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DECADES OF EXPERIENCE SEEKING JUSTICE
FOR VICTIMS IN TRUCKING LITIGATION

1990s

\$7.5 MILLION VERDICT

A 49-year-old male was left with significant brain damage and numbness in his lower extremities after he was rear-ended by an intoxicated driver driving a commercial van. The plaintiff's wife, who was a passenger, suffered a fatal head injury. At the time, this was the largest verdict in South Dakota.

\$6 MILLION VERDICT

A six-year-old boy, while riding his bike, was struck and killed by a garbage truck that was not equipped with proper side and back mirrors.

\$4.8 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A male plaintiff died several days after being run over by a FedEx truck while crossing a road near McCormick Place in Chicago, IL.

\$3.21 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 30-year-old female passenger was struck by a truck when the driver of her vehicle failed to obey a traffic control signal. The plaintiff suffered a traumatic brain injury, rendering her a spastic quadriplegic.

2000s

\$38.3 MILLION VERDICT

The largest Illinois verdict involving a motor vehicle crash in 2005, as featured in the Top 100 Verdicts of the National Law Journal, a mother and her two children were involved in a devastating truck-car collision on Interstate 90. The mother and one child survived.

\$9.05 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A married couple was killed while driving north on Interstate 55 when a van, heading in the opposite direction, crossed the road and struck them head-on.

\$7 MILLION SETTLEMENT

The plaintiff suffered a closed head injury and two minor children suffered injuries when the car they were riding in was struck by a semi-tractor-trailer unit that jackknifed.

\$3 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A mother was struck and killed in a head-on collision when a pickup truck crossed the centerline on a Chicago expressway.

\$2.75 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 52-year-old woman sustained injuries and chronic pain after she was rear-ended by a commercial truck while sitting in her car on the shoulder of the expressway.

\$2.47 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 62-year-old pedestrian was struck and killed when he was hit by a U.S. Postal Service truck.

\$2.25 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A young mother of two was killed in Indiana when her car was struck by a truck whose driver lost control of his vehicle.

\$2.2 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 61-year-old male sustained multiple injuries when he was turning left into a business driveway and his car was struck by a truck, which allegedly, had run a red light.

\$1.65 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 26-year-old man was killed on a Chicago expressway when he was stopped behind a jackknifed truck and then rear-ended by another truck forcing him into the jackknifed truck.

\$1.4 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 50-year-old woman suffered fatal injuries when she was hit by a semi-truck while crossing an intersection in Chicago, IL.

\$1.15 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 26-year-old female passenger was fatally injured when the vehicle she was in hit the median wall on an expressway and spun out, coming to a stop in the right lane. After both occupants exited the vehicle to check for damages, a truck rounded a curve and struck the disabled vehicle.

2010s

\$35 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 22-year-old woman was severely injured after a truck ran over her at a Chicago street corner and dragged her for 60 feet. At the time, this settlement was the highest Illinois pedestrian settlement reported.

\$22.7 MILLION VERDICT

A 31-year-old man was killed when a speeding truck driver, with drugs in his system, rear-ended him in a construction zone. At the time, this was the largest wrongful death verdict in Cook County, Illinois in more than a decade.

\$20 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 47-year-old man sustained fractures and internal injuries, leaving him permanently disabled, when a tanker truck, carrying hazardous materials, T-boned his vehicle.

\$11 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 55-year-old man sustained head injuries that caused permanent cognitive and neurological impairments, along with extensive burns, after his car was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer truck and burst into flames.

\$7 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 29-year-old construction worker, husband, and father of two minor children was killed by a semi-tractor-trailer in a construction zone in rural Tennessee. At the time, this settlement was believed to be a record for the wrongful death of a young father in that jurisdiction.

\$5.57 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 35-year-old man was left wheelchair bound after being struck by a commercial truck while crossing a street near O'Hare International Airport.

\$5 MILLION VERDICT

A college student suffered several injuries including a traumatic brain injury when a semi-truck and trailer, traveling at an excessive speed, t-boned the plaintiff's vehicle on I-65.

\$5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 73-year-old male bicyclist suffered right leg injuries that resulted in a below-the-knee amputation when he entered a crosswalk and was struck and dragged by a truck making a right-hand turn. At the time of the settlement, this was the highest Illinois leg amputation settlement reported for a male plaintiff over the age of 60.

