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Case Studies: What Really Happens in a Personal Injury Case

Motorcyclist Hit By Loose Tire & Rim Results in \$350,000 Settlement

On April 5, 2016, at around 6:45 in the evening, a man was riding his motorcycle on I-75, heading southbound. He had a friend who was also riding his bike next to him. Suddenly, a car rim and tire came off of a car that was travelling in the northbound lanes of the interstate. The tire traveled across the grass median and crashed into our client, a retired New York City firefighter and 9/11 first responder.

The severity of his injuries to his arm required him being airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital. An emergency open reduction procedure was performed to help repair his shattered right arm.

The Goldberg Noone law firm was able to successfully negotiate a pre-trial settlement in the amount of \$350,000 for our client's serious injuries.

Victim of Negligent Security/ Sexual Assault Reaches \$650,000 Settlement

A middle-aged woman was staying in a hotel in Fort Myers, Florida. One night while sleeping, she was alerted to an assailant attempting to gain entry into her unit. After finally gaining access to the hotel unit, the assailant committed a violent sexual assault upon her. The assailant turned out to be another guest in the hotel who had an extensive violent criminal history.

The plaintiff and other guests had previously notified the hotel of the assailant's disturbing behavior, however the hotel took no steps to remove this guest from their premises. After the lawsuit was filed, the Defendants argued that the sexual assault was not reasonably preventable and even accused the plaintiff of contributing to the assailant's interest in her. Our litigation team interviewed several witnesses including other guests and prior security personnel.

Each witness confirmed that the hotel had knowledge of the assailant's dangerous behavior and nonetheless risked the safety of its guests by allowing the dangerous individual to stay on the premises.

The case was set for trial and settled shortly before in the amount of \$650,000.00.

Veronica Hawkins Joins Goldberg Noone as Personal Injury Claims Analyst



We're pleased to announce the addition of Veronica M. Hawkins, AIS, AINS, as our new personal injury claims analyst. A graduate of Illinois State University, Hawkins has extensive experience in the insurance industry, having worked as a claims adjuster for Farmer's Insurance Group and

several local insurance companies.

She is currently preparing to attain her Associate in Claims (AIC) professional designation from The Institutes, the leader in delivering proven knowledge solutions that drive powerful business results for the risk management and property casualty industry.

"Veronica's in-depth knowledge of how the insurance industry operates will be an invaluable asset to our firm's clients", says Co-Managing Partner Scot Goldberg.

"I'm really looking forward to using my insurance experience to help our personal injury clients receive fair financial compensation for their injuries", Hawkins said. "Insurance companies can be difficult to deal with, and I'm here to advocate for people who need help."

Hawkins speaks fluent Italian, having lived in Italy as the daughter of a Navy veteran. She is originally from Chicago, and is married with two children.



Legal assistant Nikki Walton and her son Marcus were happy to help put up shutters for their friends pre-Hurricane Irma!