

Top New York Verdicts of 2014

Motor Vehicle: Lane Change

	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Nayberg v. Nassau County	7/18	Nassau Supreme	Wide turn, inattentive driver led to accident, plaintiff claimed	Shawn M. Alfano of Daniel P. Buttafuoco & Associates PLLC, Woodbury, NY	\$2,707,210
2	Estate of Vatalaro v. The County of Suffolk	2/20	Suffolk Supreme	19-year-old killed in collision with bus	Conrad Jordan of Jordan & LeVerrier, PC, East Hampton, NY, trial counsel to Law Office of Joel Schmelkin, New York, NY	\$1,670,000
3	Myat v. Ortiz	6/24	Bronx Supreme	Motorcyclist claimed car's driver switched lanes, caused crash	Adam Hill and Arthur Hill of Ross & Hill, Brooklyn, NY	\$100,000
4	McFarlane v. Morley	3/20	Kings Supreme	Multi-car crash caused spinal injuries, plaintiff claimed	Gary P. Kauget of Law Offices of Gary Kauget, Brooklyn, NY	\$80,000

Motor Vehicle: Left / Right Turn

	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Jacobs v. Perciballi Container Service Inc.	12/12	New York Supreme	Left Turn: Accident ended hopes for surgical career, doctor claimed	Stephen H. Jacobson of Jaroslawicz & Jaros, LLC, New York, NY	\$2,850,000
2	Perez v. Klilib	10/24	Queens Supreme	Left Turn: Driver's hasty turn caused collision, motorcyclist claimed	George R. Gridelli and William Loyd of Cellino & Barnes P.C., Garden City, NY	\$1,500,000
3	Coras v. Prager	3/3	Nassau Supreme	Left Turn: Plaintiff claimed car crash caused injuries of arm, knee	Matthew Marino of trial counsel, Jacoby & Jacoby, Medford, NY	\$1,080,000
4	Remache v. New York City Transit Authority	4/1	New York Supreme	Right turn: Traffic accident caused knee, wrist injuries, trucker claimed	Stephen Z. Williamson of Law Office of Steve Williamson, PLLC, Forest Hills, NY, trial counsel, Elliot Ifraimoff & Associates, Forest Hills, NY, Forest Hills, NY	\$692,000
5	Hardy v. SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services Inc.	5/2	Bronx Supreme	Left Turn: Motorist's hasty turn caused accident, plaintiff claimed	Christopher J. Donadio of Burns & Harris, New York, NY	\$675,000
6	Pereyra v. Siegel	3/17	Queens Supreme	Left Turn: Motorist's hasty turn caused accident, plaintiff claimed	Scott A. Steinberg of Greenberg & Stein, P.C., New York, NY	\$400,000
7	Felitti v. Wolinsky	9/24	Suffolk Supreme	Left Turn: Teen plaintiff claims car collision left him with neck pain	Charles Bonfante of The Law Offices of Charles Bonfante III & Associates, Hauppauge, NY	\$240,000
8	Dervishi v. Chowdhury	7/7	Queens Supreme	Left Turn: Car crash caused shoulder woes, restaurateur claimed	Stuart Wagner of Morrison & Wagner, LLP, New York, NY	\$225,000
9	Di Rosa v. Granata	6/9	Richmond Supreme	Right turn: Motorist's illegal turn caused collision, plaintiff claimed	James R. Schermerhorn of Bamundo, Zwal & Schermerhorn, LLP, New York, NY, of counsel, Elefterakis, Elefterakis & Panek, New York, NY	\$175,000
10	Hasbrouck v. Feldstein	11/20	Kings Supreme	Driver didn't honor offer to yield, plaintiff claimed	Michelle Holman of Jaroslawicz & Jaros, LLC, New York, NY	\$105,000
11	Poole v. Grimaldi	9/24	Suffolk Supreme	Left Turn: Accident caused tear of knee, motorcyclist claimed	Ted M. Rosenberg of Rosenberg & Gluck LLP, Holtsville, NY	\$66,000
12	Joseph v. Letford	5/1	Kings Supreme	Left Turn: Turning motorist didn't yield, plaintiff claimed	Gary P. Kauget of Law Offices of Gary Kauget, Brooklyn, NY	\$60,000

