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worn plywood stepping surface a hazard, worker claimed	Michael A. Rose, New York, NY of Hach & Rose, L.L.P.	\$ 2,500,000
Jovicevic v. Structure Tone Inc.	5/3	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Parties debated whether injured worker fell or jumped	Jason Shapiro, Bronx, NY of Shapiro Law Offices, PLLC	\$ 2,500,000
Zwitek v. New York City School Construction Authority	2/4	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's 12-foot fall blamed on lack of safe equipment	David H. Perecman, New York, NY of The Perecman Firm, PLLC	\$ 2,400,000
Lupo v. Pro Foods, LLC.	8/2	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Mason fell into freshly poured cement at job site	Adam M. Hurwitz and David H. Perecman, New York, NY of The Perecman Firm, PLLC	\$ 2,367,296
Ramphal v. 415 Greenwich Owner, LLC	1/21	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's ankle and neck fractures blamed on shifty ladder	Glenn K. Faegenburg, New York, NY of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown, LLP	\$ 2,300,000
Ankiah v. 459 West 18th Street, LLC	8/13	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Modified hoist shaft caused deadly accident, suit alleged	Nick Gjelaj and Daniel P. O'Toole, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP, trial counsel to Michael T. Ridge, Bronx, NY	\$ 2,250,000
Drazek v. Pontiac Holding LLC.	9/21	Rockland Supreme	Labor Law: Mason claimed lack of safety equipment resulted in fall	Jason Krakower and Howard A. Raphaelson, New York, NY of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm, P.C.	\$ 2,250,000

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT (Continued)

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Xhaferri v. NYC Partnership Housing Development Fund Co. Inc.	9/13	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Parties debated permanency of worker's spinal fracture	Ylber Albert Dauti, New York, NY of The Dauti Law Firm, P.C.	\$ 2,225,000
Whelan v. International Plaza Associates, L.P.	7/20	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Carpenter struck by falling door, caused spinal injuries	Jeffrey A. Block and S. Joseph Donahue, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP	\$ 2,225,000
Morales-Morillo v. Sunnyside Commons, LLC.	8/9	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed 40-foot fall caused injuries of brain, spine	Kenneth J. Halperin, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti & Shapiro, L.L.P.	\$ 2,200,000
Flores v. Love Lane Mews, LLC	10/26	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Laborer's fall in uncovered hole caused injuries	Jeffrey A. Block and S. Joseph Donahue, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP	\$ 2,200,000
Ganiev v. E S M Construction Corp.	3/3	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Carpenter hit by falling wood, claimed brain, neck injuries	Frederick C. Aranki and Daniel P. O'Toole, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$ 2,150,000
Avella v. 7 World Trade Co., L.P.	9/16	New York Civil	Labor Law: Worker cut by plywood claimed disabling nerve damage	Peter Ginsberg, Mineola, NY of Ginsberg & Bianco, LLP	\$ 2,150,000
Zaffarese v. 123 William Street LLC	11/18	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Unsecured ladder not fit for job, worker claimed	Michael A. Rose, New York, NY of Hach & Rose, LLP	\$ 2,000,000
Kim v. State Street Hospitality, LLC.	11/9	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Plaintiff was struck by falling debris while working on ladder	Edward V. Sapone and Paul H. Schietroma, New York, NY	\$ 1,922,215
Castillo v. 62-25 30th Ave & Realty, LLC	10/20	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Demo worker claimed fall caused permanent injuries	Mariangela Chiaravallotti, New York, NY of Friedman & Friedman	\$ 1,800,000
Carson v. Scrufari Construction Co. Inc.	2/25	Niagara Supreme	Labor Law: Unstable scaffold caused fall, spinal injuries, carpenter alleged	John F. Maxwell, Buffalo, NY of Maxwell Murphy, LLC	\$ 1,750,000
Williams v. NYC	7/8	Bronx Supreme	Slip and Fall: Plaintiff allegedly demanded doctor certify him as disabled	Adam Levien, and Devon Reiff, New York, NY of Sacks & Sacks	\$ 1,750,000
Valentin v. Kivo Realty, LLC	6/29	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed fall from ladder caused shoulder, spine injuries	David Schuller, New York, NY of Edelman & Edelman, P.C.	\$ 1,735,000
Rydza v. Northeast Transit & William, LLC	3/4	Erie Supreme	Labor Law: Fall caused elbow, neck, shoulder injuries, worker alleged	Catherine Beltz-Foley and Stephen R. Foley, Buffalo, NY of Paul William Beltz, P.C.	\$ 1,729,680
Santaella v. United Parcel Service Inc.	4/28	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker broke wrist, tore shoulder in fall from ladder	Michael A. Madonna, New York, NY of Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman, P.C.	\$ 1,669,259
Waltz v. Bethpage Energy Center 3, LLC	3/9	Suffolk Supreme	Labor Law: Work site's stairs marred by dirt, debris, plaintiff alleged	James J. McCrorie, New York, NY of Fanning & McCrorie, P.C.	\$ 1,580,000
Ragghianti v. Manocherian	4/9	New York Supreme	Fall from Height: Worker suffered spinal injuries when scaffold collapsed	Marc E. Freund and Thomas J. Moverman, New York, NY of Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, P.C.	\$ 1,500,000
Alagna v. P/C 89th Street LLC	3/3	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Job site's makeshift walkway a hazard, worker alleged	Mark L. Hankin, New York, NY of Hankin & Mazel, PLLC	\$ 1,500,000
Gregory v. Miller's Tool Rental & Sales Corp	6/17	Kings Supreme	Scaffolds and Ladders: Defendant claimed owner familiar with scaffolds and should have inspected prior to use...	Michael Barnett, New York, NY of Law Offices of Michael Barnett	\$ 1,500,000
McCutchan v. Philip Ross Industries Inc.	4/29	Nassau Supreme	Labor Law: Parties debated whether ladder was suitable for dismantling job	Thomas S. Russo, Carle Place, NY of Edelman, Krasin & Jaye PLLC	\$ 1,425,000
Perez v. 281 Broadway Holdings, LLC	3/2	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's hand crushed by concrete plate	Stephen J. Murphy & David L. Scher, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$ 1,350,000
Urena v. Ciampa Estates, LLC.	2/11	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Parties debated presence of scaffold in worker's accident	Adam M. Orlow, Flushing, NY of The Orlow Firm	\$ 1,250,000
Nelson v. 90 Fifth Owner, LLC.	2/22	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's 15-foot fall blamed on unstable scaffold	Kenneth J. Halperin, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti & Shapiro, LLP	\$ 1,200,000
Uddin v. 98-100 Skillman Street Condominium Inc	11/4	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker's fall from ladder caused three fractures of spine	William T. Bellard, Garden City, NY of Marshall & Bellard, Garden City, NY, of counsel, John Chambers, PC, New York, NY	\$ 1,200,000
Alford v. City of New York	1/19	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Modified saw caused facial laceration, worker claimed	Sean P. Constable and Stephen J. Murphy, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, L.L.P.	\$ 1,150,000
Cuevas v. Elaine Kaufman Cultural Center	8/17	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Plaintiff claimed 20-foot fall ended construction career	Gary Silverstein, New York, NY of Rosenberg, Minc, Falkoff & Wolff	\$ 1,139,814
Wasek v. New York City Health & Hospital	1/13	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Drilling accident left worker blind in one eye	Daniel T. Leav, New York, NY of Leav & Steinberg, L.L.P.	\$ 1,100,000
Parnell v. Mareddy	3/24	Nassau Supreme	Labor Law: Worker sustained seven fractures in 20-foot fall	Bruce Egert, Richmond Hill, NY of Law Offices of Bruce Egert	\$ 1,000,000
Hricus v. Aurora Contractors, Inc	5/17	Suffolk Supreme	Labor Law: Worker hurt by hand truck claimed defect was ignored	Edmond C. Chakmakian, Hauppauge, NY of Law Offices of Edmond C. Chakmakian, P.C.	\$ 1,000,000
Potter v. Jay E. Potter Co. Inc.	4/20	Wyoming Supreme	Labor Law: Worker catapulted off of forklift during unloading of truck	Richard P. Amico and K. John Wright, Rochester, NY of Cellino & Barnes, P.C.	\$ 1,000,000
Alfaro v. 65 West 13th Acquisition LLC	2/5	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed job site's unfinished stairs a hazard	Ronald J. Katter, New York, NY of Law Office of Ronald Katter;	\$ 1,000,000
Frederick v. West 63 Empire Associates LLC	9/30	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker loses finger to power saw with no guard	Rovin R. Rozario, Brooklyn, NY of Rozario & Associates, P.C.	\$ 1,000,000
O'Brien v. Kubricky Construction	11/24	Saratoga Supreme	Fall from Height: Defense: Quarryman must've climbed ladder too quickly	Michael C. Conway, Albany, NY of Harris, Conway & Donovan, PLLC	\$ 911,179
Ramirez v. Marine Estates LLC	4/28	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Parties debated scaffold's link to worker's injuries	Adam M. Orlow, Flushing, NY of The Orlow Firm	\$ 900,000
Meng v. Forbes Homes Inc.	1/12	Erie Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed arm remains numb, painful after fall at job site	Catherine Beltz-Foley, Stephen R. Foley and Timothy Hudson, Buffalo, NY of Paul William Beltz, P.C.	\$ 850,000

