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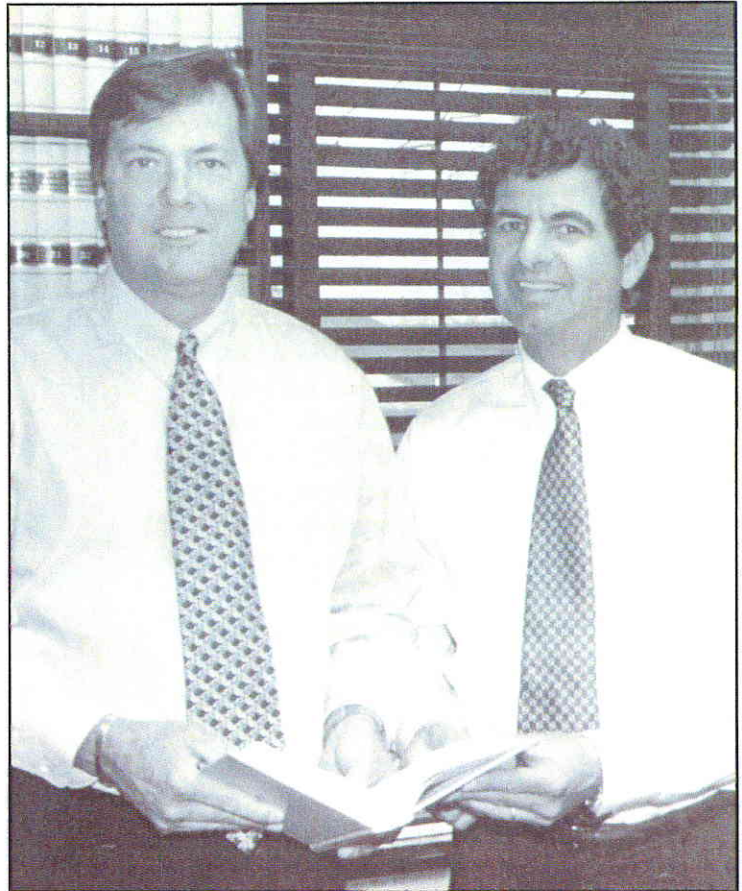
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- Scars, burns, dog bites
- Brain damage and head injuries
- Inadequate premises security
- Fires, inadequate smoke detection
- Aviation injuries

Renda & Voynick looks back at "TOP 20" verdict ten years ago

Since establishing the firm in 1986, **Renda & Voynick** has had numerous significant verdicts and settlements. Ten years ago in 1993, the firm brought to trial a very difficult wrongful-death case where a husband and father of two children had died on a construction site where the general contractor had not provided adequate fall protection. The general contractor had only \$50,000 insurance coverage. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the structure from which the decedent fell had been manufactured by a company in Colorado. Legal research indicated that the prefabricated building could arguably be considered a "product" pursuant to New Jersey product liability law, and the corporation was joined as a defendant on the basis that the manufacturer of the prefab building did not give adequate instructions or warnings as to how to safely assemble the building. Following a lengthy jury trial in Hunterdon County, the case was tried to conclusion by **Mr. Voynick**, and a judgment was entered following the jury verdict for an amount exceeding \$1 million. In 1993, the case was listed by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as one of the top 20 verdicts in the state of New Jersey.

In August 2003, the firm marked its 17th year of practice specializing in personal injury and wrongful-death claims. Since our last newsletter, our firm has been successful in obtaining significant recoveries in additional cases. Some of these cases are outlined on the back page of this newsletter.

Renda & Voynick continues to receive referrals of personal injury matters from other attorneys because of their expertise as certified civil trial attorneys. The firm is authorized by the New Jersey Supreme Court to forward referral fees to referring attorneys without the necessity of work participation. The firm also welcomes any questions or referrals from clients in our areas of expertise.



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Renda & Voynick obtains \$1 million settlement and other significant recoveries

Renda & Voynick recently won several cases for their clients, including one case where the recovery was \$1 million.

In the summer, our law firm settled an automobile personal injury action for \$1 million. The case was handled by **John S. Voynick, Jr.** The case involved an accident on Route 78 that occurred when our client was hit from behind by another vehicle. This client underwent both neck and back surgeries and was forced to miss significant time from work prior to being laid off by his company because of the amount of time he was out of work due to his injuries. The insurance carrier settled the case at the eleventh hour, just before it was to be called in for trial.

Prior to that, **Mr. Voynick** also was able to successfully negotiate a recovery of \$550,000 for a client who was injured in an automobile accident in which the defendant driver made a left-hand turn, thereby causing the accident. The firm's client had previously been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and following the accident, the symptomatology of the multiple sclerosis was exacerbated. The defense counsel assigned by the insurance carrier for the defendant driver contended that the symptomatology of multiple sclerosis was progressive and that the accident had nothing to do with the worsening of the symptoms. The recovery was obtained following a mediation hearing just prior to the commencement of trial.



In another case, in which our firm had already obtained a settlement of \$1.6 million, our firm was successful in obtaining more money for the client by pursuing an uninsured motorist claim. In that case, the client sustained a fracture requiring surgery, traumatic brain injuries, shoulder and left knee injuries, and scarring. After obtaining the \$1.6 million recovery, our firm investigated, researched, and pursued an uninsured motorist claim contending that the original amount obtained for damages was insufficient. The uninsured motorist policy limit was \$100,000. Following an arbitration hearing, that claim was settled for \$95,000, which was in addition to the \$1.6 million recovery previously obtained. Both cases were handled by **Andrew J. Renda, Jr.**

Finally, our firm also was able to obtain a significant

recovery in a wrongful-death case where our client's son died from smoke inhalation in a fire accident. After thorough investigation and extensive discovery conducted by our office, we determined that the premises had been improperly rented as a two-family dwelling and did not have adequate smoke detectors at the time of the fire. Smoke detectors, if properly installed, would have provided adequate warning for the decedent to have been able to safely evacuate the building. This case was handled by both **Mr. Renda** and **Mr. Voynick**.

These recoveries far exceeded the expectations of our clients.