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Illinois settlements fell from the 2024 record high amount but still broke the \$2 billion mark and included the highest number of firms reaching total settlements of more than \$25 million. The total value of 2025 Illinois settlements reported to the Jury Verdict Reporter was \$2.1 billion with 633 cases compared to last year's record high of 920 settlements with a total value of \$2.38 billion.

The \$2.1 billion includes one business case that settled for \$100 million, and while the JVR Settlements Report recognizes business cases in our total amount reported, they are grouped separately to provide consistency with prior reports.

The 2025 JVR Settlements Report rankings highlight all settlements of \$500,000 or more and, 132 firms made the list. The settlements were submitted to the Jury Verdict Reporter between Sept. 1, 2024, and Aug. 31, 2025. During the reporting period there were 633 Illinois settlements totaling more than \$2.1 billion. The Settlements

Report includes confidential settlements that Jury Verdict Reporter editors were able to verify. [Editor's Note: Before 2016, the JVR Settlements Report only included non-business settlements of \$2 million or more.]

This year's report set several new highs. The number of firms (111) that made the list with one or more \$1 million settlements reached an all-time high at 84%. Firms (42 or 32%) with a total of \$10 million or more also reached a new high, surpassing last year's record and the highest number of firms reaching milestone amounts of \$5 million, \$10 million and \$25 million.

"This year's report confirms a trend we have been seeing where more firms are securing \$1 million-plus settlements, and the averages have been climbing consistently over the past five years," President of Law Bulletin Media Peter Mierzwa said. "We saw the highest number of firms reaching milestone settlement totals, which appears to be a continuation of the trend of how cases are being valued by juries."

Mierzwa added: "We also have begun tracking more closely who is helping bring these settlements to fruition and are excited to share that data in future reports."

Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard topped the list for the second straight year, with 29 settlements this year totaling more than \$213 million. Power Rogers LLP was just behind Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard with 28 cases totaling more than \$205 million. Of the 132 firms on this year's list, 58 or 51% of firms returned from the 2024 rankings. There were 67 new firms that made the 2025 list.

The top settlement this year — an automobile case that settled for \$60 million — was handled by Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard. The case involved a car being pursued by Chicago police that crashed into another car. There was one fatality and two injured passengers.

The average settlement value across all case types was the highest in eight years at \$3.3 million, which is about \$900,000 over the five-year average of \$2.5 million and 32% higher than last year. The median case value repeated last year's milestone by reaching \$1 million only the second time.

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In addition, the 2025 JVR Settlements Report showed that pedestrian cases reached a record total amount of \$146 million based on a record 46 cases. Work injury settlements also set a new record, exceeding the \$245 million record set just last year with a total of \$325 million despite 34% fewer cases than 2024.

Cook County cases exceeded cases in other Illinois counties with 73% of the cases and more than 82% of the total settlement amounts.

The 2025 JVR Settlements Report also examined the role of female attorneys compared to our 2016 analysis of cases worth more than \$500,000. In 2016, only 7% of the 366 cases had a female attorney as the lead, but in 2025 it more than doubled with more than 14% of the 504 cases featuring women as first chair. When compared to the total numbers of cases in which female attorneys were involved, 2016 amounted to 20% of the 366 cases, and that percentage rose to 36% of the 504 cases in 2025.

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**SALVI SCHOSTOK & PRITCHARD PC**

**AMOUNT** \$213,413,699

**CASES** 29

**ATTORNEYS** Patrick A. Salvi II, Lance D. Northcutt, Matthew L. Williams, Rob L. Kohen, Tara R. Devine, David J. Rashid, Aaron D. Boeder, Brian L. Salvi, John A. Mennie, Jaclyn J. Kurth, Eirene N. Salvi, Thomas R. Mulroy III, David L. Duran, Michael J. Schostok, Marisa A. Gelabert, Emily T. Art, Heidi L. Wickstrom, Kristen M. Stoicescu

**TOP CASE** \$60,700,000

**AUTO COLLISION** A police chase resulted in a collision that caused the death of a 10-year-old girl.



*He was a very active young man with two small children. He took them swimming, played in parks with them and was an involved and active dad. He looks forward to getting back to those types of activities, using this money to get the prosthetic devices that will allow that.”*

**LARRY ROGERS JR.**  
*Power Rogers LLP*

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**POWER ROGERS LLP**

**AMOUNT** \$205,558,000

**CASES** 28

**ATTORNEYS** Joseph A. Power, Jr., Larry R. Rogers, Jr., Joseph W. Balesteri, Kathryn L. Conway, Sean M. Houlihan, Devon C. Bruce, Jonathan M. Thomas, Dominic C. LoVerde, James I. Power, Thomas M. Power

**TOP CASE** \$32,000,000

**PEDESTRIAN** Vehicle fleeing police struck a pedestrian and caused a traumatic amputation of both legs.

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**LEVIN & PERCONTI**

**AMOUNT** \$132,584,317

**CASES** 53

**ATTORNEYS** Michael F. Bonamarte, IV, Margaret P. Battersby Black, Seth L. Cardeli, Steven M. Levin, Cari F. Silverman, Andrew J. Thut, John J. Perconti, Megan S. O’Connor, Jaime A. Koziol Delaney, Kelly A. Sabo Gaden, Lauren Park, Daniel A. Goldfaden, Daniel J. Broderick, Jr., Nicholas J. Emerson, Isabela R. Bacidore, Aleah M. Severin, Paul J. Connery, Kara M. Rockey, Dov Apfel, Jenna L. Ewing, Lisa M. Ciharan, Abigail M. Marshall, Gabriel J. Aprati, Victoria M. Lesak

**TOP CASE** \$18,000,000

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, BIRTH INJURY TO CHILD**  
Infant sustained cerebral palsy after delayed cesarean.