Motor Vehicle: Passenger

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5	Holder v. Angelastro	5/9	Kings Supreme	Plaintiff claimed car crash caused injuries of knee, neck	Eitan A. Ogen of Ogen & Sedaghati, P.C., New York, NY	\$877,800
6	Cintron-Falcon v. NYC	5/27	Bronx Supreme	Truck accident led to seizures, back pain, plaintiff claimed	Seth A. Harris and Alexis Diaz of Burns & Harris, New York, NY	\$800,000
7	Calimli v. Melendez	12/16	Bronx Supreme	Car crash's parties disputed positioning of vehicles	David B. Calender of of counsel, S. John Baydar, Esq., Brooklyn, NY	\$600,000
8	Verderame v. Cottone	10/24	Suffolk Supreme	Speeding, drunken driver hurt three in crash, suit alleged	David N. Sloan of The Law Offices of David N. Sloan, Esq., Hicksville, NY	\$450,000
9	Bradley-Johnson v. Aly	6/23	Kings Supreme	Multi-car crash caused injuries of knee, plaintiff claimed	Jason Herbert of Krentsel & Guzman LLP, New York, NY	\$400,000
10	Betancourt v. Salazar	5/1	Bronx Supreme	Plaintiff claimed car crash caused injuries of knee, spine	Oliver R. Tobias of Elefterakis, Elefterakis & Panek, New York, NY	\$350,000
11	Richards v. Ghosh	3/27	Fulton Supreme	Accident curtailed active lifestyle, plaintiff claimed	Nicholas Dell'Anno of Krentsel & Guzman LLP, New York, NY	\$315,000
12	Archey v. Kings & Queens Auto Livery Corp	4/1	Kings Supreme	Plaintiff claimed limo accident led to three shoulder surgeries	Robert C. Rosenberg of Koenigsberg & Associates, P.C., Bronx, NY	\$250,000
13	Hookanson v. Rana	10/10	Kings Supreme	Fledgling actor claimed injury's scar limits opportunities	Richard J. Kaufman of Seiden & Kaufman, Carle Place, NY & Ira G. Cooper of trial counsel, Carle Place, NY	\$200,000
13	Ahmed v. MTA/New York City Transit Authority	3/13	New York Supreme	Bus's rider claimed unexpected motion caused fall, injury	Steven J. Zaloudek of The Cochran Firm, Paul B. Weitz & Associates, New York, NY	\$200,000
13	Eastman v. Nash	11/20	Kings Supreme	Ambulette's passenger claimed crash caused spinal injury	Alexis Diaz of Burns & Harris, New York, NY	\$200,000
16	Nicholls v. Jalloh	7/1	Kings Supreme	Defense: Driver's hasty lane change caused collision	Gary P. Kauget of Law Offices of Gary Kauget, Brooklyn, NY, trial counsel, Olga Nikishin, Brooklyn, NY	\$90,000
17	Brooks v. Capital District Transportation Authority	1/21	Albany Supreme	Paratransit van's rider broke shoulder in spill	Paul DerOhannesian of Derohannesian & Derohannesian, Albany, NY	\$75,000
17	Slisz v. Herter	5/21	Erie Supreme	Plaintiff: Car crash caused by distracted driving, failure to yield	Jason Telaak of Andruschat Law Firm, Buffalo, NY	\$75,000
19	McCarthy v. Roman	2/4	Kings Supreme	Car crash caused by speeding driver, hasty turn, suit alleged	Michael DellaUniversita of Gruenberg Kelly Della, Ronkonkoma, NY	\$18,000
20	Fernandez v. Moreno	3/27	Bronx Supreme	Plaintiff claimed he injured foot, spine in multi-car pileup	Neil A. Zirlin of Joseph T. Mullen, Jr. & Associates, New York, NY	\$15,000

Motor Vehicle: Pedestrian

	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Kowalsky v. County of Suffolk	8/15	Suffolk Supreme	Man struck by pickup truck, claimed injuries of back, knee	Joel H. Robinson of Robinson & Yablon, P.C., New York, NY; & William Ricigliano of William Ricigliano P.C., New York, NY, trial counsel	\$5,088,000
2	Linares v. New York City Transit Authority	1/24	Bronx Supreme	Bus's driver didn't yield during turn, injured pedestrian claimed	Louis E. Solimano of Bronx, NY, trial counsel, Bernard Raizner, New York, NY	\$3,000,000
3	Quijano v. American Transit Ins Co	7/15	Kings Supreme	Cabbie didn't look while turning, injured pedestrian claimed	Eitan A. Ogen of Ogen & Sedaghati, P.C., New York, NY	\$1,600,000
4	Estate of Conde v. Kane	10/10	Bronx Supreme	Man struck and killed by motorcycle, estate alleged	Alberto Casadevall of The Fitzgerald Law Firm, P.C., Yonkers, NY	\$796,952
5	Amlani v. Volfman	6/30	Queens Supreme	Driver didn't yield before turning past red light, plaintiff claimed	Eric Subin of Subin Associates, LLP, New York, NY	\$635,000
6	Berkovits v. Chaaya	9/23	Kings Supreme	Suit: Motorist too quick to leave after discharging passenger	Jordan W. Tucker of Reingold & Tucker, Brooklyn, NY	\$485,000
7	Paulino v. Encarnacion	2/20	Bronx Supreme	Motorist overlooked group of pedestrians, plaintiff claimed	Theodore W. Bushlow of Law Offices Stefano A. Filippazzo, P.C., Brooklyn, NY	\$450,000

