

## Metra to Pay \$11 Million in 2005 Train Crash Derailment

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### \$11 Million Chicago Train Crash Settlement

An \$11 million settlement for two wrongful death lawsuits arising out of the Metra train crash derailment in Chicago on September 17, 2005 was approved by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Hogan. The settlement was reported on CLTV, ABC Channel 7 News, WGN Channel 9 and WBBM 780 News Radio and in the *Southtown Star*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*.

### Top Chicago Personal Injury Lawyers Represent Families

The families of the two passengers killed were represented by Daniel M. Kotin, Shawn S. Kasserman and William T. Gibbs, personal injury attorneys at the law firm of Corboy & Demetrio and *lead counsel* on behalf of all of the injured passengers who have filed lawsuits.

### Chicago Rock Island Metra Train Crash

On September 17, 2005, a double-decker five car Rock Island Metra train was traveling from Joliet toward downtown Chicago with 185 passengers on board. At about 8:30 a.m., the train encountered a track crossover with a maximum allowable speed of 10 miles per hour (mph). The train entered the crossover at 69 mph, causing it to violently derail - twisting off the rails and skidding, forcing the fourth and fifth car to break away from the rest of the train and the fourth car to crash into a steel bridge. As a result, more than 100 passengers were injured and 2 women were killed.

### Attorneys

- William T. Gibbs
- Shawn S. Kasserman
- Daniel M. Kotin

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