

Top New York Verdicts of 2013



Intentional Torts

CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Sweeney v. Oakes	Sep 09	Nassau Supreme	Assault: Nurse beaten by patient, sustained injuries of face, neck	Carol L. Schlitt, Huntington, NY of The Schlitt Law Firm	\$4,913,577
Balzafiore v. City of New York	Aug 08	Richmond Supreme	Battery: Dean too rough with unruly student, suit alleged	Bryan J. Swerling, New York, NY of The Law Office of Bryan J. Swerling	\$1,415,000
Diorio v. Ossining Union Free School District	Nov 15	Westchester Supreme	Libel: Supervisor spread false story to force firing, worker claimed	Clifford Davis, New York, NY of Clifford L. Davis, Esq.	\$472,000
Garcia v. Mega Home & Bath	May 15	Kings Supreme	Assault: Plaintiff claimed neck remains sore after attack by deliveryman	Adam C. Yanover of Yanover & Yanover, Uniondale, NY, trial counsel to Michael A. Ruiz, P.C., Bronx, NY	\$300,000
Ali v. City of New York	Dec 04	Kings Supreme	False Arrest: Police lacked cause for arrest, plaintiff claimed	Alexis Diaz, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$250,000
Faulkner v. City of Yonkers	Nov 21	Westchester Supreme	False Arrest: Arrest violated police protocol, plaintiff claimed	Bruno Gioffre, Purchase, NY	\$75,000
Menelas v. City of New York	Feb 01	Kings Supreme	False Arrest: Man's lack of cooperation didn't justify arrest, suit alleged	Donte O. Mills, New York, NY of Mills & Edwards, LLP, trial counsel to Krentsel & Guzman	\$65,000

Motor Vehicle: Sideswipe

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Diaz-Quinones v. Venkersammy et al.	Dec 13	Bronx Supreme	Sideswipe: Plaintiff claimed neck, wrist and head injuries from crash	Georgette Hamboussi, Brooklyn, NY of Law Offices of Vel Belushin, PC	\$310,000
Thomas v. Becher	Apr 25	Kings Supreme	Sideswipe: Automobile accident caused shoulder injury, plaintiff claimed	Raymond Panek, New York, NY of Elefterakis, Elefterakis & Panek	\$250,000
Jagassar v. Zelszinski	Jul 22	Queens Supreme	Sideswipe: Car crash caused permanent neck injuries, plaintiff claimed	Paul L. LaClair, New York, NY of The Gucciardo Law Firm, PLLC	\$180,000
Ampuero v. Aracena-Almonte	Apr 10	Queens Supreme	Sideswipe: Car crash caused injuries of spine, shoulder, plaintiff claimed	Steven L. Raskind, Hempstead, NY	\$50,000
Florentino v. Guadalupe	Oct 15	Bronx Supreme	Motor Vehicle Accident: sideswipe	Alexis Diaz, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$40,000

