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## > Settlements

The family of a 16-year-old boy who died after being struck by a school bus has settled for \$1.75 million.

In January 2005, Oneal Richardson was riding the first of two Chicago Transit Authority buses he needed to get to school. As the CTA bus stopped at a red light, the driver — who knew Richardson — noticed that Richardson's second CTA bus was approaching its stop. Richardson was allowed to exit the bus to catch the approaching bus even though the stop wasn't made in a designated area. As Richardson crossed the street against the light, he was struck by a Duo Right school bus.

The school bus driver said he did not see Richardson, who died of massive head trauma. He survived by his mother, father and four siblings. Duo Right sued the CTA as a third-party defendant, and a jury cleared the CTA of liability.

Daniel S. Kirschner of **Corboy & Demetrio** represented the family. Duo Right Bus Co. and Lee Brown, the school bus driver, were represented by Francis J. Marasa of **The Law Offices of Francis J. Marasa** and David J. Flynn of **Querrey & Harrow**. The CTA was represented by Daniel L. Dreiser of the general counsel's office of the CTA.