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT (Continued)

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Harvey v. Dunn-Chatham Inc.	5/6	Columbia Supreme	Labor Law: Carpenter hurt wrist, elbow in fall from roof	Mark D. Greenberg, Hudson, NY of Greenberg & Greenberg	\$ 850,000
Martinovic v. 160/170 Varick Street Condominium	10/27	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Steamfitter claimed permanent disability as a result of fall	Kostantinos Mallas, Brooklyn, NY of Georgaklis & Mallas PLLC, Brooklyn, NY, trial counsel to David Lee Esq., New York, NY	\$ 830,000
Iacono v. Merciful Spring, LLC	7/13	Kings Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed construction site accident caused spinal woes	Edward A. Steinberg, New York, NY of Leav & Steinberg, L.L.P.	\$ 820,000
Garcia v. Plaza 400 Owners, Corp.	7/23	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Sidewalk shed not safely constructed, worker alleged	Michael E. Jaffe, New York, NY of Pazer, Epstein & Jaffe, P.C.	\$ 800,000
Fernandez v. Yorkshire Towers Company Successor II, L.P.	7/21	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Shaky plywood not enough to stop fall into shaft, worker alleged	Sean P. Constable and Stephen J. Murphy, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$ 800,000
Ortiz v. Ferrarone	12/17	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Worker fractured spine in 20-foot fall from ladder	Luis F. Ras, White Plains, NY of Ras Associates, PLLC	\$ 800,000
Prince v. 198-210 16th Street LLC.	9/23	Bronx Supreme	Labor Law: Suit's parties debated worker's need for protective eyewear	Pablo A. Sosa, Bronx, NY of Law Office of William A. Gallina	\$ 750,000
Son v. Mittal Steel USA Inc.	1/5	Queens Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed 20-foot fall caused spine, shoulder injuries	David N. Sloan, Hicksville, NY of Law Offices of David N. Sloan	\$ 650,000
Masullo v. 1199 Housing Corp.	1/5	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Worker claimed no equipment provided for overhead work	William Peterman, Bronx, NY of Corpina, Piergrossi, Klar & Peterman, LLP	\$ 650,000
Roca v. Hunter Roberts Construction Group	4/8	New York Supreme	Labor Law: Scaffold not fit for painting job, plaintiff alleged	Edward J. Pavia, Jr., Staten Island, NY of Jonathan D'Agostino & Associates, P.C.	\$ 550,000

INSURANCE

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Gubbins v. Allstate Indemnity Co.	4/21	Nassau Supreme	Coverage: Homeowners claimed insurer's error cost them after fire	Johnathan C. Lerner, New York, NY of Abraham, Lerner & Arnold, LLP	\$ 245,742
Grim v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co	8/2	Monroe Supreme	Denial of Claim: Homeowners challenged insurer's refusal to replace roof	Eric D. Handelman, Rochester, NY of Handelman Witkowitz & Levitsky	\$ 12,980
Cassidy v. Allstate Insurance Co.	6/17	Kings Supreme	Denial of Claim: Plaintiff alleged insurer wrongly denied theft claim	Joseph H. Dirks, Brooklyn, NY of Joseph H. Dirks, P.C.	\$ 12,500

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Want Ad Digest Inc. v. Display Advertising Inc.	7/27	U.S. District Court, Northern District	Copyrights: Advertising newsletter duped competitor's ads	Salvatore D. Ferlazzo and Robert F. Manfredo, Albany, NY of Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C.	\$ 6,020,250

