

VERDICT HIGHLIGHTS

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Thomas Green v. R.R. Howell Co., et al.	Dane Co.	155-174	04/27/79	Plaintiff	Worker was seriously injured at work after fall off a platform on a grain elevator. Suit sought damages against installer and manufacturer of platform.	Plaintiff found contributorily negligent at 23%; total damages \$222,000.
Elizabeth Biehl, et al. v. Marilyn Chaney, et al.	Waukesha Co.	78-CV-689	12/09/80	Plaintiff	Automobile-pedestrian accident resulting in wrongful death.	Defendant found 100% causally negligent (case settled before damage portion of trial).
Dorothy Johnson v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., et al.	Milwaukee Co.	524-932	04/16/81	Defendant Store Owner	Premises liability case resulting in total knee replacement.	Defendant department store found no liable.
Clifford P. Kasdorf v. Durable Coatings	Milwaukee Co.	504-011	05/12/81	Plaintiff	False representation case against rustproofing company.	Verdict in favor of plaintiff.
Richard Baumeister, et al. v. State Farm Mutual Auto. Ins. Co.	United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin	79-CV-741	05/21/81	Defendant Driver	Rear-end automobile accident; defense of defective brakes.	Defendant found not liable.

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Henry Kowalski, et al. v. West Shore Equipment, et al.	Waukesha Co.		07/28/82	Defendant Manufacturer	Claim against defendant manufacturer and equipment lessor for damages resulting from the operation of front-end loader.	Defense verdict.
Raymond Studey, et al. v. John De Rango, et al.	Racine Co.	80-CV-285	09/30/82	Defendant Property Owner	Severe spinal injuries as a result of work-related injury; claim against landlord of leased business premises.	Defense verdict.
Maurice High v. J. J. & B. Contractors, Inc., et al.	Waukesha Co.	81-CV-182	10/20/82	Defendant Driver	Loss of eye as a result of negligent operation of vehicle where plaintiff was struck in eye by tire debris while attempting to push a disabled vehicle.	Defense verdict.
Chef Louiz, Inc., et al. v. Harry Jensen, et al.	Racine Co.	82-CV-1224	10/21/83	Defendant Landlord	Breach of lease case brought by commercial tenant acting as restaurant; claim of breach of lease following alleged fire loss.	Defense verdict.
Gwynne Lambert v. Sally Wendt, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	551-922	12/02/83	Defendan Driver	Automobile personal injury action involving head injury; liability stipulated by defense.	Defense verdict (Supreme Court case, Lambert v. Wrench).
RAD Investments Corp. v. Hoffman, Polzin, Becker & Assoc.	Waukesha Co.	80-CV-316	04/02/84	Plaintiff Developer	Lawsuit by land developer against engineering firm for improper soils testing.	Plaintiff verdict.

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Kathleen Steigerwald, et al. v. Kurt Mierendorf, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	622-712	02/15/85	Defendant Store Owner	Elderly plaintiff suffered serious hip fracture as a result of premises liability.	Defense verdict.
Daniel Matt, et al. v. Deborah Wertz, et al.	Walworth Co.	84-CV-389	07/19/85	Defendant Landlord	Condominium lease dispute between lessee plaintiff and lessor defendant; plaintiff's claim for intentional interference with lease, including claim for punitive damages.	Defense verdict.
John Lewandowski, et al. v. Richard Raml, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	630-715	11/20/85	Defendant Contractor	Serious personal injury as a result of fall off roof; plaintiff's claim against defendant for failing to properly install safety devices.	Defense verdict.
Marion Glock, et al. v. Debra Kastengren, et al.	Waukesha Co.	84-CV-2344	02/06/86	Defendant Driver	Automobile liability concerning serious leg injuries and facial scarring; defendants stipulated to liability.	Recovery \$87,250 (defense verdict).
Robert Nardi, et al. v. Otis Elevator Co.	Milwaukee Co.	638-567	06/20/86	Defendant Elevator Company	Plaintiff's claim against elevator company for injuries sustained as a result of elevator malfunction.	Defense verdict.
Adela Felten v. Sheboygan Retirement Home, Inc., et al.	Sheboygan Co.	85-CV-1066	12/18/86	Defendant Elevator Company	Claim against nursing home for defective elevator causing serious injuries to elderly resident.	Defense verdict.