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8	Lawrence v. McHayle	3/19	Bronx Supreme	Girl's ankle fracture could lead to arthritis, mother claimed	Pablo A. Sosa of Law Office of William A. Gallina, Bronx, NY	\$403,723
9	Hetmanczyk v. Decimus	7/27	Kings Supreme	Woman hit by minivan, claimed injuries of spine, knee, ribs	Gerald G. Arze of Arze & Mollica, LLP, Brooklyn, NY	\$390,000
10	Godden v. Vitiello	3/7	Bronx Supreme	Motorist didn't look while reversing, injured woman alleged	Christopher J. Donadio of Burns & Harris, New York, NY	\$350,000
11	Popoola v. Garcia	10/15	Nassau Supreme	Motorist didn't yield to pedestrian, suit alleged	Jason M. Murphy of Daniel P. Buttafuoco & Associates PLLC, Woodbury, NY	\$333,705
12	Martinez v. New York City Transit Authority	11/10	Queens Supreme	Bus driver, injured pedestrian traded blame for accident	Dennis A. Breen of Lurie, Ilchert, MacDonnell & Ryan LLP, New York, NY	\$325,707
13	Nici v. Consolidated Edison Co. of New York Inc.	4/11	New York Supreme	Injured pedestrian blamed improper repair of roadway	Eric J. Buckvar of Morton Buckvar, Esq., New York, NY	\$300,000
13	Dilone v. Trikonakis	8/22	Bronx Supreme	Motorist, pedestrian debated who initiated contact	Robert J. Genis of Sonin & Genis, Esqs., Bronx, NY	\$300,000
15	Nicoletto v. Martone	10/29	Suffolk Supreme	Car crashed through deli's window, pinned worker	Christopher S. Olson of Christopher S. Olson, Esq., Huntington, NY	\$275,000
16	Simpson v. Henry	6/18	Bronx Supreme	Man struck by car, claimed injuries of back, knee	Harold Chetrick of Harold Chetrick P.C., New York, NY	\$260,000



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Premises Liability: Amusement Park/Place of Entertainment

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1	Morgan-Word v. New York City Department of Education	5/22	Kings Supreme	School's principal didn't fulfill security vow, subordinate claimed	Ralph J. Drabkin of Drabkin & Margulies, New York, NY	\$2,442,000
2	Estate of Carriero v. City of White Plains	2/10	Westchester Supreme	Mall's parking garage not policed or protected, estate alleged	John Q. Kelly and Mark J. Schnitzler of Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara, LLC, Greenwich, CT	\$1,983,000
3	Mussara v. Mega Funworks Inc.	9/29	Dutchess Supreme	Water park's slide didn't have safe equipment, patron claimed	Lawrence A. Breslow, Steven Cohen, Martin P. Rutberg and Gerald A. Vergilis of Rutberg Breslow Personal Injury Law, Poughkeepsie, NY	\$1,927,249
4	Martin v. Our Lady of Wisdom Regional School	10/29	Suffolk Supreme	School ignored warning about dangerous gate, suit alleged	Thomas P. Cleere of Napoli, Bern, Ripka, Shkolnik, LLP, Great River, NY	\$600,000
5	Hudson v. Denny's Inc	9/19	Onondaga Supreme	Restaurant ignored late-night security problems, suit alleged	Thomas F. Shannon of Lynn Law Firm, Syracuse, NY	\$230,483

Premises Liability: Dangerous Condition of Public Property

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1	Alcantara v. NYCTA	1/29	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
2	Perkins v. City of New York	3/5	Kings Supreme	Plaintiff claimed he hurt knee, spine upon falling into sewer	Nicholas E. Tzaneteas of Law Office of Stephen H. Frankel, Mineola, NY	\$4,935,000

Premises Liability: Hotel/Restaurant

	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Herbenson v. Carrolls Corp.	8/4	Schenectady Supreme	Burger King patron claimed food caused blisters, numbness	Larry Breslow of Rutberg Breslow Personal Injury Law, Poughkeepsie, NY	\$205,000

Premises Liability: Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance

	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Valverde v. FS 41-45 Tiemann Place LLC	12/8	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
2	McLaughlin v. Ann-Gur Realty Corp.	5/8	Bronx Supreme	Sloping sidewalk should have had railing, plaintiff claimed	Pablo A. Sosa of Law Office of William A. Gallina, PLLC, Bronx, NY	\$3,967,266
3	Floyd v. 1710 Realty LLC	9/16	Kings Supreme	Landlord ignored broken shower, apartment's tenant claimed	Seth A. Harris of Burns & Harris, New York, NY	\$1,900,000
4	Simpson v. AD Marcus Garvey Realty Inc.	5/28	Kings Supreme	Stairway's damage ignored for a year, plaintiff claimed	Howard G. Frederick of Silbowitz, Garafola, Silbowitz, Schatz & Frederick, L.L.P., New York, NY	\$1,240,000
5	Little v. Hersh Realty Corp	8/15	Kings Supreme	Shoddy repair led to collapse of ceiling, tenant claimed	Eric Subin of Subin Associates, LLP, New York, NY	\$750,000