INTENTIONAL TORTS

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Hughes v. Seymore	8/6	Suffolk Supreme	Assault and Battery: Woman sued ex after being slashed in knife attack	Jonathan A. Baum, Bay Shore, NY of Siben & Siben, LLP	\$ 1,500,000
Brown v. City N.Y.	7/16	Bronx Supreme	Assault and Battery: Police too rough in arrest after car chase, plaintiffs alleged	Carol L. Schlitt, Huntington, NY of Carol L. Schlitt, Esq.; Melvin Dubinsky, New York, NY of Law Office of Melvin Dubinsky	\$ 550,000
Stampf v. Long Island Railroad Co.	12/10	U.S. District Court, Eastern District	Malicious Prosecution: Co-worker's false claim led to arrest, plaintiff alleged	Philip J. Dinhofer, Rockville Centre, NY of Phillip J. Dinhofer LLC	\$ 480,000
Cohen v. Bread & Butter Entertainment LLC.	11/19	New York Supreme	Assault and Battery: Nightclub denied liability for fight that left patron injured	Bonnie Reid Berkow and Daniel J. Schneider, New York, NY of Wagner Davis P.C.	\$ 360,782
Byrd v. City of New York	11/19	Kings Supreme	False Arrest: Plumbers mistaken for prowlers claimed false arrest, battery	Christopher J. Donadio, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$ 350,000
Lewis v. Fischer	6/10	U.S. District Court, Eastern District	Sexual Assault: Prisoner claimed frisk included squeezing of genitals	Yonatan Even and Alexandra Reeve Givens, New York, NY of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, LLP	\$ 300,000
Samuels v. Samuels	4/14	Kings Supreme	Libel: Plaintiff alleged niece's claims of theft destroyed his business	Dov Medinets, New York, NY of Ginsberg & Wolf	\$ 237,000
Bannout v. City of New York	8/3	Kings Supreme	False Arrest: Solicitation charges unfounded, plaintiff alleged	David S. Dender, New York, NY of Law Office of Eric H. Green	\$ 200,000
Weidler v. Coluzzi	6/24	Nassau Supreme	Fraudulent Concealment: Attorney worked both ends of real estate deal, suit alleged	Jeffrey Benjamin, Forest Hills, NY of Jeffrey Benjamin P.C.	\$ 200,000
Arrington v. Thompson	6/28	New York Supreme	Assault and Battery: Maid claimed impatient employer punched her	Randy M. Levine, New York, NY of Schacher & Levine, LLP	\$ 150,000
Lawton v. City of New York	1/8	Queens Supreme	False Arrest: Black probation officer alleged discrimination in arrest	Adam M. Orlow, Flushing, NY of The Orlow Firm	\$ 150,000
Charleston v. City of New York	6/25	New York Supreme	Assault and Battery: Bar's patron claimed bouncers hurt him while police watched	Bruce S. Povman, Forest Hills, NY of Morton Povman, P.C.	\$ 110,000

BASED ON DATA FROM  VERDICTSEARCH

INTENTIONAL TORTS

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Saccomanno v. Rodriguez	7/28	Nassau Supreme	Battery: Teen hurt during brawl at party, blamed underage drinking	Alan D. Levine, Kew Gardens, NY of Alan D. Levine, Attorney at Law	\$ 50,000
Moore v. City of Albany	12/1	U.S. District Court, Northern District	False Arrest: Arrestee claimed police slammed and pepper-sprayed him	Terence L. Kindlon, Albany, NY of Kindlon Shanks & Associates	\$ 39,000
Gonzalez v. City of New York	1/11	U.S. District Court, Eastern District	False Arrest: Woman claimed no basis for prostitution charge	Richard Cardinale, Brooklyn, NY of Law Offices of Richard Cardinale	\$ 35,000
Ferrante v. McQuade	11/22	Nassau Supreme	Assault and Battery: Dustup at party ended in split lip, plaintiff claimed	George Gavalas, Mineola, NY	\$ 23,000
Johnson v. City of New York	12/13	U.S. District Court, Southern District	Malicious Prosecution: Prosecutor got bad information from police, arrestee alleged	David M. Godosky, New York, NY of Godosky & Gentile, P.C.	\$ 20,000

LEGAL MALPRACTICE

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Casa de Meadows Inc. v. Zaman	12/15	New York Supreme	Breach of Fiduciary Duty: Prince claimed his attorneys breached fiduciary duty	Linda C. Goldstein and Philip A. Irwin, New York, NY of Covington & Burling LLP & Jonathan Berman, Washington, DC of Jones & Adams & Geoffrey S. Stewart, Washington, DC of Jones Day	\$10,125,000
Feinberg v. Boros	10/29	New York Supreme	Malpractice: Dispute over sale of business led to legal malpractice claim	Richard Derzaw, New York, NY; Steven G. Storch, New York, NY of Storch Amini & Munves	\$ 8,588,680

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Gonzalez v. Guillaume	7/23	Bronx Supreme	Surgical Error: Surgeon overlooked damaged colon, patient alleged	Sam Rosmarin, White Plains, NY of counsel to Friedman, Levy, Goldfarb & Green, P.C., New York, NY	\$20,000,000
Brower v. Schneider	1/22	Queens Supreme	Failure to Consult: Untreated infection damaged boy's brain, parents alleged	Thomas A. Moore, New York, NY of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore	\$13,300,000
Durney v. Jacobowitz	11/9	Kings Supreme	Failure to Monitor: Patient's death due to spike of glucose, suit alleged	Edward S. Goodman, New York, NY of Simonson Hess Leibowitz & Goodman, P.C.	\$ 7,995,579

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE (Continued)

