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- All types of motor vehicle accidents
- Construction site and workplace accidents
- Medical and nursing home malpractice
- Falls caused by unsafe conditions
- Unsafe products and drugs
- Scars, burns, dog bites
- Brain damage and head injuries
- Inadequate premises security
- Fires, inadequate smoke detection
- Aviation injuries

Renda and Voynick volunteer to join Trial Lawyers Care

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, trial attorneys joined to form Trial Lawyers Care, a nonprofit program providing free legal services for victims making claims for compensation under the Federal Victim Compensation Fund created by Congress in the aftermath of the attacks. The program was organized by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, of which Mr. Voynick is a member of the Board of Governors of the New Jersey Chapter. Mr. Voynick was also instrumental as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Essex County Bar Association in coordinating the efforts of both organizations in representing victims. Mr. Renda and Mr. Voynick have both voluntarily undertaken to represent victims of this tragedy completely free of charge.



Since our last newsletter, our firm marked its 16th year of practice specializing in personal injury and wrongful death claims. Our last newsletter outlined two cases, each of which settled for over one million dollars. Our firm has been successful in winning additional significant cases for our clients. 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. We are 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 inquiries, questions, or referrals from clients in our areas of expertise.

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Renda and Voynick successfully resolve five significant cases

Renda & Voynick recently settled five cases, each of which was resolved for \$250,000 or more.

In March, Renda & Voynick settled a case for \$450,000 for a woman who was injured in a motor vehicle accident. The case was handled by Andrew J. Renda, Jr. It was settled at a mediation hearing, which is an alternative method of dispute resolution that is less time consuming, less stressful, and less costly than trial. As a result of the accident, our client sustained injuries to her shoulder (requiring two surgeries), a fracture of her right ankle, and a soft tissue injury to her back. The case settled at mediation for a significantly higher amount than the insurance companies initially offered.

Mr. Renda also settled another case on behalf of two children injured in a motor vehicle accident. A young boy was left with a small blind spot in his right eye. His sister sustained a laceration that resulted in a small scar on her forehead. The boy's case was settled for \$323,750 and the girl's case settled for \$100,000 following several settlement conferences before a judge.

Additionally, **Mr. Renda** successfully resolved a case for \$250,000 for a man who was injured in a motor vehicle

accident. He fractured his ankle and required two surgeries.

John S. Voynick, Jr., successfully



litigated and resolved a case against a nursing home, where a client was allowed to fall out of a wheelchair while in the process of being moved to a physical therapy table. The client suffered significant trauma to the face and ultimately died. Although the client had suffered from numerous preexisting medical conditions, as well as a stroke resulting in partial paralysis which took place before the fall, and had a limited

life expectancy, the case was able to be settled for \$475,000 immediately before it was called in for trial.

Mr. Voynick was also successful in resolving a slip-and-fall case in which the client had fallen at a department store when an overcrowded display rack of handbags fell on top of her. The client underwent back surgery, and although the surgery was generally successful and she continued to work following the accident, the client did continue to suffer from back pain and restriction of activities. Mr. Voynick was successful in obtaining a settlement of \$290,000.

In both of these cases, numerous expert reports and trial exhibits were prepared in anticipation of trial. **Renda & Voynick** retained many physicians as expert witnesses who were prepared to testify as to the nature and extent of the injuries sustained, as well as the causal relationship between the falls and the injuries. In both instances, mediation hearings were conducted, and the respective insurance companies made the offers of settlement before trial. Both settlements far exceeded the amounts expected by the clients.