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John Marki, Jr. v. Harold Sampson, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	666-431	06/12/87	Defendant Designer	Worker sustained serious injury when he fell through a suspended ceiling; claim against designer and contractor.	Defense verdict.
Paul Bartelt, et al. v. Shawano Community Hospital, et al.	Green Lake Co.	86-CV-316	04/30/88	Plaintiff	Claim against treating physician for failing to properly diagnose injuries sustained in single vehicle accident.	Defense verdict.
James Charneski v. Michael Belson	Brown Co.		05/27/88	Plaintiff	Claim against ophthalmologist for failing to diagnose retinal tear.	Defense verdict.
Superior Quality Products, et al. v. Oakite Products, Inc., et al.	Douglas Co.	88-CV-85	08/10/89	Defendant Chemical Manufacturer	Claim of manufacturing company for loss of business as a result of chemical spill.	Defense verdict.
Elizabeth Tye v. U.S. Insurance Group, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	756-400	10/18/89	Defendant Eye Clinic	Personal injury claim of elderly patient who fell off examination stool.	Defense verdict.
Agnes Moss v. Mark Lorentz, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	88-CV-13278	12/07/89	Defendant Driver	Claim of injuries for plaintiff pedestrian struck in cross-walk.	Defense verdict.
First Service Corporation of Wisconsin, Inc. v. Paschke & Associates, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	704-762	Decision 10/03/90	Defendant Contractor	Claim of condominium developer for various construction defects occurring during new construction.	Defense verdict.

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Virginia Craden v. Dianne Tetting, et al.	Waukesha Co.	86-CV-322	08/24/90	Defendant Driver	Plaintiff passenger sustained serious injuries as a result of two car accident with drunk driver.	Defense verdict.
Diana McKee, et al. v. Oakite Products	United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin	90-C-93	12/20/90	Defendant Chemical Manufacturer	Plaintiff sought personal injuries as a result of chemical spill at place of employment.	Defense verdict.
Russell Leverich, et al. v. Allstate Ins. Co.	Waukesha Co.	88-CV-3100	07/10/91	Defendant Homeowner	Claim for serious personal injury resulting from fall at construction site.	Defense verdict.
Keith Rosentreter v. David Munding	United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois	89-C-5691	04/03/92	Plaintiff	Plaintiff shot by police officer while fleeing traffic citation.	Defense verdict.
Renee Ganas v. State Farm Mutual Auto. Ins. Co., et al.	Milwaukee Co.	90-CV-7341	09/30/93	Defendant Insurer	Insurance coverage question as to whether or not defendant driver was a resident of the household.	Plaintiff verdict.
Peter Parthum, M.D. v. Burlington Clinic, et al.	Racine Co.	92-CV-2327	10/10/93	Defendant Clinic	Plaintiff claim for breach of contract and wrongful termination from medical clinic.	Plaintiff verdict.
Thomas Lantz, et al. v. Rosemary Cieslinski, et al.	Walworth Co.	93-CV-595	04/22/94	Defendant Driver	Plaintiff bicyclist suffered severe brain injury as a result of automobile collision.	Defense verdict.

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Leonard Jacob, et al. v. Russo Builders, et al.	Waukesha Co.	93-CV-2657	10/28/94	Defendant Contractor	Insurance coverage case involving defects in new home construction.	Split decision (Court of Appeals case Jacob v. Russo).
Jeffrey Costanzo v. Advance Products, et al.	Racine Co.	93-CV-1223	12/12/94	Defendant Tank Manufacturer	Plaintiff suffered serious facial injuries as a result of explosion of pressurized tank.	Defense verdict.
Angela Davis v. Allstate Ins. Co., et al.	Milwaukee Co.	93-CV-2686	06/28/95	Defendant Landlord	Claim of serious injury as a result of fall through defective porch.	Defense verdict.
Kit Abel, et al. v. Mark Erickson, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	93-CV-12575	02/22/96	Defendant Drunk Driver	Plaintiff committed suicide following emotional stress after automobile/train collision.	Plaintiff verdict.
Timothy Llewellyn, et al. v. Leslie Huffman, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	94-CV-5449	10/22/96	Defendant Bus Company	Plaintiff minor suffered brain injury and paralysis when struck by a vehicle after discharging from school bus.	Defense verdict.
Thomas Lantz, et al. v. Rosemary Cieslinski, et al.	Walworth Co.	93-CV-595	01/23/97	Defendant Driver	Retrial of previous case based upon juror misconduct.	Defense verdict.
Charles Vogel, et al. v. Gilbert Russo, et al.	Ozaukee Co.	94-CV-97	02/28/97	Defendant Contractor	Insurance coverage dispute regarding defective construction.	Coverage found by trial court; reversed on appeal. (Supreme Court case Vogel v. Russo)