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Chapins v. Marmur	3/4	Westchester Supreme	Infection Control:	Preston J. Douglas and Richard A. Gurfein, New York, NY of Gurfein Douglas LLP	\$7,400,000
McNamara v. St. Francis Hospital	12/22	Queens Supreme	Misdiagnosis: Suit: Docs misread signs that led to cardiopulmonary arrest	Steven E. Pegalis, Lake Success, NY of Pegalis & Erickson	\$ 7,000,000
Castro v. New York City Health & Hospitals Corp.	5/26	Kings Supreme	Failure to Diagnose: Estate claimed negligent treatment of stenosis resulted in death	Judith A. Livingston, New York, NY of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore	\$6,350,000
McCabe v. Albany Medical Center Hospital	4/2	Albany Supreme	Surgeon: Suit: Doc's error led to fatal hemorrhage during C-section	John K. Powers, Albany, NY of Powers & Santola, LLP	\$ 5,200,000
Grimley v. St. John's Riverside Hospital	9/21	Bronx Supreme	Delayed Treatment: Untreated meningitis damaged child's brain, mother alleged	Michael K. Eidman, New York, NY of Law offices of Michael K. Eidman	\$ 4,825,000
Backus v. Kaleida Health	10/14	Erie Supreme	Surgical Error: Spine damaged during removal of kidney, plaintiff alleged	R. Colin Campbell, Eden, NY of Campbell & Shelton LLP	\$ 4,145,000
Clark v. Brookdale Hospital Medical Center	7/8	Kings Supreme	Failure to Treat: Untreated jaundice caused cerebral palsy, suit alleged	Robert Vilensky, New York, NY of Ronemus & Vilensky, LLP	\$ 4,000,000
Zevola v. Gruendel	1/7	Dutchess Supreme	Failure to Monitor: Cardiac drug, unmonitored, proved fatal, suit alleged	Steven M. Fink, New York, NY of Fink & Platz	\$ 3,900,000
Torres v. Bell	9/29	Queens Supreme	Childbirth: Obstetricians' maneuvers caused infant's palsy, suit alleged	Michael B. Ronemus, New York, NY of Ronemus & Vilensky	\$ 3,579,500
Doe v. Berlin	6/2	Bronx Supreme	Wrong Procedure: Tumor's removal led to sexual dysfunction, patient alleged	K. Vanderpuye, New York, NY of trial counsel, Paul Weitz & Associates	\$ 3,560,000
Curbelo-Gomez v. Winthrop-University Hospital	7/5	Matter not filed	Failure to Monitor: Intubated patient not adequately watched, suit alleged	William T. Burdo, Mineola, NY	\$ 3,500,000
Stothart v. Montefiore Medical Center	9/17	Bronx Supreme	Negligent Treatment: Clot-preventing measures led to eight surgeries, plaintiff alleged	Conrad Jordan, East Hampton, NY , trial counsel, John Chambers, P.C., New York, NY; Peter DeFilippis, New York, NY of Peter DeFilippis & Associates, P.C. (referring firm)	\$ 3,500,000
Estate of Alaimo v. Berman (MD, PC)	3/10	Richmond Supreme	Wrong Procedure: Breast enhancement led to deformity, divorce, suit alleged	Michael J. Kuharski, Staten Island, NY of Kuharski, Levitz & Giovinazzo, Esqs.	\$ 3,500,000
David v. Appelbaum	3/26	Queens Supreme	Negligent Treatment: Docs didn't perform life-saving transfusion, suit alleged	Judith A. Livingston, New York, NY of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore	\$3,250,000

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Pantano v. NYCTA	5/19	Kings Supreme	Question of Lights: Car crash's parties disputed status of lights	William Schwitzer, New York, NY of Dinkes & Schwitzer	\$10,000,000
Jiang v. Dollar Rent a Car Inc.	5/6	Kings Supreme	Red Light: Bicyclist hit by car alleged brain damage	Paul Dansker and Douglas E. Hoffer, New York, NY of Dansker & Aspromonte Associates	\$ 6,125,000
Apa v. Radolinski	1/13	Erie Supreme	Left Turn: Driver's hasty turn caused crash, motorcyclist alleged	Terrence P. Higgins, Buffalo, NY of Higgins Kane Law Group PC	\$ 4,950,000
Tselebis v. ABC Co. Inc.	3/11	Bronx Supreme	Motorcycle: Motorcyclist lost spleen, part of foot in crash with truck	Gerard N. Misk, Queens, NY of Ginsburg & Misk	\$ 4,800,000
Khan v. Guina	7/22	Kings Supreme	Wrong Way: Plaintiff claimed vehicular crash caused psychological trauma	Dimitri Kotzamanis of Shaevitz & Shaevitz	\$ 3,600,000
Caceras v. New York Public Library	4/15	Bronx Civil	Question of Lights: Car crash's parties disputed status of traffic signals	William Schwitzer, New York, NY of Dinkes & Schwitzer	\$ 3,300,000
Tsetsakos v. Bonaparte	8/10	Kings Supreme	Center Line: Car crash ended career, ironworker claimed	Eric R. Bernstein, New York, NY of Law Offices of Eric R. Bernstein	\$ 3,100,000
Batiz v. Rivera	4/9	Bronx Supreme	Motor Scooter: Parties debated whether motor scooter equals 'motor vehicle'	Jason Shapiro, Bronx, NY of Shapiro Law Offices, PLLC	\$ 2,100,000
Blount v. Regency Recycling Corp. of Rosedale	8/23	Kings Supreme	Speeding: Car crash caused brain injury, plaintiff alleged	Jeffrey A. Block and S. Joseph Donahue, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP	\$ 1,800,000
Davidson v. Bruno	7/13	Putnam Supreme	Left Turn: Motorcyclist claimed crash's injuries ended police career	Anthony Pirrotti, Jr., Scarsdale, NY of Pirrotti Law Firm LLC	\$ 1,500,000
Sanchez v. City of New York	9/24	New York Supreme	Left Turn: Fire truck's driver didn't yield at intersection, motorcyclist alleged	Daniel P. O'Toole, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP, New York, NY, trial counsel, Philip Sporn, New York, NY	\$ 1,500,000
Espinal v. Glosser	7/2	Bronx Supreme	Lane Change: Expressway crash blamed on trucker's change of lanes	Paul J. Edelstein, New York, NY of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown LLP, New York, NY, of counsel, Sol Zepnick PC	\$ 1,500,000
Wilcher v. Pogostin	12/22	Kings Supreme	Multiple Vehicle: Plaintiff claimed car crash's injuries ended career aspirations	Joelle T. Jensen, New York, NY of Dinkes & Schwitzer	\$ 1,400,000
Zimmel v. Smith	7/28	Suffolk Supreme	Center Line: Car crash blamed on motorist who lost control in icy conditions	Ted M. Rosenberg, Holtsville, NY of Rosenberg & Gluck, L.L.P.	\$ 1,400,000
Gushlaw v. Sutliff	4/26	Onondaga Supreme	Sideswipe: Rig driver's hasty lane change caused crash, plaintiff alleged	Jeffrey G. Pomeroy, Syracuse, NY of Greene & Reid, LLP	\$ 1,200,000

