

Recent Verdicts and Settlements

A \$975,000 settlement was reached on behalf of a 38-year-old man with orthopaedic and pulmonary complaints, for whom corticosteroids had been negligently prescribed by two family practice doctors in New Lenox, Illinois. Experts retained by Spesia, Ayers & Ardaugh established that the patient's complaints did not warrant such strong medication, Medrol dosepaks and oral prednisone, over several years. The patient developed avascular necrosis or "osteonecrosis," a known side effect of corticosteroids, and had bilateral hip replacement surgery. In addition, the same doctors prescribed narcotic pain medications that led to a physical dependency/addiction.

Attorney John Spesia represented the plaintiff in this litigation.

A \$775,000 settlement was reached on behalf of the estate of a 38-year-old man who died in a motor vehicle accident caused by an uninsured motorist who ran through a stop sign. Due to an improper placement of a detour sign that partially obstructed the view of the stop sign, three defendants (engineer, developer and sign company) were liable.

Attorneys John Spesia and Thomas Ewert represented the victim's estate in this litigation.

A \$280,000 settlement was reached before trial in favor of an Illinois public utility that provided wastewater treatment services to an Illinois municipality under a service contract. In 2006 the utility company suspected that the municipality had not paid all of the sewer connection fees owed to the company for new connections to the sewer system. The firm's discovery in the case involved the review and analysis of the utility company's and the municipality's records during a 20-year contract period. With help from a consulting engineer, the firm was able to put a value on the unpaid connection fees and to assist in the recovery of a substantial portion of the fees owed. This case came on the heels of several suits filed by the municipality and area developers seeking to force the utility to provide sewer service beyond the term on the service contract. These cases were dismissed after the firm successfully argued that the Illinois Commerce Commission had jurisdiction over the dispute.

Attorneys Christian Spesia and Jeffrey Taylor represented the public utility in this litigation.

A \$450,000 settlement was reached on behalf of a client in a slip and fall case. The incident occurred at a major retailer and was determined to have been caused by failure to clean floors in a timely manner.

Attorneys John Spesia and Jeffrey Taylor represented the plaintiff in this litigation.