

Top New Jersey
Verdicts & Settlements of
2014

Dear Readers,

Welcome to *Top Verdicts New Jersey 2014*, a special section of the *New Jersey Law Journal* encompassing verdicts, settlements, mediations and arbitrations.

The lawyers and law firms who are ranked in this special section represent the best of the best in 2014. Their zealous advocacy on behalf of their clients is inspiring and deserving of our respect.

In addition to highlighting the Top 30 verdicts and settlements reported to Verdict Search in 2014 we also break down these listings by categories including Construction, Medical Malpractice, Premises Liability, Motor Vehicle and Workplace Safety.

The following pages represent the passion, determination and skillful expertise of your colleagues. The work of these advocates in 2014 was outstanding and we salute them.

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If you are interested in this topic, please remember that every Monday you can check out our *Suits & Deals* and *Verdict Search Verdicts & Settlements in N.J.* sections of the paper, highlighting recently submitted important or newsworthy cases.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to the New Jersey Law Journal sales, marketing and design teams as well as our consultant on this project, Brian Corrigan, and his team. Their efforts enabled this fantastic supplement to come together despite tight deadlines and last minute changes.

As always, if you have any thoughts on this program or any other we run here at the *New Jersey Law Journal* please drop me a line. I can be reached at fmcmanus@alm.com.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,



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Professional Negligence

	CASE	DATE	TYPE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Barrett v. Bergen Regional Medical Center	11/17	Verdict	Bergen Superior	Social Worker: Plaintiff: Diagnosis error led to imprisonment at hospital	Mitchell Seidman of Seidman & Pincus, Hasbrouck Height, NJ	\$150,000

Recreation

	CASE	DATE	TYPE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Shore v. Katz	7/17	Settlement	Middlesex Superior	Golf cart driver negligently injured fellow golfer	James Lazzaro of Roselli Griegel Lozier & Lazzaro, P.C., Hamilton Square, NJ	\$275,000

Slips, Trips & Falls

	CASE	DATE	TYPE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Kwityn v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corp.	12/4	Verdict	Middlesex Superior	PATH employee alleged leaking water cooler caused fall	Charles A. Cerussi (lead) and Jaclyn A. Gannon of Cerussi & Gunn, P.C., Shrewsbury, NJ	\$2,897,955
2	Janiszak v. HVM LLC	8/13	Verdict	Middlesex Superior	Guest blamed hotel and contractor for slip on ice	Craig M. Aronow of Rebenack, Aronow & Mascolo, LLP, New Brunswick, NJ	\$1,350,000
3	Feller v. P.J. Whelihan's Pub Inc.	4/14	Verdict	Gloucester Superior	Plaintiff fractured ankle in slippery fall at pub	Ronald A. Graziano of Graziano & Flynn, Cherry Hill, NJ	\$1,083,000
4	Vitale v. Schering-Plough	8/6	Verdict	Middlesex Superior	Security guard claimed clutter on stairs was a tripping hazard	Craig M. Rothenberg of Rothenberg, Rubenstein, Berliner & Shinrod, LLC, Clinton, NJ	\$900,000
5	Sapitula v. Mitsuwa Marketplace	6/18	Settlement	Hudson Superior	Shopper blamed market and cleaning company for puddle	Steven P. Haddad and Nehal Modi of Law Offices of Steven P. Haddad, Jersey City, NJ	\$800,000
6	Hoffman v. Mack-Cali Realty Corp.	8/4	Verdict	Essex Superior	Plaintiff alleged wet lobby tiles needed a mat or a warning	Gregg A. Stone of Kirsch, Gelband & Stone, P.A., Newark, NJ	\$600,000
7	Ruhnke v. Quaker Malls LP	1/9	Settlement	Monmouth Superior	Slip and fall in icy mall parking lot brought on injuries: plaintiff	Mark D. Kentos of Schibell, Mennie & Kentos, LLC, Ocean, NJ	\$225,000
8	Boge v. Bridgepointe Condominium Association	4/1	Verdict	Middlesex Superior	Suit: Snow-covered pothole was a dangerous condition	Adam L. Rothenberg of Levinson Axelrod, P.A., Edison, NJ	\$215,000
9	White v. University Property Management	8/1	Verdict	Monmouth Superior	Slip on ice in parking lot led to ankle fracture: plaintiff	Roy D. Curnow of Law Office of Roy D. Curnow, Spring Lake, NJ	\$101,000
10	Plavnicki v. Simon Property Group Inc.	6/2	Settlement	Sussex Superior	Plaintiff: Mall should have cleared away ice in parking lot	David Wallace of Law Offices of David Wallace, Montague, NJ	\$10,000