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Bradley Bolden, et al. v. Keefe Real Estate	Green Co.	96-CV-95	10/17/97	Defendant Realtor	Plaintiff buyers alleged misrepresentation in sale of home.	Defense verdict.
Khalilah Muhammad v. Collins Moving System, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	95-CV-4350	04/17/98	Defendant Driver	Plaintiff suffered severe head injury as a result of collision with armored car.	Defense verdict.
Douglas Jensen v. City of Rhinelander, et al.	Oneida Co.	97-CV-122	12/17/98	Defendant Municipality	Plaintiff sought claim against City of Rhinelander for known icy condition on public sidewalk.	Defense verdict.
Mark Steinle, et al. v. Racine Yacht Club, et al.	Racine Co.	96-CV-1367	01/11/99	Defendant Yacht Club	Plaintiff suffered serious injuries when falling off yacht club dock during reconstruction.	Defense verdict.
Steenberg Homes, et al. v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., et al.	Clark Co.	97-CV-171	06/17/99	Co-Defendant suing as plaintiff for contribution	Contribution claim against trailer hitch manufacturer for serious injuries and death to three bicyclists.	Defense verdict.
Mark Freitag, et al. v. Robert Watring, et al.	Kenosha Co.	99-CV-163	03/17/00	Defendant Contractor	Claim of construction worker suffering serious injuries as a result of fall off basement wall.	Defense verdict.

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Karl Burg, et al. v. Robert Zimmermann, et al.	Milwaukee Co.	98-CV-8875	06/02/00	Defendant Snowmobile Operator	Snowmobiler suffered serious head injuries as a result of nighttime collision with stopped snowmobiler.	Defense verdict. (Supreme Court case Burg v. Zimmermann).
Bacher Communications, et al. v. Ameritech Corp.	Brown Co.	99-CV-919	12/07/00	Plaintiff Telephone Service	Plaintiff sought damages as a result of misrepresentations made by telephone service provider.	Plaintiff verdict; overturned on appeal (Supreme Court case Digicorp v. Ameritech).
Mark Barker v. Scott Anderson, et al.	Marinette Co.	99-CV-252	02/08/01	Defendant Equipment Operator	Plaintiff suffered severe head injury as a result of collision with slow moving vehicle at night.	Defense verdict.
Joe Mills, et al. v. Tower Ins. Co.	St. Croix Co.	00-CV-136	12/13/02	Defendant Hotel	Plaintiff suffered injury at hotel premises involving non-bolted seat.	Defense verdict.
Lee Fry, et al. v. Kliss Quik Service, et al.	Oneida Co.	02-CV-340	11/15/04	Defendant Furnace Company	Total loss as a result of fire caused by defective furnace installation.	Plaintiff verdict.
James Gumz, et al. v. Northern States Power Co.	Marathon Co.	01-CV-998	03/04/05	Plaintiff Dairy Farmers	Plaintiff dairy farmers lawsuit against utility for economic losses to dairy herd resulting from negligent distribution of electrical service.	Plaintiff verdict (currently on appeal).

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Bankruptcy Estate of Pollow, et al. v. American Equity Ins. Co.	Washington Co.	99-CV-566	11/11/05	Plaintiff Bankrupt Estate	Breach of contract and bad faith claim against insurance carrier following intentionally set fire.	Defense verdict on breach of contract; bad faith trial settled in Sept. 2006.
Pescinski v. Clark Electric Cooperative	Portage Co.	02CV82 (prior Clark Co. case No.)	01/17/07	Plaintiff	Stray Voltage claim against electrical utility.	Case tried in “mini-trial” format. Plaintiff verdict finding Clark Electric causally negligent and creating a nuisance on Pescinski farm.
Carnini v. Chanticleer Inn and Acuity Ins. Co.	Milwaukee Co.	06CV2251	03/09/07	Defendant Chanticleer Inn and Ins..carrier	Premises liability case involving serious injury resulting from fall down stairway.	Defense verdict
William Osberg v. State of Wisconsin v. Pagel Construction Co.	Oneida Co.	03CV0102	09/28/07	Pagel Construction Co. third party defendant	Breach of contract claim by State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) for clean up costs due to soil erosion into wetlands. Pagel asserted counter-claim for non-payment of contract.	Defense verdict for Pagel; jury also found in favor of Pagel on counter-claim for unpaid portion of contract.