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Washington-Weston v. United States of America	1/29	U.S. District Court, Eastern District	Broadside: Toppled traffic signal blamed for car crash that injured three	Henry W. Davoli, Rockville Centre, NY of Law Offices of Henry W. Davoli, Jr., PLLC & Alejandro Monroy, Melville, NY of The Law Offices of Peter Dodge	\$ 1,100,000
Meawad v. HVT Inc.	3/3	Queens Supreme	Multiple Vehicle: Car crash caused spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Jeffrey A. Block and S. Joseph Donahue, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP	\$ 1,065,000
Citarelli v. Estate of Marine	9/15	Suffolk Supreme	Red Light: Car crash caused injuries of back and neck, plaintiff claimed	Stephen J. Murphy and David L. Scher, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$ 1,000,000
Landi v. Villano	9/17	Suffolk Supreme	Center Line: Plaintiff broke arms and legs in head-on car crash	Frank M. Maffei, Jr., St. James, NY of Jakubowski, Robertson, Maffei, Goldsmith & Tartaglia, LLP	\$ 994,340
Rene v. Abrams	4/23	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Trucker ignored stop sign, caused crash, plaintiff alleged	Keith M. Sullivan, Middle Village, NY of Sullivan & Galleshaw, LLP	\$ 900,000
Diaz v. Elrac Inc.	11/22	Suffolk Supreme	Stop Sign: Motorist didn't yield at stop sign, plaintiff alleged	Randy S. Nissan, Bay Shore, NY of Siben & Siben, LLP	\$ 900,000
Brown v. Gettinger	9/28	Nassau Supreme	Motorcycle: Motorcyclist, car's driver traded blame for not avoiding crash	Conrad Jordan, New York, NY of trial counsel, Fink & Platz	\$ 900,000
Reichenberg v. Hernandez	1/19	Queens Supreme	Lane Change: Crash knocked plaintiff's vehicle into cement barrier	Glenn Darnell, East Meadow, NY of Russo, Darnell & Lodato, LLP.	\$ 900,000
Paci-O'Rourke v. Hicks	10/11	Suffolk Supreme	Sideswipe: Parties debated link between car crash and plaintiff's injuries	Glenn Auletta and Michael DellaUniversita, Ronkonkoma, NY of Gruenberg & Kelly, P.C.	\$ 775,000
Peters v. Moskovitz	5/5	Queens Supreme	Question of Lights: Car crash's parties disputed status of traffic signals	Mark S. DeAngelis of DeAngelis & Hafiz	\$ 750,000
Letson v. Manetta	11/3	Queens Supreme	Left Turn: Plaintiff's elbow fractured in car crash	Glenn Auletta, Ronkonkoma, NY of Gruenberg & Kelly, P.C.	\$ 750,000
Jordan, Jr. v. County of Suffolk	4/12	Suffolk Supreme	Bicycle: Bicyclist breaks both legs when rear-ended by police car	Kenneth S. Feraru, Mineola, NY & Oscar Michelen, Mineola, NY of Sandback, Birnbaum & Michelen	\$ 750,000
Assalone v. Anderson	7/21	Dutchess Supreme	Question of Lights: Car crash's parties disputed status of traffic signals	Anthony M. DeFazio and Joan F. Garrett, Wappingers Falls, NY of Vergilis, Stenger, Roberts, Davis & Diamond, LLP	\$ 700,000
Caico v. Greenbaum	7/27	Suffolk Supreme	Left Turn: Defense: Motorcyclist crossed line in crash with car	Thomas J. Stock, Mineola, NY of Stock & Carr	\$ 700,000
Langan v. City of New York	5/13	Kings Supreme	Intersection: City neglected to repair faulty traffic light, plaintiff alleged	Michael J. Asta, New York, NY of Asta & Associates, P.C.	\$ 700,000
Estate of Shannon v. City of Long Beach	2/8	Nassau Supreme	Stop Sign: City, bus driver liable for fatal bicycle accident, estate alleged	Thomas F. Liotti and Edward A. Paltzik, Garden City, NY of Law Offices of Thomas F. Liotti	\$ 610,000
Eric T. v. Marvin B.	3/16	Dutchess Supreme	Head-On: Head-on car crash caused brain, neck injuries, plaintiff alleged	Richard Greenblatt, Poughkeepsie, NY of Rutberg & Associates, P.C.	\$ 600,000
Silver v. Sklar	7/1	Suffolk Supreme	Question of Lights: Car crash's parties disputed status of traffic signals	Glenn Auletta, Ronkonkoma, NY of Gruenberg & Kelly, P.C.	\$ 596,850
Sauers v. Blind	5/7	Ulster Supreme	Center Line: Car crash caused bulging, protruding discs, plaintiff alleged	Eli B. Basch, Kingston, NY of Basch & Keegan L.L.P.	\$ 550,000
LaVeglia v. Engel	5/5	Greene Supreme	Yield Sign: Woman sustained fractured leg in car crash	William M. Simon, Tannersville, NY	\$ 526,000
Anthony v. Bobkoff	6/18	Bronx Supreme	Lane Change: Plaintiff: Defendant's unsafe lane change caused crash	Daniel S. Berke, Bronx, NY of trial counsel, Philip J. Sporn & Associates	\$ 500,000
Zhu v. New York City Transit Authority	7/26	New York Supreme	Bicycle: Bus driver, bicyclist debated who initiated collision	Adam E. Deutsch, Esq., New York, NY of Morelli Ratner P.C.	\$ 500,000
Rivas v. New York City Transit Authority	5/28	Bronx Supreme	Bicycle: Bicyclist hit by bus blamed inattentive driver	Donte O. Mills, New York, NY of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo, P.C.	\$ 490,000
Konfidan v. FF Taxi Inc.	3/23	Bronx Supreme	Lane Change: Plaintiff claimed he tore shoulder in car crash	Todd A. Restivo, Garden City, NY of Law Office of Todd A. Restivo	\$ 475,000
Nunez v. Garcia-Solis	7/12	Queens Supreme	Red Light: Driver fleeing one crash caused another, plaintiff alleged	Erik L. Gray, New York, NY of Weiss & Rosenbloom, P.C.	\$ 450,000
Skopp v. Duggan	4/14	Rockland Supreme	Left Turn: Bicyclist and motorist collided, each claimed other not attentive	Scott A. Wolinetz, New York, NY of Law Offices of Scott A. Wolinetz	\$ 450,000
Perez v. Vasquez	7/1	New York Supreme	Red Light: Motorist turned through red light, caused crash, suit alleged	Jay S. Hausman, Hartsdale, NY of Jay S. Hausman & Associates, P.C.	\$ 430,420
Hill v. Ajunwa	10/1	Kings Supreme	U-Turn: Motorcyclist lost kidney, spleen as a result of crash	Rene Myatt, Hollis, NY of Law Office of Rene Myatt	\$ 430,000
Carfora v. Raio	6/15	Richmond Supreme	Parking Lot: Crash caused head injury and leg wound, motorcyclist alleged	Steven Gershowitz and Andrew J. Levine, New York, NY of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm P.C.	\$ 430,000

BASED ON DATA FROM  VERDICTSEARCH

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

(Continued)