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**COGAN & POWER PC**

**AMOUNT** \$112,773,803

**CASES** 16

**ATTORNEYS** John M. Power, Sara M. Davis, Thomas K. Prindable, Miguel A. Ruiz, Samantha N. LaFata, Michael P. Cogan, Rebecca L. Schade, Thomas H. Murphy, Laura A. Canulli, James Casey Edwards

**TOP CASE** \$40,751,303

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, DRUGS**  
Man suffered catastrophic brain injury after pharmacy error in intrathecal antibiotic dosing caused chemical meningitis.

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**SMITH LACIEN LLP**

**AMOUNT** \$96,576,926

**CASES** 14

**ATTORNEYS** Todd A. Smith, Brian LaCien, Jason R. Williams, Andrew W. Mason, Allyson C. Cox, Carla Colaiani

**TOP CASE** \$30,500,000

**WORK INJURY** Construction worker died from injuries he sustained on the job.

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**TAXMAN POLLOCK MURRAY & BEKKERMAN LLC**

**AMOUNT** \$95,695,797

**CASES** 39

**ATTORNEYS** Bradley N. Pollock, Julie A. Levinson Pustilnik, James P. Lynch, Grant A. Bosnich, Gerald J. Bekkerman, Sean P. Murray, Mackenzie J. Mahony, Jonathan D. Treshansky, Cameron J. Tober, Colleen Mixan Mikaitis, Patricia A. Hudson, Jack S. Rubin, Jackson D. Wingert, Bryan A. Ruggiero, Sarah L. Riess, Marc A. Taxman, Alexandra K. Evans

**TOP CASE** \$20,794,988

**WORK INJURY** Three workers were killed and three others injured in chemical plant explosion.

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**THE LAW OFFICES OF PARENTE & NOREM PC**

**AMOUNT** \$90,801,293

**CASES** 11

**ATTORNEYS** Christopher M. Norem, Dennis M. Lynch, Joseph D. Parente, Charles C. Bletsas, Jacob R. Esp, Matthew J. Coleman

**TOP CASE** \$33,000,000

**STREET HAZARDS** Married couple killed when equipment fell from flatbed trailer and crushed their car.

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**CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES**

**AMOUNT** \$83,521,931

**CASES** 18

**ATTORNEYS** Bradley M. Cosgrove, Tracy A. Brammeier, Charles R. Haskins, Keith A. Hebeisen, Susan A. Capra, Sarah F. King, Marta M. Davidson, James C. Pullos, Thomas J. Tomasik, Nicholas T. Motherway, Julia C. Brosnahan, Courtney A. Berlin, David F. Jasinski

**TOP CASE** \$15,000,000

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, HEART** Man died from coronary artery blockages after cardiologist allegedly failed to timely intervene.

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### CAVANAGH SORICH LAW GROUP

**AMOUNT** \$59,901,000

**CASES** 9

**ATTORNEYS** Timothy J. Cavanagh, Michael J. Sorich, Christopher H. Dietmann, Marc E. McCallister

**TOP CASE** \$50,000,000

**FELA** Rail worker suffered catastrophic injuries after falling from crane and being run over.

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### STRELLIS FIRM CHTD

**AMOUNT** \$50,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Gregg E. Strellis, Stephanie Weissman, Carrie W. Cotter

**TOP CASE** \$50,000,000

**WORK INJURY** Airport worker lost one leg and required reconstruction of the other after being pinned between two trucks.

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### HERBERT LAW FIRM INC

**AMOUNT** \$50,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Daniel Q. Herbert

**TOP CASE** \$50,000,000

**FELA** Rail worker suffered catastrophic injuries after falling from crane and being run over.

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### TOMASIK KOTIN KASSERMAN LLC

**AMOUNT** \$48,255,000

**CASES** 13

**ATTORNEYS** Daniel M. Kotin, Robert F. Geimer, Katherine A. Twardak, Shawn S. Kasserman, Timothy S. Tomasik, Loren M. Legorreta, J. Edward Hettel, Heather A. Begley, Philip P. Terrazzino

**TOP CASE** \$22,000,000

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, BIRTH INJURY TO CHILD** Infant sustained hypoxic brain injury and lifelong disabilities after delayed cesarean delivery.

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### GILL PORTS HOSTE LLC

**AMOUNT** \$46,850,000

**CASES** 6

**ATTORNEYS** Michael T. Gill, Peter D. Hoste, Matthew D. Ports, Alexander J. Marsh

**TOP CASE** \$17,500,000

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE** Infant has permanent hearing loss after delayed treatment for elevated bilirubin levels.

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### NAPLETON & PARTNERS

**AMOUNT** \$39,042,911

**CASES** 23

**ATTORNEYS** Brion W. Doherty, Robert J. Napleton, Bradley Z. Schulman, David J. Gallagher, Daniel T. Madigan, Brian C. Fetzer, Patrick J. Giese, John "Jack" T. Goldrick, Michael Tarpey

**TOP CASE** \$8,000,000

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, HEART** Man died after complications from robotic heart surgery led to multiple amputations and cardiac arrest.

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### HEALY SCANLON VEUGELER GANNON

**AMOUNT** \$38,255,000

**CASES** 8

**ATTORNEYS** Matthew M. Gannon, Michael P. Scanlon, Kevin T. Veugeler

**TOP CASE** \$9,850,000

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, INFECTION** Patient suffered an infection following medical device implantation.

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### DUDLEY & LAKE LLC

**AMOUNT** \$36,679,988

**CASES** 10

**ATTORNEYS** Matthew Dudley, Kevin J. Golden, Marisa Schostok, Alex E. Campos, John A. Saletta, Jesse A. Placher, and Thomas M. Lake

**TOP CASE** \$20,794,988

**WORK INJURY** Three workers were killed and three others injured in chemical plant explosion.

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### TOMCZAK LAW GROUP

**AMOUNT** \$36,551,293

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEY** Jeffery J. Tomczak

**TOP CASE** \$33,000,000

**STREET HAZARDS** Married couple killed when equipment fell from flatbed trailer and crushed their car.

18

**GOLDBERG & GOLDBERG****AMOUNT** \$34,150,000**CASES** 4**ATTORNEYS** Ian R. Alexander, Joseph M. Preiser, Barry D. Goldberg**TOP CASE** \$18,000,000**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, BIRTH INJURY TO CHILD** Child suffered cerebral palsy and lifelong disabilities from a delayed cesarean.

