

# THE ROUNDUP

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS FROM CHICAGO AND ILLINOIS

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Case Number and Title	Type of Case	Settlement/Verdict	Plaintiff's Attorney	Defendant's Attorney
<b>IL Cook-Law - Judge Rena Marie Van Tine</b>				
Carmina Shaw v Lazarus Holliday  17L-10786	<b>Personal Injury</b> - Allegedly, pltf was riding in deft's work vehicle when it crashed on Lake Shore Drive, and she suffered multiple fractures. Pltf was found unconscious by emergency personnel and was identified as the driver. Deft had no recollection of how he left the scene. Reportedly, deft gave inconsistent statements, admitting to an investigator that he was driving and had fallen asleep. At trial, deft claimed he was not driving when the crash occurred.	<b>Verdict:</b> \$511,993 <b>Demand:</b> \$225,000 <b>Asked:</b> \$511,993 <b>Offer:</b> \$150,000	Craig A. Hoffman and Edward D. Mizera of Ruberry, Stalmack & Garvey	Thomas L. Burdelik of Burdelik Law Group
<b>IL Cook-Law - Judge Bridget Anne Mitchell</b>				
Michael Sylvester v Chatham Rug Co.  18L-1023 (refiled from 14L-6647)	<b>Personal Injury</b> - Pltf fell from an extension ladder and allegedly suffered shoulder and spinal damage while assisting the owner of Chatham Rug in removing an electrical sign from the front of the store. Defense argued that pltf was at fault for the incident, and contested pltf's claim of a herniated disc.	<b>Verdict:</b> \$275,000 <b>Demand:</b> \$300,000 <b>Asked:</b> \$1,500,000 <b>Offer:</b> \$250,000	Bryan J. O'Connor, Jr. and Bryan J. O'Connor, Sr. of O'Connor Law Group	Matthew B. Knight and Matthew J. Heiting of Knight, Hoppe, Kurnik & Knight
<b>IL Cook-Law - Judge Ann Collins-Dole</b>				
John Friel v Darrell Miller, Century Trade Show Services Inc.  18L-4793 (refiled from 15L-6664)	<b>Personal Injury</b> - Pltf was part of a crew that was dismantling trade show booths at McCormick Place when deft, pulling a garbage dumpster through the work area, struck other equipment—causing the dumpster to contact pltf. Defense denied that pltf was ever hit by the dumpster, maintained that pltf was contributorily negligent, and disputed the nature/extent of pltf's injuries.	<b>Verdict:</b> \$315,900 after 22% off \$405,000 <b>Demand:</b> \$200,000 + lien waiver <b>Asked:</b> \$590,000 <b>Offer:</b> \$200,000	Bennett J. Baker and Geoffrey E. Jacobs of GWC Injury Lawyers	Lowell D. Snorf, III of Lowell D. Snorf III
<b>IL Cook-Law - Judge Bridget Anne Mitchell</b>				
Anna Scott Williams v Chicago Transit Authority, Ronald G. Bullock  17L-2776	<b>Personal Injury</b> - Pltf claimed she was passing a stopped CTA bus in the adjacent lane when the bus merged, striking her car and resulting in lumbar pain. Among other things, the defense contended that pltf was at fault for trying to go around the stopped bus to make a right turn.	<b>Verdict:</b> Not Guilty <b>Demand:</b> \$65,000 <b>Asked:</b> \$100,382 <b>Offer:</b> \$32,000	Aretha R. Bright of Vrdolyak Law Group	Alfredo Alvarez of C.T.A. Law Dept.