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A HISTORY OF SIGNIFICANT CASE RESULTS



OUR YEARS OF SUCCESS: DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN COMPLEX CLAIMS

Since 1984, Clifford Law Offices has been dedicated to serving the needs of clients in the Chicago area and throughout the nation. Today, we are one of the premier law firms in Chicagoland and are known nationally for our success in complicated legal matters.

Personal Injury	Sexual Abuse
Aviation	Consumer & Health Care Fraud
Wrongful Death	Mass Tort / Class Actions
Product Liability	Commercial Litigation
Transportation	Whistleblower Litigation
Premises Liability Law	Sexual Harassment / Employment Discrimination
Medical Malpractice	



The lawyers at Clifford Law Offices represent hundreds of years of combined experience in the area of personal injury law including aviation, transportation, medical malpractice and product liability law.

Key to Cases:

- ◆ AVIATION
- ◆ PERSONAL INJURY
- ◆ WRONGFUL DEATH
- ◆ MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

NOTABLE CASES

1998

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$110 MILLION VERDICT

On an icy Halloween night in 1994, 68 people were killed when American Eagle Flight 4184 crashed into a cornfield in Roselawn, Indiana. The cause of the crash was determined to be an inadequately sized de-icing boot on the wing. Clifford Law Offices represented 16 individuals who were killed and obtained a \$110 million settlement on the eve of trial in federal court for 28 families who had brought suit, avoiding what likely would have been an emotional and lengthy trial.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$7.5 MILLION VERDICT

A record \$7.5 million verdict is reached in an Iowa courtroom against a Sioux Falls tire company. Robert Clifford and Kevin Durkin obtained the verdict following a two-week trial on behalf of a man who suffered brain damage and his wife who was killed when a drunken employee in the company van struck her car.

1999

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$28.2 MILLION VERDICT;

◆ \$15 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Many passengers on United Airlines Flight 232 were thrown from the plane when it crashed into a soybean field in Iowa in 1989. The jury took less than three hours to return a verdict of \$28.2 million on behalf of a 70-year-old woman with permanent injuries. Robert Clifford also obtained a \$15 million settlement for a father who lost his wife and daughter, and an additional \$250,000 donated for a bereavement center at a children's hospital in Chicago in their names.

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$14 MILLION VERDICT

A Commonwealth Edison truck driver causes a collision, leaving an Elgin woman wheelchair bound.

2001

RICHARD BURKE, JR. & ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$22 MILLION SETTLEMENT

15-year-old was severely injured, and two teenagers were killed when an SUV rolled over on the expressway.

2002

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$35 MILLION VERDICT

Rachel Barton, a 20-year-old gifted violinist, was on her way to teach a class at a suburban Chicago music school when the doors of a Metra commuter train closed on her violin case shoulder strap and other bags, pinning her to the train doors. The train pulled out, dragging Barton nearly 300 feet. By the time she was able to free herself, she was pulled under the train, severing her legs. Good Samaritans came to her rescue, and a surgeon was able to reattach one. Following numerous surgeries, she continues to perform as a concert soloist on the violin.

2004

KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$38.3 MILLION VERDICT

A west suburban family was tragically devastated by a multiple-truck-car crash on I-90 near Rockford in 1999. The verdict, returned March 26 by a Cook County Circuit Court jury, was the largest in the country in 2004 involving a motor vehicle crash and was featured as one of the Top 100 Verdicts in *The National Law*

Journal in 2005. It was the largest transportation verdict in the country in 2005, as reported by *The National Law Journal*.

2006

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT

Southwest Airlines Flight 1248 overran the landing strip and skidded off the Midway Airport runway into traffic, colliding with two vehicles and killing a 6-year-old boy.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$70 MILLION SETTLEMENT

On a windy day, a construction scaffold broke loose from a building, causing debris to fall, killing two women and seriously injuring three others.

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$15.8 MILLION VERDICT

A 12-year-old girl was left permanently brain-damaged and wheelchair-bound after a YMCA van struck her as she attempted to cross a street.

2007

KEITH HEBEISEN & SUSAN CAPRA

◆ \$4.3 MILLION SETTLEMENT

An infant girl suffered serious and permanent brain damage due to the negligent management of the mother's labor and delivery.

2008

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEITH HEBEISEN

◆ \$6 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A young mother suffered severe disfigurement when doctors unnecessarily removed a healthy breast due to a lab technician mixing up pathology slides.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$100 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Six people were killed and 16 others were injured as they struggled to escape the smoky stairwell of the burning Cook County Administration Building in downtown Chicago. In one of the highest personal injury settlements in Cook County history, it was determined that firefighters initially fought the blaze from the wrong stairwell and placed more emphasis on battling the blaze than on saving lives.

2011

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$85 MILLION SETTLEMENT

The settlement was obtained against Medline, one of the nation's largest suppliers of medical and surgical products, in relation to a kickback scheme. Clifford Law Offices represented the whistleblower and prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The case, settled in federal district court in Chicago, is among the largest settlements of a False Claims Act case in which the government declined to intervene.

2012

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$1.2 BILLION SETTLEMENT

Property damage and financial loss claims as a result of the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$180 MILLION VERDICT

Three men were severely burned in a grain elevator explosion at work. It was the 11th highest verdict in the nation that year.

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$11.4 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 57-year-old mechanic suffered catastrophic orthopedic and internal injuries when he is run over by a tractor-trailer.

2013

KEITH HEBEISEN & SARAH KING

◆ \$15.55 MILLION VERDICT

A mother died in childbirth at a Chicago hospital when two doctors

failed to diagnose and treat her. It is the third-highest verdict in Cook County for the wrongful death of a person in a medical malpractice case.

KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$16 MILLION VERDICT

A record \$16 million verdict was obtained on behalf of two families whose sons were killed in a grain bin entrapment incident in north-western Illinois. The two teenagers suffocated in what became a sink-hole of grain. The previous record in that county was \$220,000 in 1989.

2014

BRADLEY COSGROVE & SARAH KING

◆ \$14 MILLION VERDICT

A 37-year-old woman suffered a stroke after taking an inappropriate prescription of Yasmin for 13 days. *The National Law Journal* names this case as the #1 verdict in Illinois in 2014.

2015

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$25.9 MILLION VERDICT

A lawyer was seriously injured in a taxi crash.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & BRADLEY COSGROVE

◆ \$20 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A young man was severely injured when a tractor carrying hazardous materials T-boned his vehicle.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & BRADLEY COSGROVE

◆ \$8.25 MILLION VERDICT

A father and husband died following knee replacement surgery at a Chicago hospital.

2016

KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$22.7 MILLION VERDICT

Obtained on behalf of a widow and child of a man killed in a truck crash. This was the largest wrongful death verdict in the county in more than a decade.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & SHANNON MCNULTY

◆ \$16.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 70-year-old man was permanently disabled when the hospital prescribed erroneous medication.

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$18.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Two men were burned in a flash fire derailment in Kentucky. 30 of 33 people killed or injured in the Seattle, Washington derailment hired Clifford Law Offices for injury or death claims against Amtrak.

2018

ROBERT CLIFFORD, KEVIN DURKIN
& TRACY BRAMMEIER

◆ \$35 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A woman was dragged by a truck and suffered debilitating injuries.

TRACY BRAMMEIER

◆ \$27.9 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A motorboat carrying a family of three failed, killing two members and injuring one.

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KRISTOFER RIDDLE

◆ \$250 MILLION SETTLEMENT

This years-long class-action litigation focused on a RICO scheme allegedly undertaken by State Farm and its co-defendants to overturn a judgment pending against them in the Illinois Supreme Court. It involved the defendants' undisclosed support for a judicial candidate who would eventually sit on the case and cast the deciding vote, reversing the matter. The settlement provides benefits to millions of current and former State Farm policyholders who were members of this class.

BRADLEY COSGROVE

◆ \$21.5 MILLION VERDICT

The son of a south suburban family drowned on a weekly trip to the Bridgeview Park District Pool.

BRADLEY COSGROVE, KEITH HEBEISEN
SARAH KING & CHARLES HASKINS

◆ \$101 MILLION VERDICT

A record verdict was obtained on behalf of a baby who sustained brain damage at birth at West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park. This case is the highest reported Illinois Medical Malpractice Verdict.

2019

SHANNON MCNULTY

◆ \$34.75 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs purchased defectively-designed Proline Casement windows. The company allegedly concealed the flaw from consumers for decades.



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NOTABLE CASES

2020

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$52.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Eight young, female acrobats sustained severe, life-altering injuries during an aerial performance with Barnum & Bailey Circus on May 4, 2014, at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, R.I.

2021

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KRISTOFER RIDDLE

◆ \$56.78 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Several adults and minor passengers were injured, and one wrongful death occurred aboard a speeding Amtrak Train 501 that derailed outside DuPont, Washington.

SUSAN CAPRA & KEITH HEBEISEN

◆ \$20 MILLION SETTLEMENT

An infant boy suffered severe and permanent brain damage due to negligent obstetrical care during labor. Resulting in neurological injury, including motor deficits, inability to speak, seizures, and cognitive delays.

2022

ROBERT CLIFFORD, KEITH HEBEISEN
SUSAN CAPRA & JOSEPH MURPHY

◆ \$27 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A newborn suffered permanent injuries, including a skull fracture and brain bleeding, during an emergency C-section delivery.

BRADLEY COSGROVE & SARAH KING

◆ \$25 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 59-year-old woman suffers from Locked-In Syndrome as a result of negligent treatment by a resident physician and the local Chicago-land area hospital's failure to timely recognize and treat a stroke.

2023

ROBERT CLIFFORD & JAMES PULLOS

◆ \$19.3 MILLION SETTLEMENT

The driver and passenger were killed when their car, after being rear-ended by a semi-truck, spun into oncoming highway traffic and collided with another truck.

KEITH HEBEISEN & SUSAN CAPRA

◆ CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT

A newborn suffered permanent injuries, including a skull fracture and brain bleeding as a result of a vaginal forceps delivery.

2024

BRADLEY COSGROVE & CHARLES HASKINS

◆ \$39.9 MILLION VERDICT

A record verdict was obtained on behalf of a 37-year-old man who was left permanently disabled following the failure to treat his apparent symptoms that could have prevented a stroke.

BRADLEY COSGROVE & MARTA DAVIDSON

◆ \$30.2 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A woman suffers from Wernicke's encephalopathy due to a failure to diagnose and treat her. A simple supplementation with Vitamin B1 would have prevented permanent disability.

KEVIN DURKIN, SUSAN CAPRA
TRACY BRAMMEIER & THOMAS TOMASIK

◆ \$19.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

An infant sustained permanent neurological injuries due to medical negligence in failing to perform a timely caesarean section.

SARAH KING & JOSEPH MURPHY

◆ \$6.27 MILLION VERDICT

A record verdict was obtained on behalf of a 58-year-old man who suffered debilitating injuries due to a malpositioned hip implant.

2025

BRADLEY COSGROVE & CRAIG SQUILLACE

◆ \$66 MILLION JUDGEMENT

A record judgement was obtained on behalf of a 39-year-old mother of four who bled to death following a negligent surgical procedure that went unnoticed.