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**GALLAGHER LAW OFFICES LLC****AMOUNT** \$34,100,000**CASES** 4**ATTORNEYS** Michael L. Gallagher, Michael L. Shanahan**TOP CASE** \$27,000,000**PEDESTRIAN** Woman rendered quadriplegic and later died after being struck by a vehicle fleeing police.

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**CORBOY & DEMETRIO PC****AMOUNT** \$33,387,685**CASES** 17**ATTORNEYS** Thomas A. Demetrio, Kenneth T. Lumb, Daniel S. Kirschner, William T. Gibbs, Philip Harnett Corboy, Jr., Michael D. Ditore, Edward G. Willer, Francis Patrick Murphy, Conrad C. Nowak, Michelle M. Kohut, Mitchell Wald Bild, Tommy Demetrio**TOP CASE** \$6,500,000**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE** Man died after spinal fractures went undiagnosed for days following a fall.

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**GWC INJURY LAWYERS LLC****AMOUNT** \$30,465,000**CASES** 6**ATTORNEYS** Louis C. Cairo, Michael D. Fisher, Lawrence J. Amato, Autumn K. Leslie, Allison L. Dolan, Louis A. Cairo, Timothy J. Keiser, Joseph P. Sorce**TOP CASE** \$23,500,000**WORK INJURY** Surveyor fell 140 feet to his death when scaffold system failed at high-rise construction site.

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*When Sonya called 911, she didn't know it, but that was her death sentence. Grayson was a ticking time bomb and no one should be surprised that this unfit officer eventually cost someone their life. We have been relentless in our quest to look for legislative change and that is why we are so honored and humbled that two of our Illinois leaders are taking a stance here and we hope that others follow their lead.”*

**ANTONIO M. ROMANUCCI**  
*Romanucci & Blandin LLC*

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**ROMANUCCI & BLANDIN LLC****AMOUNT** \$30,365,000**CASES** 10**ATTORNEYS** Antonio M. Romanucci, Joseph E. Kolar, Jason J. Friedl, Michael E. Holden, Michael D. Cerasa, Sam A. Harton, Bhavani K. Raveendran, Michelle DiSilvestro, Isabella Mazzanti, Bruno R. Marasso, Stephen H. Weil**TOP CASE** \$10,000,000**CIVIL RIGHTS** Woman fatally shot in her home by sheriff's deputy after she called the police to report break-in.

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**CIRIGNANI, HELLER & HARMAN LLP****AMOUNT** \$30,150,000**CASES** 4**ATTORNEYS** William A. Cirignani, James C. Harman, Daniel J. Pylman**TOP CASE** \$24,000,000**STREET HAZARDS** Teenage motorcycle passenger sustained skull fracture and permanent brain injury after a crash in construction zone.

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**MENABOLA & ASSOCIATES LLC****AMOUNT** \$27,000,000**CASES** 1**ATTORNEYS** Edward “Ted” W. McNabola, Jason W. Fura**TOP CASE** \$27,000,000**PEDESTRIAN** Woman rendered quadriplegic and later died after being struck by a vehicle fleeing police.

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**TURNBULL, MOAK & PENDERGRASS PC (BIRMINGHAM, AL)****AMOUNT** \$24,000,000**CASES** 1**ATTORNEYS** Brett Turnbull, Andrew Moak**TOP CASE** \$24,000,000**STREET HAZARDS** Teenage motorcycle passenger sustained skull fracture and permanent brain injury after a crash in construction zone.

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### 26 WISE LAW OFFICES LLC

**AMOUNT** \$21,620,000

**CASES** 9

**ATTORNEYS** David C. Wise, Robert J. Bingle, David E. Kravitz, Chloe J. Schultz

### 29 RAPOPORT SIMS PERRY & VANOVERLOOP PC

**AMOUNT** \$18,075,000

**CASES** 5

**ATTORNEYS** Matthew S. Sims, Joshua L. Weisberg, Melanie J. VanOverloop, Zartosht T. Khodavandi

### 32 RUNDIO INJURY LAW

**AMOUNT** \$14,790,480

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEY** Matthew M. Rundio

### 36 MARASSO LAW LLC

**AMOUNT** \$11,615,875

**CASES** 3

**ATTORNEY** Bruno R. Marasso

### 39 COPLAN & CRANE LTD

**AMOUNT** \$10,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Benjamin A. Crane, Stephen M. Blecha, Kevin G. Burke

### 44 KELLEHER + HOLLAND LLC

**AMOUNT** \$8,475,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Donald J. Morrison, Michael J. Morrison, Megan M. Brannon

### 27 MDR LAW LLC

**AMOUNT** \$21,485,000

**CASES** 14

**ATTORNEYS** Lauren Levin Budz, Martin J. Lucas, Richard J. Rosenblum, Joshua M. Rappaport, Scott H. Rudin, Florina Bandula, Joseph E. Salvi