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Billy Tetzlaff v. All State Indemnity Co.	Milwaukee Co.	05CV10778	01/08/08	Billy Tetzlaff	Rear end automobile accident; claim involved eight months of pain, suffering and disability with approximately \$4000 in medical expenses.	Plaintiff verdict of \$23,000; award for past pain, suffering & disability covered eight month period following accident.
Panagotia Dobagai v. Valley USA, inc	Milwaukee Co.	06CV3017	06/19/08	Valley USA, Inc.	Claim for unpaid note on sale of stock; claim for breach of fiduciary duty and negligence of company's accountant.	Jury awarded plaintiff verdict for Dobagai on note; Valley USA entitled to recover for breach of fiduciary duty; claim for negligence rejected by jury but appealed..
Patrick Moore v. Safeco	Milwaukee Co.	06CV7198	09/10/08	Patrick Moore	Former Olympic athlete suffered injury to right upper extremity following accident between motorcycle/automobile.	\$220,000 gross verdict for medical expenses, lost income, and past and future pain, suffering, & disability.
John C. Kuber, et al. v. Design 2 Construct and Graff Masonry	Washington Co.	04CV10	01/14/09	Graff Masonry	Breach of contract claim by against Graff Masonry for concrete floor due to excessive cracking; general contractor also sued. Graff had offered to repair. Plaintiff sued for \$1.3 million dollars.	Defense verdict for both Graff and contractor; jury found no breach of contract against either. Damage question not answered by jury. Case was not appealed.
Kris Woefel v. Homestead Mutual Insurance Co.	Calumet Co.	07/CV219	02/24/09	Kris Woefel	Breach of contract and bad faith claim against Homestead Mutual for failure to pay out benefits under first party policy of insurance on a dairy farm loss involving explosion.	Jury finding of coverage and bad faith together with punitive damages; total verdict \$1.2 million dollars not including interest, attorney fees, and actual litigation costs.

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Andreas Stoike-Siebrands v. Arby Construction	Ozaukee Co.	2006CV68	6/18/2009	Andreas Stoike-Siebrands	Passenger in vehicle, high-speed impact. \$42,000 in medical expenses.	Plaintiff verdict for \$463,000.00
Charlotte Carini v. Acuity Insurance	Milwaukee Co.	2006CV2251	2/25/2010	Acuity Insurance	Plaintiff fell down stairway alleged to be too dark; code violation	Plaintiff verdict Defendant 55% at fault, Plaintiffs 45% at fault
Purvis Premiere Calves v. Land O' Lakes animal products	Marathon Co.	2008CV1163	1/12/2012	Purvis Premier Calves	Land O' Lakes accused of selling tainted milk replacer*	Defense Verdict *(later found to be true when LOL sued supplier two years after this case was tried)
Krueger's Sign & Electric v. Lyle Much	Waupaca Co.	2011CV107	12/21/2012	Krueger's Sign & Electric	Much sued Krueger's for alleged improper service of milk equipment	Krueger won case, Much found 68% at fault. Krueger 32% at fault
Tammy Keske v. Target	Kenosha Co.	2011CV2569	1/30/2014	Target Corp.	Plaintiff alleged snow was not removed from property resulting in fall and knee surgery	Defense Verdict

David Gandee v. Progressive Insurance	Racine Co.	2016CV1419	7/13/2018	David Gandee	Refusal to pay Gandee his damages under his un-insured motorist benefit after he suffered injuries in car accident.	Verdict for Gandee \$274,000.00
Sun Valley Home Owners Association v. Auto Owners Insurance	Dane County	2018CV1027	2/03/2022	Sun Valley Home Owners Association	Refusal to Appraise Loss, found in Bad Faith	Judgment For Sun Valley \$919,000
Joyce Williams v. Farmers New World Life Insurance	US District Court Eastern District Wisconsin	2018CV0354	4/14/22	Joyce Williams	Refusal to pay Life Insurance Benefit in Breach of Contract	Judgement For Williams \$108,000