Motor Vehicle: Stop Sign

CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Perez v. Tuzzolino	Aug 15	Queens Supreme	Stop Sign: Motorist's failure to yield caused accident, plaintiff claimed	Stephen Z. Williamson, Forest Hills, NY, trial counsel, Elliot Iffraimoff & Associates, P.C., Forest Hills, NY	\$4,400,000
Lynch v. Pleasants	Apr 30	Bronx Supreme	Stop Sign: Car crash's parties each claimed right of way	Ian M. Chaikin, New York, NY of Paris & Chaikin PLLC	\$2,500,000
Vidals v. Rubinfeld	Dec 17	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Motorist ignored stop sign, caused crash, plaintiff claimed	Robert Rosenberg, Bronx, NY of Koenigsberg & Associates, P.C.	\$568,750
Graham v. Urcia	May 09	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Car crash caused shoulder tears, plaintiff claimed	Gerald G. Arze, Brooklyn, NY of Arze & Mollica, LLP	\$240,000
Nyagomo v. Guilherme	Jun 14	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Motorist ignored stop sign, caused crash, plaintiff claimed	Erica B. Sattler, New York, NY of counsel to Harmon, Linder & Rogowsky	\$220,000
Stanek v. Zieman	Mar 06	Suffolk Supreme	Stop Sign: Crash caused injuries of knees, spine, shoulders, plaintiff claimed	Matthew Marino, Medford, NY of Jacoby & Jacoby	\$200,000
Rodriguez v. Zhang	Mar 20	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Driver ignored stop sign, caused crash, plaintiff claimed	Donna Thurston, Brooklyn, NY of Law Office of Alexander Beshpechny, Esq.	\$130,000
Wang v. Holton	May 07	Oneida Supreme	Stop Sign: Car crash caused permanent injury of neck, plaintiff claimed	Richard A. Cohen, Utica, NY of Cohen & Cohen LLP	\$71,200
Boreland v. Leveille	Feb 27	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Bicyclist ran stop sign but claimed motorist caused collision	Adam Handler, New York, NY of Law Offices of Spar & Bernstein	\$50,000
Shovgan v. Zaloga	May 28	Richmond Supreme	Stop Sign: Car crash caused spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Georgette Hamboussi, Brooklyn, NY of Belushin Law Firm P.C.	\$50,000
McEachin v. Latham	Jun 05	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Car crash caused injury of back, plaintiff claimed	Leo Shalit, Astoria, NY of Sacco & Fillas, LLP	\$20,000
Green v. Boakye	Dec 23	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Collision caused neck, back, shoulder injuries, plaintiff stated	Eduard Tamma, New York, NY of Law Offices of Louis C. Fiabane	\$10,000

Premises Liability

CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Epshteyn v. Branchinelli	Sep 25	Kings Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Homeowner didn't warn of attic's hazard, repairman claimed	Paul J. Edelstein & Daniel Thomas, New York, NY of The Edelsteins, Faegenburg & Brown LLP, New York, NY, trial counsel to Boris Zivotov, Esq., PC	\$8,979,045
Waring v. Sunrise Yonkers SL, LLC	Feb 14	Bronx Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Ramp's grade and lack of railings a hazard, plaintiff claimed	Andrea V. Borden & Seth A. Harris, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$1,830,000
Robinson v. Limoncelli	Oct 30	Kings Supreme	Premises: Homeowners and real estate company ignored down "For Sale" sign, plaintiff alleged	Seth A. Harris & Blake Goldfarb, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$1,100,000
Cabarcas v. El Pilon Restaurant	Mar 14	Queens Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Restaurant's open trapdoor a hazard, patron claimed	Justin Hartman, New York, NY of Krentsel & Guzman LLP	\$269,500
Padilla v. Concord Buying Group Inc.	Apr 11	Bronx Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Shopper claimed he was cut by loose knife left on shelf	Edmond J. Pryor, Bronx, NY of Law Offices of Edmond Pryor	\$120,000
Labuguen v. Hope Lounge Inc.	Jan 17	Kings Supreme	Negligent Assembly or Installation: Deliveryman claimed concussion and strains led to loss of job	Nathan M. Belofsky & Stephen M. Zeitlin, Brooklyn, NY of Stephen M. Zeitlin, PC	\$119,415
Hunte v. Le	Jun 27	New York Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Salon's makeshift doormat a hazard, patron claimed	David E. Waterbury, New York, NY of trial counsel to Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, P.C.	\$100,000
Martin v. Jsy	Aug 16	Westchester Supreme	Store: Massage at spa led to brain injury, plaintiff alleged	Stephen P. Haber, White Plains, NY of Law Office of Stephen P. Haber	\$67,000
Auster v. Lentnek Management LLC.	Feb 15	Kings Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Landlord's oversights allowed spread of fire, tenants alleged	Adam E. Glassman, Lynbrook, NY of The Law Office of Alan C. Glassman	\$30,000

Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance

CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Ferguson v. GreenPoint Financial Corp.	Nov 01	Kings Supreme	Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance: Apartment's manager ignored lead-based paint, suit alleged	Thomas P. Giuffra & Jeremy A. Hellman, New York, NY of Rheingold, Valet, Rheingold, McCartney & Giuffra LLP	\$11,000,000
Pollak v. Holiday Villas at Oakwood Homeowners Association Inc.	May 06	Richmond Civil	Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance: Sloppy snow-removal work led to accident, condo's tenant alleged	Jack Tracy, Staten Island, NY of The Law Firm of Tracy & Stilwell P.C.	\$4,150,940
Fowler v. Gun Hill Management Inc.	Oct 11	Bronx Supreme	Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance: Apartment's lead-based paint poisoned child, mother claimed	Philip Monier, III, New York, NY of Levy Phillips & Konigsberg, L.L.P.	\$3,000,000
DeJesus v. Hunts Point Housing Development Fund Corp.	Mar 22	Bronx Supreme	Landlord ignored dangerous, dimly lit stairs, tenant alleged	Blake Goldfarb & Seth A. Harris, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$2,000,000
DeCaprio v. Heart of Chelsea Animal Hospital	Feb 07	New York Supreme	Blow to head caused permanent brain injury, guitarist claimed	Robert J. Bellinson, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$1,650,000
Mata v. 167 8th Avenue, LLC	Jun 06	Kings Supreme	Landlord ignored damaged sidewalk for years, suit alleged	Ira M. Perlman, New York, NY of trial counsel to Reid B. Wissner	\$1,392,335
Dema v. Rubin Ocean LLC	Dec 06	Kings Supreme	Building's landlord ignored leaky ceiling, tenant claimed	Glenn P. Dolan, New York, NY of Morgan Levine Dolan, P.C.	\$1,290,000
Deng v. Plaza East Hotel, L.L.C.	Jul 24	New York Supreme	Plaintiff broke shoulder in fall on damaged sidewalk	Douglas E. Hoffer, New York, NY of Dansker & Aspromonte Associates	\$1,015,000
Hayford v. Parkchester South Condominium Inc.	Jul 10	Bronx Supreme	Porter's puddle led to tenant's fall, injuries, suit alleged	Joshua Goldblatt, Bronx, NY of Jacob Oresky & Associates, PLLC	\$707,640
Mizrahi v. Island Terrace, LLC	Jul 10	Kings Supreme	Building's owner ignored broken sidewalk, plaintiff claimed	Victoria L. Weinman, Fresh Meadows, NY of Harry I. Katz, P.C.	\$331,359
Kerr v. Western Beef Properties	Sep 20	Bronx Supreme	Grocery store failed to clean spill at front entrance, plaintiff claimed	Andrea V. Borden, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$325,000
Killian v. All Area Realty Services Inc.	Mar 01	Queens Supreme	Sidewalk's defect ignored for months, plaintiff claimed	Souren A. Israelyan, New York, NY of Law Office of Souren A. Israelyan	\$300,000
Jacobi v. L.A. Fitness International LLC	May 09	Queens Supreme	Defense: Plaintiff's disability predated accident in health club	Daniella Levi, Fresh Meadows, NY of Daniella Levi & Associates	\$180,000
Howland v. Mohawk Village Apartments Inc.	Aug 23	Albany Supreme	Landlord didn't fix broken gutter, injured tenant claimed	Edward P. Ryan, Albany, NY of Law Office of Edward P. Ryan	\$122,087
Koster v. Cifran Corp.	May 13	Queens Supreme	Defense: Leaky air conditioner not cause of bar patron's fall	Eric F. Popkin, Jackson Heights, NY, trial counsel to Michael A. Cervini, Jackson Heights, NY	\$102,500

Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance (continued)

