

TOP 25 SETTLEMENTS IN 2014

#	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Jordan v. MTA Bus Co.	2/5/14	New York Supreme	Bus driver didn't yield during turn, injured pedestrian claimed	David J. Dean, Frank V. Floriani, New York, NY of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.	\$12,000,000
2	Nechifor v. RH Atlantic-Pacific LLC	3/12/14	New York Supreme	Laborer claimed fall from scaffold ended career	David H. Perecman (lead), Adam M. Hurwitz, New York, NY of The Perecman Firm, P.L.L.C.	\$9,900,000
3	Gambale v. 400 Fifth Realty LLC	1/27/14	Kings Supreme	Ironworker claimed fall through floor ended career	James J. McCrorie, Kenneth Sacks, New York, NY of Sacks and Sacks L.L.P.	\$9,250,000
4	Krluc v. City of New York	1/7/14	Queens Supreme	Plaintiff: Inattentive driver, unchecked foliage led to accident	Stephen J. Murphy (lead), David L. Scher, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$8,800,000
5	Dyer v. City N.Y.	10/15/14	Bronx Supreme	Suit: Driver, pedestrian couldn't see each other in work zone	Edward Gersowitz, William Hackweider, Jeff S. Korek, New York, NY of Gersowitz Libo & Korek, P.C.	\$8,025,000
6	Leoncini v. New York City Transit Authority	5/5/14	Queens Supreme	Plaintiff claimed she was snared by bus's door and dragged	Ben B. Rubiniowitz, Peter J. Saghir, New York, NY of Gair, Gair, Conason, Steigman, Mackauf, Bloom & Rubiniowitz	\$6,500,000
7	Petrides v. School Construction Authority	4/1/14	Kings Supreme	Scaffold's platform not stable, injured worker claimed	Edmond C. Chakmakian, Hauppauge, NY of Law Offices of Edmond C. Chakmakian, PC	\$6,300,000
8	Estate of Campione v. Campione	7/3/14	Richmond Supreme	Intoxication to blame for car crash that killed two, suit alleged	Gary A. Zucker, Brooklyn, NY of The Law Office of Zucker & Bennett, P.C.	\$6,000,000
9	Koerner v. 281 Broadway Holdings LLC	9/1/14	New York Supreme	Tie-off point was too far from window, fallen worker claimed	David H. Mayer, Kenneth Sacks, New York, NY of Sacks and Sacks LLP	\$5,450,000
10	Fanning v. Rockefeller University	4/6/14	New York Supreme	Fall from ladder ended career, steamfitter claimed	James J. McCrorie, Jericho, NY of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C.	\$5,300,000
11	Bermudez v. State of New York	11/24/14	Court of Claims, New York	Prosecutors coerced witnesses, convicted man claimed	Michael S. Lamonsoff, New York, NY of The Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff, PLLC	\$4,750,000
11	Kuras v. Cornell University	10/22/14	New York Supreme	Steamfitter claimed fall caused career-ending shoulder woes	James J. McCrorie, Jericho, NY of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C.	\$4,750,000
12	Ferraro v. Cohn	8/18/14	New York Supreme	Engineer claimed car accident ended career	Stephen J. Murphy (lead), Michael J. Hurwitz, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy L.L.P.	\$4,600,000
13	John v. Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America	2/25/14	Kings Supreme	Work site's owners, manager ignored hazard, plaintiff claimed	Jonathan S. Damashek, Jordan D. Hecht, New York, NY of Hecht Kleeger & Damashek, PC	\$4,500,000
14	Paz v. Highbridge Community Housing Development Fund Corp.	5/5/14	Bronx Supreme	Laborer claimed he injured ankle, spine in two-story fall	Jacob Oresky, Bronx, NY of Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC	\$4,400,000
15	James v. Jet Sanitation Service Corp.	9/3/14	Suffolk Supreme	Motorist killed when overloaded truck fell onto her vehicle	Christopher T. McGrath, Garden City, NY of Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo P.C.	\$4,000,000
15	Sanchez v. P.M. Construction Services	7/30/14	Queens Supreme	Painter claimed he hurt ankle, spine in fall from display case	Jacob Oresky, Bronx, NY of Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC	\$4,000,000
