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Renda & Voynick wins recovery for family of victim of World Trade Center attacks and takes no fee

As reflected in a previous newsletter, **Renda & Voynick** joined Trial Lawyers Care, a nonprofit program providing free legal services for victims making claims for compensation under the Federal Victim Compensation Fund, created by Congress in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. **Mr. Voynick** and **Mr. Renda** prosecuted the claim on behalf of the family of a victim and obtained an award of \$1,054,723 for economic loss and \$250,000 of noneconomic loss, less collateral offsets for insurance payments made to the family of \$761,784, for a final net award of \$542,939. Our representation was voluntary and completely free of charge.

We are proud to announce that **John S. Voynick, Jr., Esq.**, was recently admitted to ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates). This is a prestigious group of trial attorneys whose membership is limited by invitation only and which is comprised of the finest trial attorneys in New Jersey representing both the plaintiff's bar and the defense bar. In order to qualify for admission, an attorney must possess the requisite skill, ethics, and trial experience mandated by ABOTA. Far less than one percent of the lawyers in New Jersey are invited to join this national organization.

Since our last newsletter, our firm has been successful in obtaining significant recoveries for our clients in personal injury cases. These cases are outlined on the back page of this newsletter.

Renda & Voynick continues to receive referrals of personal injury matters from other attorneys because of their expertise as Certified Civil Trial Attorneys. They are authorized by the New Jersey Supreme Court to forward referral fees to referring attorneys, without the necessity of work participation. The firm also welcomes any inquiries, questions, or referrals from clients in our areas of expertise.



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Renda & Voynick obtains \$3.5 million settlement and other significant recoveries

Renda & Voynick recently obtained numerous recoveries for their clients, including one case where the recovery was \$3.5 million. The case was handled by **Andrew J. Renda, Jr.**, involving a collision between a school bus and a truck, which occurred when the bus driver disregarded a red light. **Renda & Voynick** represented two children who were passengers on the school bus. The young boy sustained extensive and life-threatening head injuries with multiple skull fractures, necessitating extensive neurosurgery. The traumatic brain injury resulted in cognitive deficits and impaired learning capabilities. The boy's sister sustained a concussion as well as emotional distress as a result of witnessing her brother's near death. During a second mediation hearing, **Mr. Renda** negotiated a settlement in which the boy's case was settled for \$3 million, and the girl's case was settled for \$500,000. The settlement was structured to arrange for the payment of the settlement monies over time, resulting in a guaranteed payout as to the boy's claim in excess of \$12.6 million, and a guaranteed payout as to the girl's claim in excess of \$700,000.

Mr. Voynick handled a case on behalf of a client who suffered severe neck and back injuries as a result of an automobile accident. In addition to obtaining expert medical reports detailing the condition,

Mr. Voynick also took the additional step of retaining an occupational rehabilitation expert, who prepared a report reflecting the potential future economic losses that the client would suffer as a result of the effects of his injuries on his work activities. Following both neck and back surgery, the client also suffered urological problems. Just prior to the case being called in for trial, the insurance carrier called to settle the case for \$1 million.

Mr. Voynick also handled a complex product liability action involving a product that malfunctioned, causing the death of the client's husband, who was the father of their three young children. The defendant manufacturer and supplier of the product denied liability and claimed that the accident was entirely the fault of the decedent and that the subject product was safe for its intended and reasonably foreseeable purposes. A mediation was conducted and upon the advice of **Mr. Voynick**, the client rejected the first settlement offer. **Mr. Voynick** conducted extensive research and found an expert witness who had testified in a similar case in California and retained that engineering expert. The product was then shipped to the Midwest for multiple-day testing. **Mr. Voynick** also fought to obtain a customer list and contacted every customer who had purchased the particular product to see



if the other customers experienced similar problems. Depositions were conducted of individuals who experienced similar problems with the product throughout the United States. On the day the case was to proceed to trial, and just prior to the selection of a jury, the defendants agreed to settle the case for a confidential amount.

Mr. Renda negotiated a settlement in the amount of the \$200,000 policy limit in a case in which an elderly man was struck by an automobile and subsequently died.

Mr. Renda also settled a case for \$110,000 involving a fall-down accident in which the client sustained injuries to her knee, necessitating an operation. He also settled three additional automobile accident cases for \$100,000 each, which was the policy limit of all three of the tortfeasor drivers.

Mr. Renda is continuing to pursue underinsured motorist claims in two of those cases in which the clients

had underinsured motorist coverage greater than the amount of the coverage of the tortfeasors. **Mr. Renda** also negotiated a settlement in the amount of \$92,500, where a client fell and injured his leg while attending a concert. He obtained a recovery in the amount of \$80,000 for a young woman who sustained scarring to her leg as a result of a motor vehicle accident. **Mr. Renda** also obtained a \$65,000 recovery for a woman who was bitten by a dog and sustained injuries to her leg, including scarring.

Mr. Voynick also was successful in resolving a failure-to-diagnose-breast-cancer case where **Mr. Voynick's** client was caused to have a mastectomy but fortunately did not have a recurrence of cancer. This settlement was also confidential. **Mr. Voynick** was also successful in resolving numerous other cases for the full amounts of the applicable policy limits where clients suffered severe injuries as a result of the carelessness of others.