

## Settlements and Verdicts

Below is a sampling of complex litigation matters that Ms. Wagman helped to bring to a successful conclusion, as an integral member of the legal services team:

### Settlements

\$7.1 million settlement for the wife and children who was tragically killed when a tractor trailer driver crashed into the family car on the NJ Turnpike.

\$1,950,000 awarded in a bench trial, for causing the death of the plaintiff's husband due to the defendant driver's failure to stop at a flashing red light: the resulting accident causing pain and then death to the plaintiff. The court awarded \$1,750,000 for wrongful death, \$175,000 for pain and suffering and \$8,516 for funeral expenses.

\$1.7 million settlement for anesthesiological malpractice after the anesthesiologist incorrectly inserted a tube in the plaintiff's esophagus when the plaintiff has a pre-existing artificial opening in the neck from a previous laryngectomy, thirty years before.

\$1.6 million settlement for a teenager in this Products Liability case where the teenager suffered cervical fractures and incomplete quadriplegia caused by a shoulder belt catching on the neck.

\$1.6 million awarded by a Gloucester County jury to a Woodbury Heights boy who lost most of his left hand in a 1995 fireworks explosion. The jury award included \$372,590 for future medical bills, \$300,000 for future lost wages and \$927,410 for pain and suffering

\$1.5 million settlement for nursing malpractice. This was a case in which a hospital patient, who had been admitted because of a 15 foot fall from a ladder, was given the wrong injection prior to coccyx surgery, because the nurse mislabeled the syringe, and caused the patient's death.

\$1.4 million settlement for a 38-year-old Mays Landing laborer severely injured on a construction site in South Jersey.

\$800,000 settlement for a 32-year-old Vineland man whose hand was severely burned in a glass making machine.

\$750,000 settlement for a 35-year-old Paulsboro man whose leg was amputated below the knee in a heavy equipment

accident.

\$500,000 settlement for a 17 year old boy who was injured at birth by a doctor who mismanaged his delivery.

## Verdicts

\$5.5 Million Jury verdict against General Motors, a 69-year-old Salem man was paralyzed from the chest down in a car crash on November 28 1995. His attorneys argued that a defective seat belt was the cause of his injuries. The jury agreed and ordered General Motors to pay \$5.5 million in damages.

\$2.5 Million settlement several construction companies and a machine manufacturer paid \$2.5 million to our client for injuries he sustained on a construction site. Our client lost his leg and his vision in one eye after an unstable machine was allowed onto a job site and was assigned for use by the general contractor in an area for which it was not intended.

\$2.3 Million verdict a Camden County Judge awarded \$2.3 million to a 29-year-old Sewell, New Jersey mother and her 5-year-old daughter for damages arising from the death of their husband/father. Our client was only 24 years old and pregnant with the couple's first child when her husband was killed in a car crash. Another driver disregarded a stop sign and a red flashing light and collided into his van at 50 mph.

\$5 million arbitration award to our client whose injury during a motor vehicle accident resulted from a defective seat in a Chrysler automobile.

Over \$4 million awarded by a jury for our client who has been disabled due to a poorly designed seat belt in a Toyota pick-up truck.

\$1.2 million out-of-court settlement, paid by various companies to our client, who contracted leukemia from exposure to a workplace chemical.

\$1.7 million for a 64 year old man injured as a result of anesthesia medical malpractice.

\$1.15 million for a 43 year old worker who lost part of his hand in a poorly guarded industrial machine.

\$750,000 settlement for the family of a man killed in a car accident.

\$1.6 million settlement for a 24 year old woman severely injured while riding in a reclined position in her vehicle. The legal services team brought national attention to the hidden dangers of reclining seats in a case against Chrysler.

\$1.5 million medical malpractice settlement for the widow, of a 43 year old man, who died after being negligently treated by a doctor and nurse at a South Jersey hospital in January 1999. The legal services team uncovered grave medication errors made by a nurse and pulmonologist at a South Jersey hospital which caused the death of the man.