15	Escobar v. GFC Fifth Avenue Owner, LLC	2/12/14	New York Supreme	Carpenter claimed nerve damage from 20-foot fall	Andrew M. Laskin, Joel H. Robinson, New York, NY of Robinson & Yablon, P.C.	\$4,000,000
16	Fattorusso v. B. Bros. Broadway Realty, LLC	8/13/14	New York Supreme	Mechanic claimed shaky ladder caused fall, injuries of head, neck	James J. McCrorie, Jericho, NY of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C.	\$3,750,000
16	Logan v. Green Street Developers LLC	1/27/14	Kings Supreme	Worker struck by falling object, claimed disabling injuries	Spencer H. Herman, Kew Gardens, NY of Law Offices of Spencer H. Herman, P.C., Kew Gardens, NY, trial counsel, Koenigsberg & Associates, P.C., Brooklyn, NY	\$3,750,000
17	Jenkins v. Related Cos. LP	5/1/14	Bronx Supreme	Contractor didn't address ice at job site, worker claimed	David H. Mayer, Kenneth Sacks, New York, NY of Sacks and Sacks LLP	\$3,500,000
17	Hunt v. City of New York	5/22/14	New York Supreme	Bus driver claimed accident caused injuries of spine, shoulder	Daniel P. O'Toole (lead), Robyn Brazzil, New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$3,500,000
17	Silva v. FC Beekman Associates, LLC	2/11/14	Queens Supreme	No railings on scaffold's platform, fallen worker claimed	Daniel P. O'Toole (lead), Scott C. Occhiogrosso, New York, NY of Block O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$3,500,000
18	Strickland v. Central Park Concerancy Inc	12/1/14	New York Supreme	Man collided with cart, claimed injuries led to spinal fusion	Daniel P. O'Toole (lead), Frederick C. Aranki, New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$3,400,000
19	Pero v. DiLorenzo	5/2/14	Richmond Supreme	Trucker wandered out of lane, initiated collision, suit alleged	Philip A. Russotti (lead), Kenneth J. Halperin, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$3,300,000
20	Tanasescu v. Cayuga Excavating Inc.	3/24/14	Queens Supreme	Trucker's dangerous act caused accident, motorcyclist claimed	Daniel A. Thomas, New York, NY of Law Offices of Daniel A. Thomas, P.C.; Howard G. Frederick, New York, NY of Silbowitz, Garafola, Silbowitz, Schatz & Frederick, L.L.P.; Glenn K. Faegenburg, New York, NY of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown LLP	\$3,250,000
21	Khan v. Richards	11/3/14	Bronx Supreme	Motorcyclist claimed pothole left him unable to avoid car	A. Ali Yusaf (lead), New York, NY of A. Ali Yusaf, Esq.; Stephen A. Skor, New York, NY of of counsel, A. Ali Yusaf, Esq.	\$3,025,000
22	Westphelan v. Larkfield Manor, LLC	11/16/14	Suffolk Supreme	Wedding guest claimed careless waitress injured his head	Michael Bergman, Queens, NY of Bergman, Bergman, Goldberg, Fields & Lamonsoff, LLP; Seth Fields, Hicksville, NY of Bergman, Bergman, Goldberg, Fields & Lamonsoff, LLP	\$3,000,000
22	Garcia v. Lenox Hill Florist III Inc.	12/23/14	Queens Supreme	Man struck by van, claimed lasting injury of brain	Skip Alan LeBlang, New York, NY of Law Offices of Skip A. LeBlang	\$3,000,000
22	James v. 23rd Street LLC	9/10/14	Bronx Supreme	No protection around work site's trench, laborer claimed	Devon Reiff, Kenneth Sacks, New York, NY of Sacks and Sacks LLP	\$3,000,000
22	Santos v. City of New York	10/30/14	Queens Supreme	Bricklayer claimed disabling injuries from scaffold accident	James J. McCrorie (lead), New York, NY of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C., Jericho, NY, trial counsel, Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC, Bronx, NY; Jacob Oresky, Bronx, NY of Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC	\$3,000,000
