

Premises Liability

For over 50 years, we have represented victims in complex and serious personal injury and wrongful death cases arising from the negligence of others in designing, building, maintaining, and repairing homes, apartments, porches, decks, bridges, buildings, structures and industrial sites.

Our skilled and successful attorneys have experience in all areas of premises liability. We combine that exceptional experience with a deep commitment, dedication, and compassion for our clients, a relentless drive to achieve justice, and the resources necessary to pursue such serious cases. Our work has resulted in outstanding results for our clients and many record-setting settlements and verdicts.

Our Record of Success

- On the eve of trial, 10 victims injured or killed by the scaffolding that collapsed and fell from the John Hancock building in Chicago received **\$75 million** in a global settlement for their personal injury and wrongful death claims. Thomas Demetrio was a lead attorney on the case;
- The family of a young mother killed by a window that fell from the CNA Plaza building in Chicago received an **\$18 million settlement** for a lawsuit filed against the architects, construction company and maintenance company by Corboy & Demetrio attorneys Philip Harnett Corboy, Jr., and Robert Bingle;
- In an important major premises liability case tried by Tom Demetrio, a Cook County Circuit Court jury awarded **\$6.2 million** - an award later upheld by the Illinois Appellate Court - against Swift and Company for injuries suffered by two brothers who were severely burned in a chemical dust explosion at the grinding mill plant at which they worked;

Attorneys

- Robert J. Bingle
- Philip Harnett Corboy Jr.
- Michael K. Demetrio
- Thomas A. Demetrio
- William T. Gibbs
- Matthew T. Jenkins
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- Daniel S. Kirschner
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- Kenneth T. Lumb
- Francis Patrick Murphy
- Edward G. Willer

- Corboy & Demetrio attorneys secured a record-setting **\$4 million** settlement for a young woman who fell from a porch when a railing broke away. It is the highest settlement in Illinois for an injury resulting from a defective porch structure;
- In a case involving a J.C. Penney store, we secured a **\$5.2 million settlement** - believed to be the largest ever for a slip-and-fall case with J.C. Penney - for a 74-year-old woman who tripped over a step in a fitting room at the department store, hitting her head on the fitting-room mirror, seriously injuring her;
- Two young people, represented by Francis Patrick Murphy, agreed to settle their lawsuit for **\$2.15 million** against the owners of an apartment building for the injuries they sustained when they fell four stories after a porch railing collapsed
- Attorney Murphy also settled a case for **\$1.5 million** on behalf of the family of a 4-year-old boy who was killed when a 500-pound tombstone fell on top of him during the family's visit to a grave site in a cemetery. The cemetery was sued for negligently maintaining its grounds and tombstones;
- A **\$1.3 million settlement** was reached by attorney Philip Harnett Corboy, Jr. with the Guest Quarters Suite Hotels in Chicago following the murder of a guest who was shot and killed while staying at the hotel. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Chicago, alleged that the hotel failed to provide adequate security;
- In other cases involving attacks at hotels, we represented guests who had been attacked and injured during their hotel stays. The theories of liability involved failure to provide adequate security, to properly screen hotel employees, and to warn of the danger of attacks.

Our representation includes, but is not limited, to the following areas: Apartment Building Injury

Porch/Deck/Railing Collapse Industrial Site Injury Commercial/Store Injury Office Injury

Property Damage

Residential Injury

Bridge/Structural Collapse and Defect