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Diaz v. City of New York	4/23	Bronx Supreme	Multiple Vehicle: Car crash caused by inattentive motorist, plaintiff alleged	Ira M. Perlman, New York, NY of New York, NY, trial counsel, Reid B. Wissner	\$ 400,000
Goodman v. Estate of Schaffer	3/16	Kings Supreme	Question of Lights: Car's driver, bicyclist both claimed right of way	Russell LiBrizzi, Brooklyn, NY of Lozner & Mastropietro	\$ 390,000
Quartlbaum v. Tranka	12/17	New York Supreme	Parked Car:	Adam Cahn and Mitchel E. Weiss, New York, NY of Sakkas, Cahn & Weiss, LLP	\$ 375,000
Kinal v. Allstate Insurance Co.	12/17	Erie Supreme	Stop Sign: Car crash caused spinal herniations, plaintiff claimed	Robert A. Scalione, Buffalo, NY of Cellino & Barnes P.C.	\$ 330,000
Ruthinoski v. Brinkman	6/22	Suffolk Supreme	Left Turn: Motorcyclist struck turning van while on wrong side of road	Anthony Palumbo, Mattituck, NY of Goggins & Palumbo	\$ 302,500
Bachert v. Ram Cab Corp.	4/15	Kings Supreme	Multiple Vehicle: Plaintiff hurt in car crash while confronting alleged rapist	Jason Krakower, New York, NY of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm, P.C.	\$ 300,000
Wolcott v. Woeller	5/3	Genesee Supreme	Center Line: Motorist failed to negotiate icy road, plaintiff alleged	Carrie L. Smith, Buffalo, NY of Smith, Miner, O'Shea & Smith LLP	\$ 282,500
Kennedy-White v. Follett	6/23	Bronx Supreme	Weather Conditions: Car crash's parties each claimed other lost control	Alan M. Greenberg, New York, NY of Law Offices of Alan M. Greenberg	\$ 250,000
Guevara v. de la Cruz	7/19	New York Supreme	Motor Scooter: Driver's hasty turn caused crash, mo-ped rider claimed	Christopher L. Vargas, New York, NY of Bader, Yakaitis & Nonnenmacher, LLP	\$ 250,000
Catches v. State Farm Insurance Co.	1/14	Matter not filed	Lane Change: Insurer, injured bicyclist debated coverage	Jared T. Levine, New York, NY of Dervishi, Levine & Morgan, P.C.	\$ 250,000
Perez v. Fanning	1/27	Westchester Supreme	Left Turn: Driver's hasty turn caused crash, motorcyclist alleged	Matthew Haicken and Edward A. Lemmo, New York, NY of Proner & Proner	\$ 227,783
Carr-Crews v. Ace Oil Inc.	11/16	Ulster Supreme	Red Light: Car crash caused head, spine, shoulder injuries, plaintiff alleged	Jeff Brody, Kingston, NY of Jeff Brody Injury Law	\$ 225,000
Brown v. Dato	10/1	Westchester Supreme	Left Turn: Driver's dangerous turn caused crash, motorcyclist alleged	Brad A. Kauffman, New York, NY of The Law Office of Brad A. Kauffman, PLLC	\$ 220,000

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: NO-FAULT

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Hart v. Burden	3/2	Suffolk Supreme	No-Fault Case: Multi-car crash caused shoulder, spine injuries, plaintiff alleged	Michael A. Rose, New York, NY of Hach & Rose, L.L.P.	\$ 2,225,000
Rakvin v. Sovereign Motor Cars Ltd.	5/25	Kings Supreme	No-Fault Case: EMT claimed car crash's injury ended career	Jonathan D'Agostino and Glen DeVora, Staten Island, NY of Jonathan D'Agostino & Associates P.C.	\$ 1,500,000
Brussenski v. Cohen	4/7	Nassau Supreme	No-Fault Case: Plaintiff claimed car crash exacerbated spinal condition	Stephen J. Murphy and David L. Scher, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$ 1,200,000
Sundberg v. County of Erie	8/6	Erie Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused disabling injuries of spine, plaintiff alleged	Denis J. Bastible, Buffalo, NY of Cellino & Barnes	\$ 1,100,000
Bautista v. Elrac Inc.	6/16	Bronx Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused caused spinal injuries, plaintiff alleged	Jeffrey A. Block, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP	\$ 1,000,000
Mieles v. ACS Telecommunications Inc.	1/28	Kings Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused spinal injury, plaintiff alleged	Harlan A. Wittenstein, Brooklyn, NY of Wittenstein & Associates, P.C.;	\$ 850,000
Bacon v. Bostany	11/3	Kings Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Robert P. Baquet, New York, NY of Weiser & Associates	\$ 850,000
Dube v. Nesbitt	2/4	Warren Supreme	No-Fault Case: Accident caused disabling facet syndrome, plaintiff alleged	William L. Nikas, Hudson Falls, NY	\$ 700,000
Blanco v. Bastone	2/17	Bronx Supreme	No-Fault Case: Parkway crash caused back, neck injuries, plaintiff alleged	Stephen H. Jacobson, New York, NY of Hecht Kleeger Pintel & Damashek	\$ 500,000
Zgroddek v. McInerney	9/20	Ulster Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash aggravated spinal condition, plaintiff claimed	John G. Rusk, Kingston, NY of Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner & Martuscello, L.L.P.	\$ 415,000
Depriest v. Dobbs	5/4	Erie Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused spinal injury, plaintiff claimed	Michael M. Metzger and Jeffrey A. Perla, Buffalo, NY of Perla & Perla LLP	\$ 344,000
Rodriguez v. Ladelfa	1/21	Kings Supreme	No-Fault Case: Man hurt in car crash claimed injuries of knee, spine, shoulder	Ernest N. Reece, New York, NY, trial counsel to Krentsel & Guzman, LLP	\$ 335,000
Miller v. Holman	5/19	Nassau Supreme	No-Fault Case: Parties debated car crash's link to plaintiff's spinal woes	Steven Gershowitz, New York, NY of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm P.C.	\$ 320,000
Boyle v. Smith	6/8	Ulster Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash aggravated brain deformity, plaintiff claimed	Eli B. Basch, Kingston, NY of Basch & Keegan, L.L.P.	\$ 300,000

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: NO-FAULT (Continued)