22	Estate of Shatlaw v. Olori Brothers, LLC	4/1/14	Orange Supreme	Worker not provided area to attach safety line, estate claimed	Greg M. Sobo, Middletown, NY of The Law Offices of Sobo & Sobo, L.L.P.	\$3,000,000
23	McManus v. Greenburg	3/31/14	Nassau Supreme	Driver's improper turn caused accident, scooter rider claimed	Cathy S. Flanzig, Mineola, NY of Flanzig and Flanzig LLP	\$2,900,000
24	Brattesani v. Lisman	9/4/14	New York Supreme	Brain injury ended career, police sergeant claimed	Philip A. Russotti, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$2,750,000
24	Lopez v. Toys "R" Us NY Limited Partnership	1/8/14	Bronx Supreme	Plaintiff claimed shopping center didn't fix uneven sidewalk	Scott Occhiogrosso, Daniel P. O'Toole, New York, NY of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP	\$2,750,000
25	Fobbs v. SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services Inc.	6/5/14	Bronx Supreme	Woman struck by ambulance, claimed career-ending injuries	Walter F. Benson, Syracuse, NY of Lynn Law Firm, LLP	\$2,700,000

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1	Applewhite v. AccuHealth Inc.	5/28/14	Bronx Supreme	Paramedics' inaction led to damage of girl's brain, suit alleged	Thomas A. Moore of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, New York, NY	\$172,381,728
2	Galette v. Byrne	1/10/14	Kings Supreme	Docs overlooked damage of patient's colon, suit alleged	Ira M. Newman (co-lead) and Edward J. Sanocki (co-lead) of Sanocki, Newman & Turret, LLP; New York, NY & Sanford A. Rubenstein of Rubenstein & Rynecki, Brooklyn, NY	\$64,300,000
3	Lin v. Hutch Realty Partners, LLC.	12/15/14	Queens Supreme	Laborer fell off roof, claimed disabling injuries of brain, spine	Benedict P. Morelli, Adam E. Deutsch, David T. Sirotkin of Morelli Alters Ratner, LLP, New York, NY	\$62,060,086
4	Mazzei v. Money Store	12/19/14	U.S. District Court, SDNY	Lenders charged excessive fees, mortgagors alleged	Moshe Horn and Christopher Van de Kieft of Seeger Weiss LLP, New York, NY; Paul Grobman of Law Offices of Paul Grobman, New York, NY & Neal DeYoung and H. Rajan Sharma of Sharma & DeYoung LLP, New York, NY	\$54,800,000
5	Capitol Records Inc. v. MP3tunes, LLC	3/26/14	U.S. District Court, SDNY	Web sites allowed illegal sharing of music, companies claimed	Andrew H. Bart, New York, NY and Luke C. Platzer, Washington, DC of Jenner & Block LLP, & Mona Simonian and Frank P. Scibilia of Pryor Cashman LLP, New York, NY	\$48,061,073
6	Deskovic v. City of Peekskill	10/23/14	U.S. District Court, SDNY	Due Process: Investigator coerced false confession, plaintiff claimed	Nick J. Brustin, Emma Freudenberger, Farhang Heydari, Anna Benvenuti Hoffmann and Aaron W. Scherzer of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP, New York, NY	\$40,000,000
7	Restivo v. Nassau County	4/17/14	U.S. District Court, EDNY	Detective fabricated evidence, convicted men claimed	Nick J. Brustin, Anna Benvenuti Hoffmann, Alexandra L. Lampert, Elizabeth Daniel Vasquez and Joshua E. Dubin of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP, New York, NY	\$36,000,000
8	Sweberg v. ABB Inc.	6/16/14	New York Supreme	Gaskets, insulation blamed for workers' mesothelioma	Jerry Kristal, Danny R. Kraft and Michael Fanelli of Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., Cherry Hill, NJ	\$25,000,000
9	Buri v. Mount Sinai Medical Center Inc.	2/4/14	Queens Supreme	Doc didn't timely address teen's collapsed lung, suit alleged	Jonathan C. Reiter of Jonathan C. Reiter Law Firm, PLLC, New York, NY	\$22,977,200
10	Hillyer v. A.O. Smith Water Products Co.	12/12/14	New York Supreme	Steamfitter alleged his cancer was from asbestos at work	Adam R. Cooper and Benjamin Darche of Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY	\$20,000,000