### 30 HEATH & HEATH

**AMOUNT** \$16,500,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Sharon L. Heath, Timothy W. Heath

### 33 LANE BROWN LLC

**AMOUNT** \$12,750,000

**CASES** 8

**ATTORNEYS** Scott D. Lane, Mark A. Brown, Nicholas J. Kamenjarin, Kellie J. Snyder, Oliver P. Shindler

### 37 STINAR GOULD GRIECO & HENSLEY

**AMOUNT** \$11,500,000

**CASES** 4

**ATTORNEYS** Martin D. Gould, Michael R. Grieco, Charles A. Terry

### 39 BEN CRUMP LAW PLLC (TALLAHASSEE, FL)

**AMOUNT** \$10,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Ben Crump, Thurgood Wynn

### 45 MEYERS & FLOWERS LLC

**AMOUNT** \$8,100,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Craig D. Brown, Thomas M. Connelly

### 28 LAW OFFICES OF JEFF A. SALTZMAN

**AMOUNT** \$18,775,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEY** Jeff A. Saltzman

### 31 BEAM LEGAL TEAM

**AMOUNT** \$15,700,000

**CASES** 4

**ATTORNEYS** Matthew M. Patterson, Ryan Timoney, Vanessa Makris, Carmine Paterra, Jack Beam

### 34 CURCIO & CASCIATO

**AMOUNT** \$12,500,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Robert J. Curcio, John R. Gorey, Tracy Ann Robb

### 38 FAKLIS, TALLIS & MEAD

**AMOUNT** \$11,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Michael C. Mead, Nicholas J. Faklis, Jeffrey J. Tallis

### 39 HURST BOLEKY LLC

**AMOUNT** \$10,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Brian Hurst, Thomas F. Boleky

### 46 ARGIONIS & ASSOCIATES LLC

**AMOUNT** \$8,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** George G. Argionis, Jason A. Sanders

“*Reneyda’s tragic death never should have happened. It was preventable, and the loss that her family experienced cannot be made whole. We hope that the settlement provides justice and some closure for her family.*”

**MICHAEL C. MEAD**  
*Faklis Tallis & Mead P.C.*

### 35 R. MARK MARITOTE P.C.

**AMOUNT** \$12,000,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** R. Mark Maritote, Timothy W. Heath

### 39 O’CONNOR LAW FIRM LTD

**AMOUNT** \$10,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Jeffrey D. Naffziger

### 43 SPIROS LAW PC

**AMOUNT** \$8,500,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** James D. Spiros, Miranda L. Soucie, Katie A. Hubbard, Alison D. Kimble, Danielle E. Cain

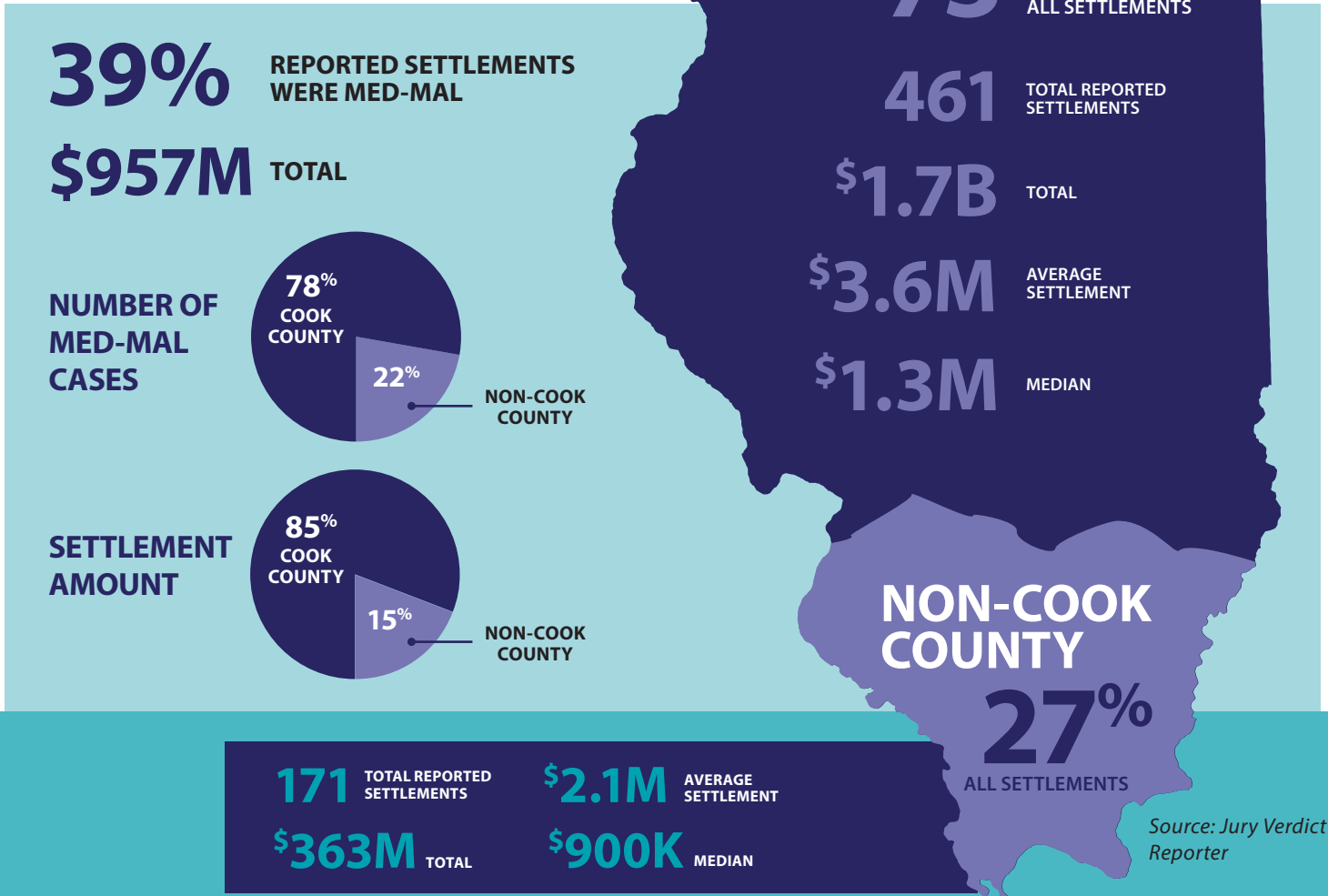
### 47 ANESI OZMON LTD

**AMOUNT** \$7,877,000

**CASES** 5

**ATTORNEYS** Scott C. Sands, Steven A. Berman, Charles A. Terry, David Figlioli, Robert J. Chervis, Jeffrey M. Alter

# Cook County settlements continue to surge, nearly reaching the record highs of 2024



Of the 632 Illinois non-business settlements considered for the 2025 Jury Verdict Reporter Settlements Report – including those below the \$500,000 threshold for inclusion in the rankings of top firms – 73% came from Cook County.

