

PERSONAL INJURY

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CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE

2014

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Case: Lathan v. Bridgeport Hospital
Attorneys: Kathleen Nastri, Antonio Ponvert
Law Firm: Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder
Date: 2013 | **Verdict:** \$9.28 Million
Award: Medical Malpractice

The plaintiff successfully sued Bridgeport Hospital after claiming that an overdose of a coagulant led to osteomyelitis, which required part of her right clavicle to be removed, and congestive heart failure.

Case: Smith v. Otto
Attorney: Stephen McEleney
Law Firm: McEleney & McGrail
Date: 2013 | **Verdict:** \$9.16 Million
Award: Intentional Tort

The family of murder victim Shamaia Smith filed a civil suit against her convicted killer, Kenneth Otto Sr. Authorities said Otto had an ongoing relationship with Smith, who danced at a strip club, and that he killed her on his 75-acre Stafford property.

Case: Arbucci v. Haberern
Attorney: Christopher Flood
Law Firm: The Flood Law Firm
Date: 2013 | **Verdict:** \$8.15 Million
Award: Motor Vehicle

The plaintiffs were a 48-year-old homemaker and farmer and her 23-year-old daughter. They were seriously injured when the pickup truck they were riding in was struck by the defendant's pickup, which had crossed the center line of Route 85 in Manchester.

Case: Michaud v. Stanco
Law Firm: Robert Bradley Morris
Date: 2011 | **Verdict:** \$6.9 Million
Award: Intentional Tort

The plaintiff claimed that the defendant sexually molested him more than 100 times when the plaintiff was between the ages of 12 and 16 and the defendant, then in his 20s, befriended the boy at the music store where the defendant worked.

Case: Emmanuele v. Howell
Attorney: Michael D'Amico
Law Firm: D'Amico, Griffin and Pettinicchi
Date: 2013 | **Verdict:** \$6.72 Million
Award: Motor Vehicle

A woman was seriously injured after her car collided with a tractor-trailer driven by a man who had been on the road for 19 of the previous 36 hours. The plaintiff suffered several orthopedic injuries and underwent three surgeries, including a partial hip replacement.

Case: Beardsley v. Danbury Hospital
Attorneys: Joshua Koskoff, Sean McElligott
Law Firm: Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder
Date: 2013 | **Verdict:** \$6.5 Million
Award: Medical Malpractice

A man was admitted to Danbury Hospital in a semicomatose state with dangerously low sodium levels. The treating physicians raised the sodium levels too quickly. The man suffered acute paralysis, was placed on life support and subsequently died.

Case: Parikh v. Toppi
Attorneys: John Houlihan Jr., Andrew Groher, David Cooney
Law Firm: RisCassi & Davis
Date: 2013 | **Settlement:** \$6.5 Million
Award: Motor Vehicle

A group of Hartford-area students who were riding on a school bus headed to a robotics event plummeted down an embankment on Interstate 84 after being struck by a car driven by a 16-year-old boy. One of the bus passengers died. The settlement covered the claim of the injured students as well.

Case: Plamondon v. Connecticut
Attorney: Michael Walsh
Law Firm: Walsh Woodard
Date: 2013 | **Settlement:** \$5.5 Million
Award: Motor Vehicle

A premed student was run over in Storrs by a University of Connecticut campus shuttle bus being driven by a fellow university student. The driver said he did not see the other student in the crosswalk because he had looked away to wave at another shuttle bus driver.