\$4.2 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 34-year-old husband and father of two was killed when his vehicle was struck by a semi-tractor-trailer that veered across a highway median strip. The settlement amount included payment of the trucking company's maximum insurance coverage as well as corporate funds.

\$4.1 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 61-year-old woman suffered an intracranial hemorrhage with mild cognitive deficits, an orbital fracture and other head trauma, plus a fractured clavicle and broken ribs after she was struck by a garbage truck while crossing a street in Chicago.

\$4 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 60-year-old woman was killed when her vehicle was struck from behind by a tractor-trailer truck on I-80. At the time, this case represented a record settlement in Will County, Illinois for the wrongful death of a woman over 60 years of age.

\$3.9 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 40-year-old woman suffered multiple fractures after her SUV was cut off by a semi-truck traveling on Route 59 in Will County, Illinois.

\$3.75 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 29-year-old suffered multiple injuries after he was struck by a semi-tractor-trailer while riding his bicycle in a construction zone.

\$3.75 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 23-year-old woman bicyclist, in a shared lane, was struck and killed by a truck turning right in Chicago, IL.

\$3.7 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 72-year-old woman suffered pelvic, femur and ankle fractures in addition to a large degloving injury on her thigh when she was hit by an emergency vehicle that had collided with an AT&T SUV that allegedly failed to yield.

\$3.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 13-year-old boy, who was riding his bike on the sidewalk, was struck and killed by a truck making a right-hand turn when entering a crosswalk near a road construction site.

\$2.6 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 77-year-old woman died after the vehicle in which she was a passenger was struck by a semi-trailer truck.

\$2 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 64-year-old male suffered severe chest, facial, and closed head injuries, leaving him disabled when a semi-tractor truck failed to stop at a stop sign before making a left turn and collided with his vehicle.

\$2 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A female plaintiff was injured when her vehicle was struck by a FedEx truck pulling out of a parking lot as she attempted a lawful right-hand turn. She suffered a cervical myelopathy, traumatic brain injury, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

2020s

\$25 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 44-year-old woman was severely injured while riding her bicycle to work when a truck turned into her path, striking her.

\$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.

\$18.15 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 17-year-old sustained a traumatic brain injury and serious internal injuries when a truck driver, driving for a large trucking company and under the direction of a national shipper, lost control and crashed into the vehicle, which was lawfully on the shoulder of the highway.

\$16 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs alleged negligence against various defendants for a rear-end crash involving a semi-truck, which caused the death of their child.

\$6.3 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A woman suffered a traumatic brain injury when the vehicle she was a passenger in was struck by a truck.

\$5.25 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 36-year-old man died when his vehicle was struck head-on by a speeding truck.

\$5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 51-year-old man suffered multiple injuries when he was struck by a concrete truck driven by a co-worker.

\$4.85 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 27-year-old man died while riding as a passenger in a vehicle making a left turn when it was struck by a speeding semi-truck.

\$4 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A man died when he was hit by a truck in a crosswalk when the truck ran through a stop sign.

\$3.6 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 7-year-old boy suffered a significant traumatic brain injury, broken ribs, and lacerations as a result of being ejected from the rear-seat of his family's vehicle when their car was T-boned by a truck.

\$3.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A Plaintiff alleged her decedent was killed due to a crash with a national trucking/transportation company.

\$3.03 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A pregnant woman and her unborn baby were killed when she was struck by a truck in a crosswalk.

\$2.4 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 24-year-old was rear-ended by a semi-truck. Investigation revealed that the driver of the semi-truck was under the influence of illegal methamphetamine. The plaintiff sustained back and shoulder injuries. The case was settled for the full policy limits.

\$2.25 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 62-year-old motorist died when he collided with a truck that did not obey a stop sign.

\$2 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 28-year-old man who suffered serious injuries including cervical spine fractures after his vehicle was struck by a semi-truck on Pershing Road in Decatur, IL.

\$1.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A 68-year-old man was hit dead-on when a J.B. Hunt tractor uncontrollably crossed the center median. The plaintiff sustained cervical injuries that did not require surgery and post-concussion syndrome. The defense admitted liability pre-trial.

