

Vehicular Negligence

A driver's negligence can cost victims their lives, their livelihoods and significantly interfere with their way of life. At Corboy & Demetrio, a Chicago-based personal injury law firm of top-rated personal injury lawyers, we have been litigating car, truck, bus, motorcycle, taxi, boat, bicycle and other vehicular cases for many years. Our experience has resulted in top verdicts and settlements and our clients have been well served - we have secured more than \$3 billion in verdicts and settlements and have attained nearly 600 verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1 million.

We promptly and thoroughly investigate our cases to determine fault and assess liability. Our highly skilled, experienced and successful Chicago attorneys work with injured individuals and their families to help them secure fair and *full* compensation for their loss and injuries.

Our Record of Success

Our expertise has resulted in record-setting and top verdicts and settlements for our clients. Following are examples of the results we have achieved:

- The Illinois Supreme Court upheld a damages award of nearly **\$22 million** for a woman rendered a quadriplegic when the car she was driving was hit from behind by a semitrailer truck. The award is the **largest compensatory verdict** for an individual ever upheld by the Illinois Supreme Court.
- Tom Demetrio acquired a record **\$40 million verdict** in a case where a woman - wife and mother - was horribly injured when her car was hit by a truck. The verdict represented compensation to her for \$34 million, plus \$6 million to her husband for the loss of his wife's companionship.
- With Robert Bingle as lead counsel for all plaintiffs, more than **\$25 million** was secured in the Fox River Grove school bus crash litigation where 7 children were killed and others injured when the bus carrying the children was hit by a Metra train.

Attorneys

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- Philip Harnett Corboy Jr.
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- A record-setting verdict of **\$9.5 million** was awarded to the surviving family of Chicago hockey legend Keith Magnuson who was killed when the driver of the car he was a passenger in crossed the center line and crashed head-on into another car. It is the **largest jury verdict** for a personal injury or wrongful death case in St. Louis County, Missouri.
- A record jury verdict of **more than \$16 million** - the **highest compensatory award** in the history of Illinois at the time - was secured by Tom Demetrio for a pedestrian struck and injured by a limousine driver.
- While driving home from a video store on his motorcycle, a 46 year-old carpenter was injured when his bike was hit by a truck pulling out from a stop sign. Represented by Philip Harnett Corboy, Jr., he settled his lawsuit against the driver and his employer for **\$3.75 million**.
- A **\$6.6 Million record-setting verdict** was awarded Corboy & Demetrio attorneys Michael Demetrio, Robert Bingle and William Gibbs for a case in which a semi-tractor trailer truck crashed into the vehicle of a family on Interstate 80, killing one passenger and injuring the driver. It is the **largest verdict** of its kind in a civil case by a Federal District Court in Omaha, Nebraska.
- A **\$3.45 million** Federal Court settlement was secured by partner Robert Bingle for a family injured when a truck hit the car they were traveling in on the Interstate.
- Partners Robert Bingle and Shawn Kasserman negotiated a **\$10 million settlement** for a teenager who was trapped and burned in her car, due to the negligence of a truck driver.
- After three weeks of trial, Michael Demetrio and Shawn Kasserman acquired a **\$3,950,000 settlement** with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) in a case where the plaintiff was hit by a CTA bus at night while crossing the street mid-block.
- Prior to filing a lawsuit, the family of a realtor, represented by Michael Demetrio and William Gibbs, agreed to a settlement of its claim against a drunk driver for **\$1.25 million**.
- A **\$10 million settlement** was secured by attorneys Daniel Kotin and Daniel Kirschner for a 25 year-old disabled woman who was struck by a car after a bus discharged her in the middle of the street.
- Francis Patrick Murphy negotiated a settlement of **\$5.75 million** for the surviving family in the death of a 41 year-old wife and mother caused by a Cook County Sheriff's deputy who drove in excess of 70 mph on a non-emergency call and through a red light, broadsiding the woman's car.
- A **\$6.8 million settlement** on behalf of an elderly married couple was secured by Francis Patrick Murphy for the injuries the couple suffered when hit by a PACE bus.
- A Kane County jury, after two weeks of trial, returned the second highest personal injury verdict in its history when it found for the plaintiffs, a married couple, represented by Philip Harnett Corboy, Jr., in the amount of **\$4,543,930.00**, for the injuries they sustained as passengers in a car involved in a car collision.
- A **record-high settlement** of **\$2.5 million** for the death of an 88 year-old woman was reached by Francis Patrick Murphy who represented the estate in its claim against the driver who hit the woman's car.

For further information about the outstanding results Corboy & Demetrio has achieved in vehicular negligence cases, as well as other personal injury and wrongful death cases, visit [Our Record of Success](#).

Our representation includes but is not limited to the following areas: Vehicles - Automobile, Motorcycle, Boat, Bus, Cab, Minivan, Off-Road/Recreational Vehicle, Taxi, Truck, SUV, Watercraft, Bicycle, Ambulance, Fire Truck, Squad Car, Snow Mobile Airbag Defects Brake Failure Tire Defects Rollover Seat Belt Defects Transportation Negligence