The 461 Cook County settlements that were reported to the Jury Verdict Reporter were in line with the five-year average, despite a 37% decline from 2024. The 2024 report included a record number of cases due to hundreds of Sterigenics settlements. The 171 settlements from the rest of Illinois were the lowest in five years.

Cook County accounted for 73% of the total amount settled with \$1.7 billion, while non-Cook settlements totaled \$363 million.

The average settlement amount increased

in Cook County, while the median amount increased throughout the state. The average Cook County settlement increased 43% to \$3.6 million compared to the 2024 average of \$2.7 million. Non-Cook County settlements averaged \$2.1 million, which represented a 7% decline from the \$2.3 million average in 2024. The median settlement amount in Cook County increased 43% to \$1.25 million and 20% in non-Cook County cases to \$900,000.

In the 2025 report, medical malpractice cases decreased from the 10-year high in 2024 for the number of cases and total settlements amount. Medical malpractice settlements this year made up 39% of the reported settlements and totaled \$957 million, which ranked second to last year’s record total for medical malpractice cases of \$967 million.

Breaking down medical malpractice settlements further, the ratio of Cook versus non-Cook cases was consistent with the overall JVR Settlements Report breakdown with 78% of cases in Cook County. The total settlement amount in Cook County was even more dramatic with 85% of the total medical malpractice settlements amount coming from Cook County cases.

In addition, the average Cook County medical malpractice settlement saw a 7% increase to \$4.1 million whereas the non-Cook County average settlement fell 12% to \$2.9 million. Settling a medical malpractice case in Cook County on average would be \$1.7 million higher than other Illinois jurisdictions.

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### RUBIN & MACHADO LTD

**AMOUNT** \$7,750,000

**CASES** 6

**ATTORNEYS** Edward M. Rubin, Stephanie B. Rubin

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### REGINA P. ETHERTON & ASSOCIATES LLC

**AMOUNT** \$7,200,000

**CASES** 6

**ATTORNEYS** Regina Picone Etherton, David W. Horan

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### LOIZZI LAW OFFICES LLC

**AMOUNT** \$7,015,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Nicholas V. Loizzi, Shauna M. Reitz, Michael Fleming

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### SHANNON LAW GROUP PC

**AMOUNT** \$7,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Joseph P. Shannon, Patrick D. Cummings, Robert J. Hanrahan

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### JURIS WRITER LLC

**AMOUNT** \$7,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Patrick C. Anderson

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### SOLIS LAW FIRM

**AMOUNT** \$7,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Andrew J. Fink

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### SCHWARTZ JAMBOIS

**AMOUNT** \$6,800,000

**CASES** 4

**ATTORNEYS** Amanda L. Brasfield, Craig P. Mannarino, Joseph L. Rourke, Jr.

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### WHITING LAW GROUP LTD

**AMOUNT** \$6,266,464

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Timothy M. Whiting, Torrie N. Poplin

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### SKLARE LAW GROUP LTD

**AMOUNT** \$6,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Robert K. Leyshon, Richard C. Sklare

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### SAM ADAM JR. LAW GROUP

**AMOUNT** \$6,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Samuel E. Adam

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### MITCHELL, HOFFMAN & WOLF LLC

**AMOUNT** \$6,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Kenneth A. Hoffman

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### FRAZIER & SABIN LLP

**AMOUNT** \$6,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Richard D. Frazier

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**PETER HIGGINS LAW**  
**AMOUNT** \$6,000,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEYS** Peter F. Higgins, Peter Higgins, Jr.

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**LAW OFFICES OF MATHYS & SCHNEID**  
**AMOUNT** \$5,925,000  
**CASES** 8  
**ATTORNEYS** Mark W. Mathys, Colin F. Diamond, Mark T. Schneid, Daniel R. Chaidez

**62**  
**HENDERSON PARKS LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$5,800,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEYS** Christopher W. Carmichael, Ryan O. Estes, Victor P. Henderson, Rebecca R. Kaiser, William C. Martin, Devlin J. Schoop, Charles R. Watkins, J. Bryan Wood

**62**  
**DONALD A. YARBROUGH (FT. LAUDERDALE, FL)**  
**AMOUNT** \$5,800,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEY** Donald A. Yarbrough

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**PITARO & FUMO (LAS VEGAS, NV)**  
**AMOUNT** \$5,800,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEY** Thomas F. Pitaro

**65**  
**ROSENBERG EISENBERG & SHACTMAN LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$5,610,000  
**CASES** 2  
**ATTORNEYS** Geoffrey Sabin, Brian A. Shactman, Geoffrey Sabin, John A. King

**66**  
**SHAPIRO COHEN & BASINGER LTD**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,875,000  
**CASES** 4  
**ATTORNEYS** Matthew R. Basinger, Lauren D. Cohen, Donald A. Shapiro

**67**  
**O'BRIEN LAW LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,600,000  
**CASES** 2  
**ATTORNEY** Daniel E. O'Brien

**68**  
**COSTELLO GILBRETH & MURPHY LTD**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,350,000  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEYS** Richard F. Egan, David E. Gilbreth

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**STOLLER & GARSTKI**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,200,000  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEYS** Stewart D. Stoller, Steven E. Garstki

**70**  
**PASSEN POWELL JENKINS**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,175,000  
**CASES** 2  
**ATTORNEYS** Jordan S. Powell, Matthew A. Passen