11	Alcantara v. NYCTA	1/29/14	Kings Supreme	Stairway accident led to brain injury, seizures, plaintiff claimed	Brad A. Kauffman of Law Offices of Brad A. Kauffman, PLLC, New York, NY, trial counsel, Ziegler & Robinson, P.C., New York, NY	\$16,000,000
12	Korsunskiy v. Careful Bus Service Inc.	7/2/14	Kings Supreme	Car crash led to disabling stroke, plaintiff claimed	Daniel A. Thomas of Law Offices of Daniel A. Thomas, P.C., New York, NY; Boris Zivotov of Boris Zivotov, Esq., P.C., Brooklyn, NY; & Paul J. Edelstein of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown LLP, New York, NY	\$14,080,000
13	Terry v. A.O. Smith Water Products Co.	3/18/14	New York Supreme	Workers were not warned about asbestos, estates alleged	Danny R. Kraft, Michael Fanelli and Phan T. Alvarado of Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY	\$12,500,000
14	Munian v. Mootabar	3/4/14	Westchester Supreme	Doc's inaction allowed damage of infant's brain, suit alleged	Jordan Merson of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, New York, NY	\$11,346,000
15	Tarallo v. Occhipinti	10/24/14	Nassau Supreme	Car crash caused permanent spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Regina C. Nichols of Nichols & Cane LLP, Syosset, NY	\$9,164,000
16	Ortiz v. New York City Transit Authority	4/21/14	New York Supreme	Bicyclist, bus driver traded blame for collision	Ben B. Rubiniowitz & Peter J. Saghir of Gair, Gair, Conason, Steigman, Mackauf, Bloom & Rubiniowitz, New York, NY	\$8,570,000
17	Nash v. A.W. Chesterton Co. Inc.	12/19/14	Onondaga Supreme	Bus's toxic parts caused man's mesothelioma, estate alleged	Keith W. Binder and Amber R. Long of Levy Konigsberg LLP, New York, NY	\$7,700,000
18	Estate of Hernandez-Morales v. Crown Container Co., Inc	3/25/14	Kings Supreme	Maintenance error led to fatal truck accident, suit alleged	Matthew Zepnick of Sol Zepnick PC, New York, NY; Daniel A. Thomas of Law Offices of Daniel A. Thomas, P.C., New York, NY, of counsel & Paul J. Edelstein of The Edelsteins Faegenburg & Brown LLP, New York, NY, of counsel	\$7,208,000
19	Rosario v. St. Barnabas Community Enterprises Inc.	2/5/14	Bronx Supreme	Patient injured by surgeon's use of improper item, suit alleged	Lucille A. Fontana of Clark, Gagliardi & Miller, P.C., White Plains, NY	\$7,200,000
20	Marin v. NYC Health & Hospitals Corp	2/4/14	New York Supreme	Doc needlessly amputated leg, patient alleged	Ryan H. Asher of Asher & Associates, P.C., New York, NY	\$6,883,740
21	Valverde v. FS 41-45 Tiemann Place LLC	12/8/14	New York Supreme	Fall off of landing caused injury of brain, plaintiff claimed	Eric H. Green of The Law Offices of Eric H. Green & Associates, New York, NY & Ronald W. Ramirez of Law Office of Ronald W. Ramirez, Forest Hills, NY, trial counsel	\$6,837,950
22	Doe v. Goldweber	6/14/14	New York Supreme	Infected patient claimed doc didn't supervise anesthesiologist	Thomas P. Giuffra of Rheingold, Valet, Rheingold, McCartney & Giuffra LLP, New York, NY	\$6,100,000
23	Hennessy v. Continuum Health Partners Inc.	11/18/14	New York Supreme	Messy, poorly lit job site a hazard, fallen worker claimed	Kenneth Sacks and Andrew D. Diamond of Sacks and Sacks LLP, New York, NY; & James J. McCrorie of Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, P.C., Jericho, NY, of counsel	\$5,578,011
24	Hernandez v. Danella Construction of NY Inc.	6/2/14	Bronx Supreme	Worker claimed he wasn't provided ladder for trench	Joseph E. Gorczyca of The Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff, PLLC, New York, NY	\$5,500,000
25	Mungo v. Travieso	6/25/14	Kings Supreme	Vehicle collision caused spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Norman Robert Gershon of North Salem, NY, trial counsel, Alexander Bespechny, Bronx, NY, New York, NY	\$5,350,000

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