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Gahn v. Community Properties	Jul 31	Nassau Supreme	Trip and Fall: Policeman hurt while pursuing runaway girl	Cary M. Greenberg, Islandia, NY of Davis & Ferber, LLP;	\$100,000
Vidor v. 6 Jones Street Associates, LLC	May 24	New York Supreme	Building's manager ignored lobby's loose tiles, visitor claimed	Brielle C. Goldfaden, New York, NY of Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP	\$100,000
Morrissey v. Lukose	Apr 05	Queens Supreme	Landlord ignored broken drainage gutter, tenant alleged	John M. Porchia, III, West Islip, NY of Lite & Russell	\$52,000
Lopez v. City of New York	Dec 18	Kings Supreme	Premises liability: negligent repair and or maintenance - child tripped and fell over cracked sidewalk	Alexis Diaz, Esq., of Burns & Harris	\$50,000
Desmond v. Northport-East Northport UFSD	Jun 17	Suffolk Supreme	School overlooked hazard at soccer field, injured man claimed	Jennifer Loyd, Garden City, NY of Morici & Morici LLP; Mia-Laine Martinez, New York, NY of Steven F. Goldstein, LLP	\$20,000
Russo v. Zopf	Jan 28	Suffolk Supreme	Homeowners ignored rotten stairway, visitor alleged	James F. Leonick, Glen Cove, NY of Parisi & Leonick, LLP	\$15,000

Premises Liability: Public Property

CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Howell v. New York City Transit Authority	May 17	Bronx Supreme	Subway station's platform gap too wide, injured rider claimed	Janet L.H. Smitelli, Rockville Centre, NY of Davidson & Cohen, P.C.	\$9,000,000
Castelan v. New York City Transit Authority	Aug 22	Kings Supreme	Stairway's shaky railing ignored during maintenance, suit alleged	Thomas P. O'Malley, New York, NY of Lipsig, Shapey, Manus & Moverman, P.C.	\$2,000,000
Suarez v. NYC	Jul 02	Bronx Supreme	City agency ignored broken sidewalk, plaintiff claimed	Christopher J. Donadio, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$1,000,000
Gonzalez v. N.Y.C.T.A.	Aug 08	Bronx Supreme	Unresolved leak damaged subway station's stairs, suit alleged	Joseph S. Rosato, New York, NY of Rosato & Lucciola, P.C.	\$862,255
Ambrosio v. City of New York	Oct 16	Kings Supreme	Dangerous Condition: Sloppy wiring setup created a hazard, office worker claimed	David Friedman, New York, NY of David Horowitz, PC	\$300,000
Hernandez v. New York City Housing Authority	Mar 01	New York Supreme	Landlord too slow to address broken window, plaintiff claimed	Richard A. Kerner, New York, NY of Kerner & Kerner	\$192,196
Solis v. New York City Transit Authority	Mar 18	New York Supreme	Escalator's safety feature ineffective, plaintiff claimed	Stephen H. Jacobson, New York, NY of Jaroslawicz & Jaros, LLC	\$183,000
Figuerio v. N.Y.C.T.A.	Jul 02	Bronx Supreme	Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance: Subway station's broken tile ignored for a year, suit alleged	Hiram Anthony Raldiris, New York, NY of Law Offices of Eric H. Green and Associates	\$150,000
Otero v. City of NY	Apr 25	Kings Supreme	City ignored cracked sidewalk, plaintiff claimed	Sanford F. Young, New York, NY of Law Offices of Sanford F. Young, P.C.	\$81,000
Castillo v. City of New York	Nov 04	New York Supreme	School had prior notice of broken manhole cover: plaintiffs	Alexis Diaz, New York, NY of Burns & Harris	\$40,000

Premises Liability: Security

CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
Santa v. Azure Nightclub Inc.	Apr 24	Bronx Supreme	Inadequate or Negligent Security: Nightclub's lax security led to stabbings, plaintiffs claimed	Michael P. Eisenman, New York, NY of Miller Eisenman & Kanuck, LLP	\$4,376,000