**71**  
**ZAYED LAW OFFICES**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,039,839  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEY** Jeremy D. Lee

**72**  
**WINTERS SALZETTA O'BRIEN & RICHARDSON LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,000,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEYS** Daniel E. O'Brien, Timothy M. Richardson

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**THE COLLINS LAW FIRM PC**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,000,000  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEY** John D. Risvold

“*This settlement recognizes the profound impact this preventable incident had on our client's life. After all this time and all she's been through, we're just happy that Annie has justice and now has the money to provide her the comfort to move forward with her life and accomplish all the great things that are ahead of her.*”

**BRUNO R. MARASSO**  
*Marasso Law LLC*

**72**  
**ALSCHULER SIMANTZ & HEM PC**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,000,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEY** James C. James III

**72**  
**CAMPBELL LAW LLC (ST. LOUIS, MO)**  
**AMOUNT** \$4,000,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEY** John Campbell

**76**  
**SALVATO, O'TOOLE & FROYLAN**  
**AMOUNT** \$3,962,000  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEYS** Carl S. Salvato, Robert J. Kelleher

**77**  
**WEINRICH LAW FIRM LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$3,825,000  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEY** Justin M. Weinrich

**78**  
**BARNEY & KARAMANIS LLP**  
**AMOUNT** \$3,775,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEYS** Theodore G. Karavidas, Michaela Coughlin

**79**  
**O'CONNOR LAW GROUP LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$3,688,250  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEY** Bryan J. O'Connor, Jr.

**80**  
**LAW OFFICES OF GREGG MANDELL INC**  
**AMOUNT** \$3,500,000  
**CASES** 1  
**ATTORNEY** Gregg K. Mandell

**81**  
**BOBBER, TEICH & PIPPIN LLC**  
**AMOUNT** \$3,250,000  
**CASES** 3  
**ATTORNEYS** Michael L. Teich, Dominick P. Ranallo, Andrew B. Pippin

# Work injury settlements reach record high despite fewer cases compared to 2024

## 66

TOTAL CASES

## Work Injury Cases 2025

Source: Jury Verdict Reporter

	SETTLEMENTS	TOTAL AWARDS	MEDIAN	AVERAGE	
2025	<b>57</b>	<b>\$325,282,718</b>	<b>\$2,425,000</b>	<b>\$5,706,714</b>	<b>WORK INJURY CASES WERE 9% OF ALL REPORTED SETTLEMENTS</b>
2024	<b>87</b>	<b>\$245,296,996</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>	<b>\$2,819,506</b>	
2023	<b>58</b>	<b>\$174,548,191</b>	<b>\$1,412,861</b>	<b>\$3,009,452</b>	
<b>TOP CASES</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b> Cavanagh Sorich Law Group; Herbert Law Firm Work Injury	<b>\$50,000,000</b> Strellis Firm Chtd. Work Injury	<b>\$30,500,000</b> Smith LaCien LLP Work Injury	<b>\$23,500,000</b> GWC Injury Lawyers Work Injury	<b>\$20,794,988</b> Taxman, Pollock, Murray & Bekkerman; Dudley & Lake Work Injury

## 86%

SETTLEMENTS



11% DEFENSE VERDICTS  
89% PLAINTIFF VERDICTS

**NOTABLE DEFENSE VERDICT**

**Daniel Napoles v Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corp., d/b/a Metra**

**CASE NUMBER** 19-L-12406

**DEFENSE ATTORNEYS** Michael E. Kujawa, Jonathon R. Sommerfeld of Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz

**FACTS** Highway crash injures Metra worker riding in Metra pickup truck

ASK

## \$5.78M

DEMAND

**\$2M**

OFFER

**\$100K**

## 14%

TRIALS

The total settlements for work injuries in the 2025 Jury Verdict Reporter Settlements Report reached a new record of more than \$325 million, besting last year's record of \$245 million. The 33% increase in total amounts is notable because it involved 34% fewer cases compared to last year. There were 57 work injury settlements in 2025 and 87 in 2024.

Work injury settlements represented 9% of the overall settlements and 15% of the overall settlement amounts in the 2025 report. The majority of work injury cases were settlements with just 14% of cases going to trial. Of the nine cases that went to trial, all but one resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff.

Both the average and median work injury settlement amounts dramatically increased. The average amount more than doubled from \$2.8 million in 2024 to \$5.7 million this year. The median amount increased 80% to \$2.4 million in 2025 compared to \$1.4 million last year.

Cook County settlements made up 95% of the total amounts with \$309 million compared to the non-Cook total amounts of \$16 million. The Cook totals were led by a \$50 million settlement involving a railyard worker run over by a crane and suffered catastrophic permanent injuries. The case was handled by Cavanagh Sorich Law Group and Herbert Law Firm.

Cook County averages were three times more (\$6.3 million) than the non-Cook averages (\$2 million). The 2025 average also was more than double (\$5.7 million) the Cook County average in 2024 (\$2.8 million).

Non-Cook County average settlement amounts were the lowest in five years at \$2 million, which is also 64% lower than the overall work injury settlement in 2025 and a 35% drop from 2024.

