



CATASTROPHIC INJURY / WRONGFUL DEATH

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Morris Polich & Purdy LLP has a team of seasoned trial attorneys dedicated to handling, in both state and federal court, high-exposure claims arising out of: death, loss of sight/hearing/limbs, paralysis, brain injury, and permanent burns/scarring. Our law firm assigns such cases to dedicated trial attorneys who truly understand the emotional aspects of handling such claims in front of juries, based on their wealth of experience in confronting these unique challenges. Our trial lawyers have represented, and obtained summary judgments and favorable settlements for, clients in thousands of high-exposure lawsuits arising out of virtually every conceivable scenario in the areas of: residential/landlord claims, commercial property management, transportation, intentional torts, third-party criminal acts, animal owner liability, and fair/amusement park enterprises.

A CROSS SECTION OF OUR EXPERIENCE

- Summary judgment granted for client based on assumption of risk in case where fifth grade teacher claimed brain damage stemming from being struck by a bat flung by client's child while competing in school softball game.
- Successful resolution of plaintiff's claim for compensation for severe burns over the majority of his body as a result of fireworks set off by homeowner's adult son.
- Favorable settlement for client sued by plaintiff hired to clean their yard during which plaintiff sustained several fractures and a neurological face disorder.
- Successful resolution of wrongful death claim by mother against landlord regarding three-year old boy crushed to death by improperly installed iron gate.
- Defense of double leg amputation claim by plaintiff when client with history of seizures blacked-out and drove over plaintiff.
- Defense of homeowner from claim by illegal worker of an uninsured contractor hired to work on client's roof whose injuries resulted in the amputation of a foot.
- Successful resolution of wrongful death case by plaintiffs' heirs who sued client after decedent suffocated in leaves of a palm tree client hired worker to trim.
- Defense of product manufacturer from claim of employee severely burned while using an extruder product.
- Summary judgment obtained for client who was sued by family of minor plaintiff that was run over while on a bike based on the claim the client provided the deceased with alcohol and coerced the deceased into the path of the vehicle which struck him.
- MPP filed a successful summary judgment motion for a homeowner in a lawsuit filed by plaintiff beaten by gang members at a party by one of the client's children involving allegations of alcohol, drug use, and gang activity at the party.
- Favorable settlement of wrongful death of plaintiff who died from complications arising out of shoulder surgery due to trip-and-fall over parking wheel stop on client's property.
- Defense of double foot amputation claim against client sued by plaintiff worker injured by shearing blade while operating baler equipment.
- Favorable settlement during trial for client sued by plaintiff in foot amputation case arising from stepping on nail while working on client's property.
- Defense of client day-care operator sued for wrongful death of seven year old boy who was killed by a falling iron fence.

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- Defense of major neurological claim involving medical expenses of \$900,000 brought against client who failed to properly secure a wheel after rotating tires causing a wheel to come lose on the freeway and go through plaintiff's windshield.
 - Won summary judgment in favor of golf course landscaping company based on primary assumption of the risk in case where plaintiff lost his eye after being struck by a golf ball while walking across a fairway.
 - Obtained defense arbitration award in case against landlord by tenant who stuck a screwdriver through his eye while attempting to remove a defective door.
 - Arbitration defense award in favor of landlord in wrongful death action wherein three surviving children sued for death of mother in a fire based on landlord's alleged failure to comply with smoke detector regulations.
 - Summary judgment against plaintiff purchaser of client's home for losing recently transplanted kidney due to alleged mold exposure in residence.
 - Defense verdict at trial for client sued by friend who tripped over hose on property and sustained burst fracture of shoulder with \$100,000 in medical bills.
 - Favorable trial verdict of \$35,000 for client sued by blind plaintiff that tripped due to defective stair railing and sought \$1.6-million in medical expenses allegedly due to need for bilateral total knee replacements.
 - Defense of client property owner sued for damages by plaintiff paralyzed in motorcycle incident due to dangerous condition on plaintiff's property.
 - Favorable settlement during trial of claim by minor plaintiff rendered deaf due to actions of client's son in allegedly crashing vehicle while intoxicated.
 - Client's demurrer sustained without leave to amend regarding a mother's wrongful death claim for her son in motorcycle accident based on showing mother not financially dependent on decedent, followed by successful opposition to tardy addition of one of surviving children.
 - Summary judgment granted for client sued for negligent supervision of child's party when fight broke out causing plaintiff to suffer permanent facial lacerations due to being struck in the face with a broken beer bottle.
 - Court entered summary judgment in wrongful death action when client sued for fight at his party that continued afterwards when plaintiff was intentionally run over by a vehicle while leaving the property.



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