



**Francis Patrick Murphy**  
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Francis Patrick Murphy - Patrick Murphy - a Chicago personal injury lawyer, has been with the law firm of Corboy & Demetrio since 1983 and became a partner in 1992. He regularly handles complex personal injury and wrongful death cases involving aviation negligence, construction negligence, product liability, premises liability, including porch and deck collapses, and claims resulting from railroad, automobile, and other vehicular negligence.

Patrick has more than fifty settlements and verdicts of \$1 million or more. Among his many accomplishments is a \$7.5 million settlement that was secured on behalf of his client, a nationally renowned oboist from the Chicago Lyric Opera and Grant Park Symphony, whose musical career was ended when she was struck by a Chicago Transit Authority bus while crossing a Chicago street. Patrick also obtained a record-high settlement of \$2.5 million for the death of an 88 year-old woman, who died when the car she was riding in was hit from behind by another car. In another case involving senior citizens, Patrick secured a \$6.8 million settlement for a 69 year-old woman and her 71 year-old husband for injuries she sustained when she was hit by a bus.

Patrick is a highly sought after lawyer in porch and deck collapse cases due to his extensive experience and success. He presently represents two young people who fell from a porch/deck in Chicago when the railing collapsed. He also represents a McHenry County woman who fell two stories as she stepped onto her deck from her kitchen, a family whose child was injured when he fell through porch posts, and the surviving family of a young man killed when he fell through a porch railing.

## Practice Areas

- Aviation Litigation
- Construction Negligence
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Railroad Negligence & FELA
- Vehicular Negligence

## Education

- IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1975
- Northwestern University, B.S., 1970

## Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois, 1975
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1975

Murphy's achievements in porch and deck collapse cases are numerous. He represented several victims of the 2003 Lincoln Park porch collapse and was instrumental in brokering a global settlement of \$16.6 million. He 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 railing. In another case, Murphy was successful in securing \$2.15 million for a couple who were injured when a deck railing gave way and they fell to the ground.

The media often reports on Patrick's outstanding record of success and his extensive experience. His verdict in a high-profile railroad case was chronicled on "Good Morning America," ABC's national television morning news show. He was highlighted on "Inside Edition" for his handling of one of the cases from the Chicago porch collapse tragedy of June 29, 2003. In a show dedicated to child safety issues, Oprah featured Patrick's wrongful death case of 12 year-old Catherine "Casey" Fish, who choked to death while playing a game of Chubby Bunny - stuffing marshmallows into one's mouth - in her grade school classroom. And recently, he was featured on Fox News for his representation of a woman seriously injured when her second story deck collapsed.

Recognized as an attorney in the top 5% of all Illinois lawyers by the Leading Lawyer Network, Patrick is an Illinois Super Lawyer and has an AV rating - the highest level awarded for professional excellence - from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. He is also a designated member of Lawdragon 500, a distinction awarded to only 500 of the 1.2 million lawyers in the United States legal profession, by Lawdragon, the nation's leading online legal media company.

The author of numerous legal articles, Patrick is a frequent lecturer for various bar associations and is an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where he has regularly taught since 1987. Recently, he was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Legal Assistance Program by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Mr. Murphy began his career as an Assistant Public Defender with the Cook County Public Defender's Office. Before becoming a lawyer, he worked for A.B. Dick Company in marketing and sales.

### News

- Porch, Deck, Balcony Safety - Inspect Structures Now Says Attorney Murphy (May 2010)
- Corboy & Demetrio - The Leader in Aviation Litigation
- Jury Verdict Secured by Corboy & Demetrio Affirmed by Illinois Appellate Court (March 2010)
- Corboy & Demetrio Secures Settlement in Minee-Subee Day Care Center Lawsuit (March 2010)
- Corboy & Demetrio Sues Nicor for Home Gas Explosion, Fire and Residents' Injuries (January 2010)
- \$1 Million Settlement for Passenger Injured in Car Crash (December 2009)
- Attorney Francis Patrick Murphy on Porch & Deck Safety (October 2009)
- Attorney Francis Patrick Murphy Featured on Fox News Chicago (June 2009)