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### **SCHECHTER SHAFFER & HARRIS (HOUSTON, TX)**

**AMOUNT** \$3,250,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Matthew D. Shaffer, Laura De La Cruz

83

### **COLLISON LAW OFFICES LTD**

**AMOUNT** \$3,200,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Robert D. Fink

84

### **JOHN M. MOLLOY LAW GROUP**

**AMOUNT** \$3,100,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Brian T. McGinnis, Maureen M. Heber

85

### **THOMAS D. MURRAY PC**

**AMOUNT** \$3,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Thomas D. Murray

85

### **HORWITZ HORWITZ & ASSOCIATES LTD**

**AMOUNT** \$3,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Danielle M. Downey, Michael A. Silverman

85

### **BECKER LAW FIRM (CLEVELAND, OH)**

**AMOUNT** \$3,000,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Michael F. Becker

88

### **LAW OFFICE OF JEFF GREEN**

**AMOUNT** \$2,910,000

**CASES** 3

**ATTORNEY** Jeffrey A. Green

89

### **HURLEY MCKENNA & MERTZ PC**

**AMOUNT** \$2,845,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEY** Michael T. Mertz

90

### **BARNEY HAMMOND LLP**

**AMOUNT** \$2,750,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Ian M. Barney

91

### **GIBSON STEIGAUF**

**AMOUNT** \$2,740,000

**CASES** 3

**ATTORNEYS** Scott B. Gibson, John R. Steigauf

92

### **COOGAN GALLAGHER**

**AMOUNT** \$2,700,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** James E. Coogan

93

### **KEATING LAW OFFICES PC**

**AMOUNT** \$2,515,000

**CASES** 3

**ATTORNEYS** Michael S. Keating, M. Catelny Viggiano

94

### **LEOPOLD & ASSOCIATES LLC**

**AMOUNT** \$2,500,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Valerie A. Leopold

95

### **THERIAULT BOOTH LLC**

**AMOUNT** \$2,485,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEY** Ryan P. Theriault

96

### **THE BRYANT LAW GROUP LLC**

**AMOUNT** \$2,425,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Aaron J. Bryant

97

### **PIPAL & BERG LLP**

**AMOUNT** \$2,350,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Faustin A. Pipal, Jr., Dennis A. Berg

97

### **TRAUMA LAWYERS**

**AMOUNT** \$2,350,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Katherine A. Cardenas, Manuela C. Pinilla

99

### **THE LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL E GOODMAN LLC**

**AMOUNT** \$2,200,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Bret D. Franco, Daniel E. Goodman

100

### **LEWIS LAW FIRM**

**AMOUNT** \$1,750,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEY** Brian J. Lewis

100

### **ROMAKER LAW FIRM**

**AMOUNT** \$1,750,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Fernando M. Bustamante

100

### **ARMBRUSTER DRIPPS WINTERSCHIEDT & BLOTEVOGEL**

**AMOUNT** \$1,750,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** Roy C. Dripps III

103

### **FEAGANS LAW GROUP PC**

**AMOUNT** \$1,680,000

**CASES** 2

**ATTORNEYS** Joshua M. Feagans, Kathryn Feagans

104

### **LAW OFFICES OF GEORGE J. JASINSKI**

**AMOUNT** \$1,500,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEY** George J. Jasinski

105

### **TYLER LAW OFFICES PC**

**AMOUNT** \$1,400,000

**CASES** 1

**ATTORNEYS** Timothy R. Tyler, Taylor L. Tyler

# Pedestrian injury cases reach highest number of settlements

## 52

TOTAL CASES

## Pedestrian Injury Cases 2025

Source: Jury Verdict Reporter

	SETTLEMENTS	TOTAL AWARDS	MEDIAN	AVERAGE												
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">88%</div> <p>SETTLEMENTS</p>	<div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">46</div>	\$145,651,885	\$950,000	\$3,166,345	PEDESTRIAN INJURY CASES WERE 7% OF ALL REPORTED SETTLEMENTS											
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The 2025 JVR Settlements Report had the highest number of settlements and total amount for pedestrian cases with 46 cases totaling more than \$145 million. The previous high was in 2022 with 42 cases with a total amount of \$136 million.

Compared to 2024, the number of cases increased 53% and from 30 to 46 cases this year. The total amount rose 60% to more than \$145 million from \$90 million. Pedestrian cases were 7% of the total number of cases as well as the total settlements amount.

Both the average and the median amounts for settlements remained essentially the same. The 2025 average for a pedestrian case increased 5% to \$3.2 million from \$3 million in 2024. The median settlement dropped 5% to \$950,000 in 2025 from \$1 million last year.

The majority of pedestrian cases were settlements. Only 12% of cases went to trial. Of the six cases that went to trial, all but two resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff.

Cook County settlements made up 88% of the total amounts with \$128 million versus \$10 million in the other Illinois counties.

The highest pedestrian settlement was a Cook case involving a pedestrian hit by an SUV being chased by police. The crash resulted in bilateral below-the-knee amputation. Power Rogers LLP handled the \$32 million settlement.

The average Cook County settlement (\$3.9 million) was more than double compared to non-Cook (\$1.4 million). The median settlement remained at \$900,000.

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### WOMEN'S INJURY LAW GROUP PLLC

AMOUNT \$1,250,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Elise A. Waisbren

106

### GARDINER KOCH WEISBERG & WRONA

AMOUNT \$1,250,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS John R. Wrona, Thomas G. Gardiner, Shannon V. Condon

108

### TARPEY JONES & SCHROEDER LLC

AMOUNT \$1,150,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Richard J. Schroeder

109

### MARKER & CRANNELL

AMOUNT \$1,000,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Jonathan P. Crannell

109

### TURNER LAW GROUP

AMOUNT \$1,000,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Richard L. Turner Jr.

