

JURY VERDICT REPORTER

ANNUAL AWARDS ISSUE

TRIAL LAWYER EXCELLENCE AWARDS



PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS
Keith A. Hebeisen and Howard Schaffner

DEFENSE ATTORNEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Carmel Cosgrave, John W. Bell and J. Kent Mathewson

JVR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS
Edward J. Walsh, Jr. and Thomas M. Harvick

PLUS

THE BIGGEST VERDICT OF THE YEAR \$74,600,000



HIGHEST REPORTED WRONGFUL DEATH

\$6,400,000

IN DEKALB COUNTY

Left turn with oncoming motorcycle

SETTLEMENT \$6,400,000



August defendants' pickup truck left-turned in front of plaintiffs' oncoming motorcycle at a Rockford intersection, failing to yield. Michael Evers, a 55-year-old attorney, suffered multiple injuries and passed away five weeks after the accident. His passenger sustained a fractured femur that resulted in leg deformity despite multiple surgeries.

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Vincent J. Petrosino

Vincent Petrosino is a principal in the law firm of Serpico, Petrosino, DiPiero & O'Shea Ltd. and has devoted his practice over the

last thirty years to personal injury litigation. He has been successful in obtaining tens of millions of dollars in compensation for his clients. Vincent is also the author of several articles in the field of personal injury law and is a regular contributor to "The Edge," a monthly labor union publication. Vincent is an active member of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, where he serves on the Supreme Court Rules and Civil Procedure Committee. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, Torts and Civil Procedure Section. He has served on the Illinois State Bar Judicial Evaluation Committee for seven years and on the Committee on Judicial Advisory Polls. He has served on the Executive and Nominating Committees of the Justinian Society of Lawyers as well as being recognized by The Global Directory of Who's Who as one of its Top Lawyers for 2015.

CASE REPORT



MICHAEL J. EVERS, ET AL. V. MIKE MOONEY INC, ET AL, 12L-27

SETTLEMENT \$6,400,000 (IL, De Kalb 23rd Jud Cir)

PLTF ATTY(S) Vincent J. Petrosino and Kevin J. O'Shea of Serpico, Petrosino DiPiero & O'Shea for Evers; John G. Kelly of John G. Kelly P.C. for Street

On August 4, 2011 defts' pickup truck left-turned in front of pltfs' oncoming motorcycle at a Rockford intersection, failing to yield. M-55 attorney, the motorcycle's driver, suffered multiple injuries, including traumatic brain damage. He underwent more than 20 surgeries, but passed away five weeks post-accident (\$700,000 medl. expense--survived by his wife and two children). Conscious pain and suffering was alleged. His passenger, F-29 physician, sustained a Grade 3 open femur fracture which, despite four surgeries including ORIF, resulted in permanent leg deformity and disability (\$321,000 medl. expense). Paid: \$3,000,000 Cincinnati Insurance, \$2,650,000 Zurich, and \$750,000 Sentry for defts. Settlements were \$1,550,000 to F-29 (represented by John G. Kelly in 12L-26) and \$4,850,000 to Estate of M-55 (represented by Vincent Petrosino in 12L-27), which is the highest reported DeKalb County wrongful death settlement in JVR's records.



Kevin J. O'Shea

Kevin J. O'Shea is a principal of Serpico, Petrosino, DiPiero & O'Shea Ltd. For over 25 years Kevin has concentrated his practice in the area of civil litigation, primarily in personal injury. He has argued successfully before the Illinois State Supreme court, as well as the Illinois Court of Appeals and the Seventh Circuit Court.

Kevin has counseled and represented elderly people who have been involved in competency disputes, as well as disputes relating to the administration and probate of wills and estates. Kevin's main focus is in civil litigation and the representation of persons injured in all types of accidents. Kevin is married and has

two (2) children. He has been active in coaching youth athletic teams in his local community as well as in his children's schools for many years.



The law firm of Serpico, Petrosino, DiPiero & O'Shea Ltd. and its predecessor law firms have been representing clients in the Chicagoland area for over forty-five years. It has been consistently recognized as one of Illinois' leading law firms in the area of personal injury, wrongful death and domestic relations litigation. The law firm has a long and proud tradition of fighting for the rights of clients and being successful in obtaining excellent results. Many of the law firm's attorneys have gone on to serve the people of the State of Illinois on the judiciary and other areas of public service. Our reputation throughout the legal community is one which is renowned for commitment to quality, personal service and integrity. This law firm's longevity and success is directly attributed to professional excellence combined with aggressive and compassionate representation for each and every client.