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Harris v. Bradley	8/23	Sullivan Supreme	No-Fault Case: Plaintiff claimed car crash led to permanent bend of neck	Richard Greenblatt, Poughkeepsie, NY of Rutberg & Associates, P.C.	\$ 292,500
Walker-Bryant v. Ferrara	3/16	Kings Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused back injury, plaintiff alleged	Marilyn Nelson-Cashman, New York, NY of Weiss & Rosenbloom, P.C.	\$ 280,000
Calderone v. Actual Construction Corp.	3/31	Nassau Supreme	No-Fault Case: Man hit by truck alleged four herniations, torn knee	Edwin T. Mulhern, Franklin Square, NY of Huwel & Mulhern	\$ 250,000
Herbert-Lewis v. Gensior	4/30	Bronx Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused spinal injury, plaintiff alleged	Hiram Anthony Raldiris, New York, NY of Law Offices of Eric H. Green	\$ 250,000
Lawrence v. Canales	1/27	Nassau Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused shoulder, spinal injuries, plaintiff alleged	Jay D. Umans, East Meadow, NY of Jay D. Umans, Attorney at Law	\$ 250,000
Shaw v. Atria Senior Living Group Inc.	11/15	New York Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused shoulder injury, plaintiff claimed	Robert K. Erlanger, New York, NY of Erlanger Law Firm, P.L.L.C.	\$ 250,000
Roche v. Russel	4/8	Bronx Supreme	No-Fault Case: Plaintiff struck by car, claimed fractures of foot	Howard Fifer, New York, NY of Sonkin & Fifer	\$ 240,000
Cervini v. Dukuly	11/17	Queens Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused spinal injuries, plaintiff alleged	Clifford S. Argintar, New York, NY of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.	\$ 240,000
Tropea v. Cristo	5/20	Bronx Supreme	No-Fault Case: Man hurt in car crash claimed ongoing knee problems	Gary Slobin, New York, NY of Alpert & Kaufman, LLP	\$ 200,000
Smith v. DeAngelis	4/26	Suffolk Supreme	No-Fault Case: Head-on car crash caused knee injury, plaintiff alleged	Denny Brown, Ronkonkoma, NY of Gruenberg & Kelly	\$ 150,000
McCarthy v. Hines	7/13	Westchester Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash ended equestrian career of 28 years, suit alleged	Michael J. Palma, Hackensack, NJ of Nowell, Amoroso, Klein & Bierman, P.A.	\$ 150,000
Havern v. Marcantonio	10/20	Warren Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash aggravated spinal condition, plaintiff alleged	Steven Shultz, Saratoga Springs, NY of special counsel, The Brian Lee Law Firm PLLC	\$ 150,000
Lakrim v. Reinhardt	7/26	Kings Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused injuries of spine, shoulder, plaintiff alleged	Norman E. Frowley, New York, NY of Zalman & Schnurman	\$ 135,000
Febo v. McNally	1/28	Suffolk Supreme	No-Fault Case: Car crash caused neck injuries, plaintiff alleged	John M. Porchia, III, West Islip, NY of Lite & Russell	\$ 125,000
Tejada v. Hempstead Transportation Service	2/19	New York Supreme	No-Fault Case: Plaintiff's crash-related injuries long gone, defense argued	Wade Turnbull, Bronx, NY of Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC	\$ 113,500

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: REAR-END COLLISION

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Sanclimente v. J Youngs Paving	3/2	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Truck tossed out of collision, landed on plaintiff's car	Alan S. Ripka, New York, NY of Napoli Bern Ripka LLP	\$ 7,300,000
Estate of Morris v. Viscuso	11/1	Queens Supreme	Rear-end collision: Mother of two died five years after multi-vehicle crash	Dallin M. Fuchs and Brian S. Schwartz, New York, NY of Queller, Fisher, Washor, Fuchs & Kool	\$ 4,000,000
Scarth v. Freyherr	2/23	Suffolk Supreme	Rear-end collision: Motorcyclist struck and dragged by truck	Kevin M. Fox, Hauppauge, NY of Kevin M. Fox, PLLC	\$ 3,500,000
Kolb v. MTA Bus Co.	5/13	Queens Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash led to two spinal fusions, plaintiff alleged	Steven Gershowitz, Andrew J. Levine and Howard A. Raphaelson, New York, NY of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm P.C.	\$ 1,750,000
Geevargese v. Shmerler	10/6	Westchester Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash led to spinal fusion, vision problems, plaintiff claimed	Raymond J. Keegan & Barry R. Strutt, White Plains, NY of Keegan, Keegan, Keegan & Strutt	\$ 1,600,000
Lara-Buitrago v. Henry & Loretta Vigilante Realty Inc	1/25	Nassau Supreme	Rear-end collision: Multi-car crash blamed on driver's failure to heed sign	David E. Waterbury, New York, NY of trial counsel, Law Offices of Byron Lassin Woodside	\$ 1,525,000
Smith v. City of Yonkers	4/19	Westchester Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash led to spinal fusion, plaintiff alleged	Ronald C. Burke, New York, NY of Kelner & Kelner	\$ 1,400,000
Bryce v. Valentino	5/2	Queens Supreme	Rear-end collision: Speeding driver's lane change led to crash, plaintiff claimed	Walter F. Benson, Garden City, NY of The Lynn Law Firm, Syracuse, NY, of counsel, Alan J. Stern, P.C.	\$ 1,100,000
Heiseler v. Con-Way Transportation, Services	2/24	Queens Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash caused spine, shoulder injuries, plaintiff alleged	Mark R. Bernstein, Mineola, NY of Sanders, Sanders, Block, Woycik, Viener & Grossman, P.C.	\$ 1,000,000
Coley v. DRC Group Inc.	2/9	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Three-part crash caused knee, spinal injuries, plaintiff alleged	Stephen H. Frankel, Mineola, NY of the Law Office of Stephen H. Frankel	\$ 950,000
Jimenez v. Khattak	9/13	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Parties disputed sequence of multi-vehicle crash	Michael J. Wells, New York, NY of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.	\$ 850,000
Reyes v. Bugg	4/27	U.S. District Court, Southern District	Rear-end collision: Car crash led to fusion of neck, plaintiff alleged	Stephen J. Murphy and David L. Scher, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$ 800,000
Nortman v. Hanover Insurance Co.	2/3	American Arbitration Association	Rear-end collision: Three-car crash caused knee, spinal injuries, claimant alleged	Laurence C. Tarowsky, New York, NY	\$ 775,000
Taney v. Terwilliger	5/5	Herkimer Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash caused brain, rib, spine injuries, plaintiff alleged	Anthony J. Brindisi, Utica, NY of Brindisi, Murad & Brindisi Pearlman L.L.P.	\$ 750,000

BASED ON DATA FROM  VERDICTSEARCH

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: REAR-END COLLISION (Continued)