109

### LAW OFFICES OF ISRAEL GARCIA (HOUSTON, TX)

AMOUNT \$1,000,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Israel Garcia

112

### MOOR LAW OFFICE PC

AMOUNT \$950,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Edward R. Moor

112

### ANKIN LAW OFFICE PC

AMOUNT \$950,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Jacob A. Nabat

114

### ALEKSY BELCHER

AMOUNT \$935,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS Bryant M. Greening, Matthew J. Belcher

115

### TOBIN & MUNOZ LLC

AMOUNT \$800,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS Craig D. Tobin, Matthew C. Lauderdale

115

### RAVEENDRAN LAW LLC

AMOUNT \$800,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Bhavani K. Raveendran

115

### THOMAS LAW OFFICES PLLC

AMOUNT \$800,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS Tad Thomas, Ryan T. McNulty

118

### CANTLIN LAW FIRM

AMOUNT \$750,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS John L. Cantlin, Timothy B. Cantlin

118

### PHILLIPS LAW OFFICES

AMOUNT \$750,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Alec D. Mesrobian

120

### BRIONES & BURNS

AMOUNT \$700,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS Samuel Briones, Michael F. Burns

120

### LIRO WILLER (NEWTON, MA)

AMOUNT \$700,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Marlie Willer

122

### GRIFFIN WILLIAMS MCMAHON & WALSH LLP

AMOUNT \$500,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Kristin N. Suchy

122

### THE LAW OFFICE OF DAVID J. HEYER LTD

AMOUNT \$500,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY David J. Heyer Jr.

122

### MCCREADY LAW

AMOUNT \$500,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Jess D. Jordan

122

### THE SPEARMAN FIRM LLC

AMOUNT \$500,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEY Beverly P. Spearman

## BUSINESS CASE

DAVIS, MINER, BARNHILL & GALLAND; DICELLO LEVITT LLC; FOOTE MIELKE CHAVEZ & O'NEIL LLC; THE COLLINS LAW FIRM PC; HART MCLAUGHLIN & ELDRIDGE; WILLIAMSMCCARTHY LLP; ROMANUCCI & BLANDIN LLC

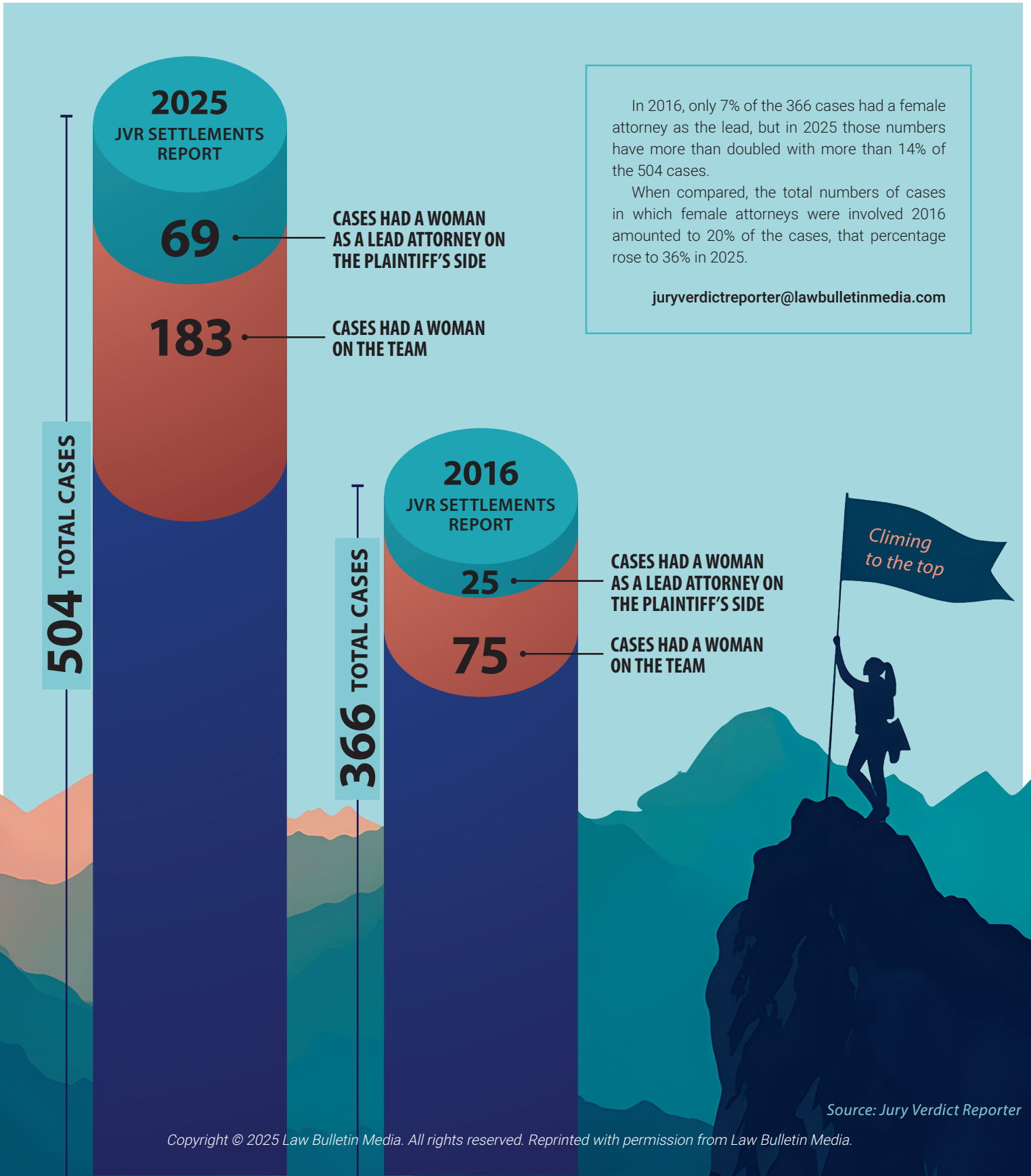
AMOUNT \$100,000,000

CASES 1

ATTORNEYS Robert S. Libman, Roisin L. Duffy-Gideon, Deanna N. Pihos; Daniel J. Flynn, Anna Claire Skinner; Robert M. Foote; Edward J. Manzke, Margaret E. Galka; Steven A. Hart; Marc C. Gravino, John J. Holevas; David A. Neiman

POLLUTION Class action settlement for a chemical explosion that created a toxic plume of smoke requiring evacuations and shelter-in-place orders for people within three miles of explosion.

# In nearly 10 years, twice as many women first chairing cases



Source: Jury Verdict Reporter