- Corboy & Demetrio - Leaders in Bridge and Structural Collapse and Defect Litigation
- Porch/Deck Collapse Lawsuit Filed (May 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Chicago Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Named to Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2009)
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Settlement of \$1.4 Million
- Corboy & Demetrio Attorneys Thomas Demetrio and Francis Patrick Murphy Named to Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America (October 2008)
- Corboy & Demetrio Named One of Chicago's Top Law Firms (August 2008)
- Patrick Murphy Settles Case of Couple Who Fell 4 Stories When Porch Railing Collapsed for \$2.15 Million (July 2008)
- All Twelve Partners at Corboy & Demetrio Recognized as 2008 Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2008)
- Francis Patrick Murphy Obtains \$1.5 Million Settlement for Family of Mother Killed in I-90 Crash (September 2007)
- "Lawyers to See Remains of Porch" (July 2003)
- Court Grants Patrick Murphy's Request for Emergency Order (July 5, 2003)
- C&D Again Atop Chicago Lawyer Magazine Settlement Survey (October 2000)

### Publications

- Negligent Issuance of a Life Insurance Policy IICLE, Illinois Causes of Action - Elements, Forms & Winning Tips: Tort Actions, Supp. (2005)
- Making the Independent Medical Examiner Your Expert Through the Use of a Ben Franklin Balance Sheet ATLA (2004)
- Making the Defense Medical Expert Your Expert in a MIST Case Using a Ben Franklin Balance Sheet Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Reference Publication (2004)
- Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress Elements, Forms & Winning Tips: Tort Actions, Illinois Causes of Action, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (2002)
- Packaging Forensics: Package Failure in the Courts - A Shattered Bottle...a Shattered Life Lawyers and Judges Publishing Company, Inc. (2000)
- The Use of Demonstrative Evidence in Trial: The Millennium and Beyond American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section (1998)
- Pretrial Trade Secrets of the Pros - Those Precious Few Interrogatories ITLA (February 1, 1996)
- Practical Approach for Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Claims Professional Education Systems, Inc. (1990)
- Wrongful Death Cases - Procedural Aspects Chicago Bar Association (1990)
- How to Direct Examine the Economist Chicago Bar Association (1989)

- The Art & Science of Jury Selection IICLE (1988)

### Honors

- AV Rated - highest level awarded - Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- Illinois Super Lawyer - Top 5% of all Illinois attorneys
- Lawyer's Assistance Program, Board of Directors
- Leading Lawyers Network Member - Top 5% of all Illinois attorneys
- Lawdragon 500 - Named one of the top 500 lawyers in the nation

### Professional Affiliations

- American Association for Justice (AAJ), formerly known as Association of Trial Lawyers of American (ATLA)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA), Judicial Evaluation Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
- Lawyer's Assistance Program (LAP)
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 1987-Present
- The Society of Trial Lawyers

### Seminars & Speeches

- "When to Settle - Considerations," Case Evaluation Seminar, Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2007
- "When to Take a Case - Considerations," Case Evaluation Seminar, Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2007
- "Making the Defense Medical Expert Your Expert in a MIST Case Using a Ben Franklin Balance Sheet," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Massachusetts, 2004
- "Demonstrative Evidence--The Millennium and Beyond," Price Waterhouse Coopers 1998 Legal Tech Conference, 1998
- "The Use of Demonstrative Evidence in Trial," Masters in Trial, Honoring Leonard Ring Seminar, American Bar Association Seminar, 1998
- "Pretrial Trade Secrets of the Pros - Those Precious Few Interrogatories," Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 1996
- "Wrongful Death Cases - Procedural Aspects," Chicago Bar Association, 1993
- "Proving Injury - Pain & Suffering, Loss of Consortium," Chicago Bar Association, 1992
- Judge, National Appellate Court Competition, Law Student Division, American Bar Association
- "How to Direct Examine the Economist," Chicago Bar Association, 1989

- "Jury Selection Practice and Procedure," The Art and Science of Jury Selection Seminar, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1988
- "Bill 1200 - Overview of Tort Reform Affecting Corporations," American Society of Corporate Secretaries, 1987
- "Gun Control - Illinois Perspective," Criminal Justice Institute, 1983