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William T. Gibbs is a trial attorney at the Chicago personal injury and medical malpractice law firm of Corboy & Demetrio and concentrates his practice on cases arising from automobile collisions, construction negligence, medical negligence, premises liability, product liability, and railroad negligence.

Bill has obtained record-setting and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Recently, he obtained a \$29.6 million verdict on behalf of a woman who was seriously injured in the derailment of a Metra train. The verdict is the largest in Illinois for an individual injured in a mass transit crash. In a Federal District Court case, he obtained a \$6.6 million verdict for a family injured in an automobile collision. It was the largest verdict ever in that Court. He has also secured a \$1.25 million settlement for the family of a realtor who was killed by a drunk driver and a \$1.5 million settlement where a health club member sustained serious injuries to his wrist when pushed to the ground by another member. Bill also settled a case for over a quarter of a million dollars when a young boy's face was cut while he played at an outdoor twirling tunnel at Chicago's Navy Pier.

He is a member of numerous legal organizations including the American Association for Justice, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, the Chicago Bar Association and the Notre Dame Law Association. In 2008, Bill authored an article, "A Quick Guide to the Illinois Dead Man's Act," which was published in the Illinois Bar Journal, a publication of the Illinois State Bar Association.

In October, 2009, Bill was named by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, which publishes the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer* magazine, to its list of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," and for the last two years, he has been designated

Practice Areas

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

Education

- IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, J.D., 2004
- University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, M.A., 1999
- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, B.A., 1997

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court of Nebraska
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

an *Illinois Super Lawyer, Rising Star*.

Active in many community organizations, Bill is co-chair of "St. Clement Dads," a group that volunteers throughout the community and provides activities for parents and their children. Through the St. Clement Legal Aid Clinic, Our Lady of Mercy Legal Clinic and Mercy Home for Boys he provides pro bono legal assistance to individuals who are unable to afford private counsel.

Bill was a high school computer science teacher and varsity football, basketball, and baseball coach prior to his legal career. While at the University of Notre Dame, he was a defensive back on the varsity football team.

News

- William Gibbs Selected in "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" (October 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Secures \$29.6 Million Record-Setting Verdict for Passenger in Metra Train Derailment (2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio - The Leader in Aviation Litigation
- Corboy & Demetrio - Leaders in Bridge and Structural Collapse and Defect Litigation
- Thomas Demetrio and William Gibbs Featured in Article "Becoming a Trial Lawyer" (March 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Chicago Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Named to Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2009)
- Metra to Pay \$11 Million in 2005 Train Crash Derailment (November 2008)
- Corboy & Demetrio Named One of Chicago's Top Law Firms (August 2008)
- Record-Setting Settlement by William Gibbs for Three Year-Old Injured at Outdoor Twirling Tunnel (July 2008)
- William Gibbs' article, "A Quick Guide to the Illinois Dead Man's Act," Published (July 2008)
- Tom Demetrio Files Lawsuit Against Hyatt Corporation for Death of Internationally Renowned Hollywood Director Moustapha Akkad by Suicide Bomber in Jordan (September 10, 2007)
- \$1.25 Million Settlement Secured by Michael Demetrio and William Gibbs for Family of Realtor Killed by Drunk Driver (August 2007)

Publications

- A Quick Guide to the Illinois Dead Man's Act [Illinois Bar Journal](#) (July 2008)

Honors

- "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2009
- Illinois Super Lawyer, Rising Star, 2009, 2010
- CALI, Excellence for the Future Award, Philosophy, 2004

- CALI, Excellence for the Future Award, Legal Writing, 2002

Professional Affiliations

- American Association for Justice (AAJ) formerly known as American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA)
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA), Civil Practice Committee, Tort Litigation Committee
- Notre Dame Law Association
- Fenwick Bar Association, Treasurer, 2005-2008

Community Involvement

- St. Clement Dads, Co-Chair
- St. Clement Legal Aid Clinic
- Our Lady of Mercy Legal Clinic
- Mercy Home for Boys

Seminars & Speeches

- "Motion Practice," Update & Review Seminar, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 2008
- "Illinois Evidence: The CSI Effect," Criminal and Civil Evidence Issues Seminar, 2008
- Judge, National Collegiate Trial Advocacy Competition, Indiana, 2005, 2006
- Judge, American Trial Lawyers Association Student Trial Advocacy Competition, 2005