

Top New York Verdicts of 2013



Dear Readers,

Welcome to Top Verdicts New York 2013, a special section of the *New York Law Journal*.

The lawyers and law firms who are ranked in these listings represent the best of the best in 2013. Their zealous advocacy on behalf of their clients is inspiring and deserving of our respect. Many of them are names you have seen before but a number of them are new to these pages.

In addition to highlighting the Top 30 verdicts reported to Verdict Search in 2013 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 2012 was outstanding and we salute them.

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If you cannot wait until April 2014 for more information on verdicts and settlements please remember that every Monday on page 5, the *New York Law Journal* runs a special Verdicts & Settlements section in the paper highlighting recently submitted important or newsworthy cases.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to the New York 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 a lot of edits.

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

I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

Paul P. McManus

TOP 2013 NEW YORK VERDICTS BY CATEGORY

Contracts & Legal Malpractice

Contracts

Legal Malpractice

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CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Leser v. U.S. Bank National Association	Jan 14	U.S. District Court, EDNY	Bank denied having forged signature of loans' guarantor	Stephen R. Stern & Mark W. Geisler, Melville, NY of The Law Offices of Stephen R. Stern, P.C.	\$38,289,576
Shanmugam v. SCI Engineering, P.C.	May 10	New York Supreme	Company's purchaser reneged on loans, seller claimed	Steven J. Hyman & Jonathan R. Jeremias, New York, NY of McLaughlin & Stern, LLP	\$586,191
Frowley v. Centeno	Oct 25	Bronx Supreme	Employment Agreement: Company rejected bill for employee's personal purchases	Donald N. David, New York, NY of Akerman LLP	\$23,012

Legal Malpractice

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Cruz v. Covert	Oct 29	Suffolk Supreme	Malpractice: Lawyer's inexperience doomed case, client claimed	Nicholas J. Damadeo, Huntington, NY of Nicholas J. Damadeo, P.C.	\$954,000



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