

CLIENT STORIES

Attorneys Michael Kopsick and Matt Willis have worked with hundreds of personal injury victims over the years - victims who have trusted their cases to Michael and Matt and the personal injury attorneys and staff at Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela, LLP. Presented below are several examples of cases we have resolved in 2010. If you, a loved one or friend has been injured and would like to talk about your case or how we may be able to help, please call or e-mail Michael or Matt to arrange a free initial consultation.

Automobile Accident

Two Killed by Drunk, Wrong-Way Driver on Interstate 84 in East Hartford

On January 13, 2007 at 2:54 a.m., William C., age 33, a married father of two, was a passenger in a vehicle operated by his 26 year old cousin. William and his cousin were traveling east on I-84 in East Hartford, Connecticut when a vehicle operated by a twenty year old woman was traveling in the wrong direction. The vehicles hit head-on, causing the vehicle William was traveling in to catch fire. The vehicle was quickly engulfed in flames and both William and his cousin were killed. Blood tests revealed that the woman was operating her vehicle under the influence of alcohol and narcotics. She was ultimately convicted of two counts of negligent homicide.

At first, it appeared that only minimal insurance coverage was available. The William C. Estate collected policy limits of \$20,000 for the vehicle the woman was operating, and \$40,000 from the Estate of William C.'s cousin, the owner of the vehicle in which William was a passenger. Through the use of their private investigator, Attorneys Kopsick and Willis determined where the woman purchased the alcohol she consumed the night of the accident. The Estate filed a claim against the package store for "negligence per se" as the sale of alcohol to a minor violated a specific Connecticut statute. Through a methodical approach to building William's case, a settlement was achieved in July 2010 for a total of \$742,500, with the Estate of William C. receiving \$424,375 and the Estate of William's cousin receiving \$318,125.

Settlement: \$742,500.

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Slip and Fall Accident

Ellington Woman Settles for \$400,000 After Fall in Icy Parking Lot

On January 17, 2006, at approximately 4:00 p.m., our client, a 42 year old woman, pulled into what she believed to be the parking lot of a local jewelry store. (It was later determined that this parking lot was owned by the adjacent property owner). As our client exited her vehicle, she shut the door, took one step before her feet came out from under her, and fell due to an accumulation of ice in the parking lot. As a result of the fall, our client sustained a fractured ankle, fractured wrist, and a shoulder injury, all three of which required surgical repair and resulted in permanent injuries. The adjacent property owner claimed they were not responsible for our client's injuries because she was a "trespasser".

Through the careful use of depositions and onsite investigations, Attorney Kopsick and Attorney Willis were able to demonstrate that payments were solicited from the adjacent property owner in exchange for the use of the parking lot in question. Attorney Willis and Attorney Kopsick were able to demonstrate how this revelation changed our client's legal status on the land from "trespasser" to "business invitee", and the result was a mediated settlement of \$400,000.

Settlement: \$400,000.

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Water Park Accident

Local Teen Settles for \$850,000 After Waterslide Injury

Attorney Kopsick and Attorney Willis played a pivotal role in helping to secure a nearly seven figure recovery for a local teen who was injured in a water park accident.

Settlement: \$850,000.

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Boating Accident

Man Recovers \$100,000 after Being Hit by a Drunken Boater

Attorney Kopsick and Attorney Willis were able to secure a \$100,000 settlement for an injured client whose boat was struck by a drunken, uninsured, boater.

Settlement: \$100,000.

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Motorcycle Accident

Motorcyclist Recovers \$125,000 in Left-Hand Turn Accident

Attorney Kopsick and Attorney Willis recently helped a motorcyclist recover six figures from a driver who made an illegal left-hand turn in Stafford, Connecticut.

Settlement: \$125,000.

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These cases are just a small sample of the results we obtained for our injured clients in 2010. We handle a wide variety of personal injury matters and have experience dealing with catastrophic injuries (including a 1.8 million dollar settlement in 2009), amusement park injuries, dog attacks, slip and fall cases and other instances of defective premises. We recognize the need to be flexible and responsive in today's competitive legal marketplace. At KK&C, we understand that satisfied clients are long-term clients. Our goal is to establish lasting relationships through personalized advice and counsel. Please feel free to contact us with your questions.