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Russo v. Rao	8/16	Westchester Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash caused injuries of knee, spine, plaintiff alleged	Joel A. Hirshfield, White Plains, NY of Hirshfield & Costanzo, PC, White Plains, NY, trial counsel, Nader J. Sayegh, Yonkers, NY	\$ 725,000
Rodriguez v. Salem Truck Leasing	12/21	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Suit's parties debated car crash's tie to plaintiff's herniated disc	Henry W. Davoli, Rockville Centre, NY of Law Offices of Henry W. Davoli, Jr., PLLC	\$ 700,000
DeCarlo v. Myers	2/22	Kings Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash caused neck injuries, aggravated hip, plaintiff claimed	Alena E. Bespechny, Brooklyn, NY of Law Office of Alexander Bespechny & Norman R. Gershon, New York, NY, trial counsel	\$ 475,000
DeLeon v. Keystone Freight Corp.	12/20	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Crash led to post-traumatic stress disorder, trucker claimed	Andrew L. Weitz, New York, NY of Andrew L. Weitz & Associates, PC	\$ 474,000
Saunders v. Robles	2/11	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash caused knee, spine injuries, plaintiffs claimed	Avi D. Caspi, Brooklyn, NY of Law Offices of Avi D. Caspi, PLLC	\$ 412,000
Lufker v. Jeheber	7/2	Suffolk Supreme	Rear-end collision: Motorcyclist hit by car fractured heel, shoulder	Rand P. Schwartz, Massapequa Park, NY of Rand P. Schwartz, Esq.	\$ 405,000
Marrero v. Berni	10/1	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Multi-vehicle crash caused knee, spine injuries, plaintiff alleged	Michael Arce, Bronx, NY of The Arce Law Office	\$ 355,000
Defina v. Urquart	11/3	Nassau Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash's injury may lead to fusion of neck, plaintiff claimed	Joel Levine, Mineola, NY of Levine & Wiss	\$ 315,000
Vriniotis v. Betzinger	3/16	Rensselaer Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash caused spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Eugene R. Spada, Albany, NY of Spada Law Firm	\$ 245,000
Kennedy v. Vault Leasing	4/17	Richmond Supreme	Rear-end collision: Trucker hurt in crash alleged injuries of knee, neck, shoulder	Jordan D. Hecht and Joel Rubenstein, New York, NY of Hecht Kleeger Pintel & Damashek	\$ 206,245
Vallario v. Hussein	4/27	Richmond Supreme	Rear-end collision: DWI not cause of car crash, plaintiff alleged	Jason Krakower, New York, NY of Raphaelson & Levine Law Firm, P.C.	\$ 170,000
Sicherman v. Lindboe	5/28	Onondaga Supreme	Rear-end collision: Car crash led to removal of spinal disc, plaintiff alleged	Jeff D. DeFrancisco, Syracuse, NY of DeFrancisco Law Firm	\$ 165,000
Jimenez v. G and B Car-Limo Corp	3/26	Bronx Supreme	Rear-end collision: Plaintiff's car was struck while she yielded to pedestrian	Michael Huguenot, Bronx, NY of Voza & Huguenot	\$ 150,000
Caesar v. Ponzi	10/21	Richmond Supreme	Rear-end collision: Woman tore shoulder in car accident, bears scars	Stuart M. Rissoff, Garden City, NY	\$ 150,000

NEGLIGENCE

CASE	DATE	COURT	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Saladino v. Stewart & Stevenson Services Inc.	7/26	U.S. District Court, Eastern District	Failure to Warn: Worker claimed tractor's dangers weren't disclosed	Jonathan I. Edelstein, New York, NY of Law Office of Jonathan I. Edelstein, New York, NY & Nadia M. Chionchio, Kevin B. McAndrew, and William J. Poisson, Woodbury, NY of McAndrew Conboy & Prisco	\$40,190,417
Hunt v. City of New York	9/23	Queens Supreme	Negligent Training: Teen paralyzed during football practice, claimed poor training	Barry Greenberg, Farmingdale, NY of Barry E. Greenberg, P.C.	\$8,000,000
Ocampo v. Abetta Boiler & Welding Service Inc.	5/19	New York Supreme	Negligent Repair: One killed, others hurt when cabbage processor broke	Jamie Wolf, New York, NY of Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman; Evan M. Goldberg, New York, NY of Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman, P.C.	\$ 7,477,840
San Filippo v. MTA	12/14	New York Supreme	Breach of Duty of Care: Judge: Subway clerk had no duty to help police	Brian J. O'Connor, New York, NY of O'Connor Law Firm & Matthew Zuntag, Staten Island, NY of Zuntag & Zuntag	\$ 6,662,870
Gilio v. H & R, the English Landscape Gardeners Ltd.	7/16	Suffolk Supreme	Negligent Maintenance: Snow-removal co. failed to clear parking lot, plaintiff alleged	Michael Paglino, Ronkonkoma, NY of Gruenberg & Kelly, P.C.	\$ 6,000,000
Dozier v. Riverbend Housing Co. Inc.	7/7	Bronx Supreme	Negligent Maintenance: Plaintiff scalded when apartment's radiator burst	Alan M. Greenberg, New York, NY of Law Offices of Alan M. Greenberg	\$ 5,100,000

ALM
LEGAL GROUP

Director,
Custom Projects:
Jason L. Leder
Sales Manager,
Custom Projects:
Brad S. Silberberg

Account Executives:
Sheridan Coulter, Kelly Brown,
Christopher Knapp
Creative Direction
& **Design:**
Lester Goodman

Sales Assistant:
Jennifer Gallagher
Copy Editor:
Christine LaRubio
Profiles Writer:
Sean Stonefield

Senior Vice President:
Kevin Vermeulen

To order custom reprints of New York's Top Verdicts & Settlements and New York's Personal Injury Litigators 2011, please contact 877.257.3382 or reprintscustomerservice@alm.com

For single copies, please contact customprojects@alm.com

This is paid attorney advertising. Past outcomes do not guarantee future results. Consumers should contact the state bar for verification and additional information prior to securing the legal services of any attorney. ALM Media, LLC does not warrant that the information contained herein is complete or accurate. Neither ALM Media, LLC nor its affiliates, employees, officers, directors or agents assumes, and hereby disclaim, any liability to any person for any loss or damage caused by errors or omissions herein, whether such errors or omissions result from negligence, accident or any other cause. "ALM" and "ALM Media" are trademarks of ALM Media Properties, LLC. No aspect of any of the advertisements in this section has been submitted to or approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey or other jurisdictions. The New York Law Journal editorial staff had no involvement in the development of this section.

BASED ON DATA FROM  VERDICTSEARCH