

## GENERAL NEGLIGENCE

Johnson & Bell's General Negligence group is one of our largest and most active practices, representing a diverse client pool and defending, counseling, and educating clients on how to deal with accidents in and out of court. This includes helping them avoid potential liability situations, anticipate plaintiff theories of recovery, and understand current federal, state and municipal laws that may impact their businesses.

### Clients include:

- Property owners and management companies
- Hotel and hospitality chains
- Food and drug retailers
- Commercial lessors and owners of shopping centers
- Healthcare groups, institutions or individuals
- Consumer product manufacturers
- Construction and engineering firms

### Thought Leadership includes:

- Seminars for claims representatives on interviewing during initial evaluation
- Presentations to multinational corporations regarding litigation holds and e-discovery

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## **CLIENT RESULTS**

[Breitweiser-Hurst and Farris Obtain Summary Judgment Win for Indiana Hospital Client](#)

[Julie Busch and Nicholas Sandowski Secure Win for National Restaurant Chain Client](#)

[James Balog and Ariel Flood Win Motion for Summary Judgment for National Retailer](#)

[J&B's Indiana Office Secures Appellate Reversal of Plaintiff's Verdict: New Trial Awaits](#)

[Kotsalief Secures Defense Verdict in Movie Theater Fall](#)

[Breitweiser-Hurst Secures Summary Judgment for Casino Client](#)

[Plaintiff Demands \\$1M for Fall at Hospital: Court Grants Directed Verdict in Favor of Defendant, Throws out Plaintiff's Case](#)

[Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute: Comes Up Snake Eyes on Verdict](#)

[On Appeal, \\$41M Bar "Tab" Reversed: Defendant Gets New Trial](#)

[In an Admitted Liability Case, Gainer Brings Dose of Reality to Plaintiff's Damages Demands](#)

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[Schneiderman, Yukich Secure Summary Judgment in Premises Liability Dispute Involving University Swing, Farris Secure Defense Verdict in Premises Liability Case Seeking \\$700K in Damages](#)  
[Hearn Secures Defense Verdict in Indiana Dispute Seeking \\$3M in Damages](#)  
[Rantis Secures Dismissal with Prejudice in Speedway Spectator Accident](#)  
[Johnson, Vickrey Secure Verdict for Defense. Plaintiff Sought \\$800K for Post-Op Hospital Fall](#)  
[Gainer Secures “Soft Landing” in FELA Case After Plaintiff Sought \\$1.8M for Injured Wrist](#)  
[Plaintiff’s Attempt to Expand Defendant’s Liability Foiled by Partial Summary Judgment With Plaintiff Seeking \\$600K for Traumatic Brain Injury. Hearn Secures Defense Verdict](#)  
[7th Circuit Affirms Judgment in Indiana Retail Slip-and-Fall Case](#)  
[With Settlement Offer on Table, Plaintiff Heads to Trial to Win... Less](#)  
[Seeking \\$1.4M in Damages for Alleged Injuries. Plaintiff Feels Pain of Defense Verdict](#)  
[Schneiderman Pours Cold Water on Plaintiff's Theory in Premises Liability Case](#)  
[Judge Dismisses Hospital with Prejudice from Ladder Lawsuit](#)  
[Owens, Kotsalief Secure Summary Judgment in \\$45M Steel Mill Case](#)  
[Thompson Secures Defense Verdict in \\$1.5M Hospital Negligence Case](#)  
[Katie E. Gorrie Secures Summary Judgment in Significant Defense Win for General Contractor](#)  
[Seeking Nearly \\$1 Million for Slip and Fall, Plaintiff Walks Away with \\$37,500](#)  
[Burke, Boehm and Ryndak Recover \\$700K in Insurance Coverage Dispute](#)  
[Hearn Receives Favorable Result in Indiana Personal Injury Case](#)  
[Appellate Court Ruling Grants General Contractors and Construction Managers New Protection in Section 414 Actions](#)  
[Burke and Linneman Earn Favorable Verdict for Target Corporation in Premises Liability Case](#)  
[Conforti Secures Not Guilty Verdict in Trucking Accident with Bicyclist](#)  
[Conforti and Reid Receive Favorable Defense Verdict](#)  
[Matthew L. Johnson Receives Favorable Result in Premises Liability Case](#)  
[Bell Receives Not Guilty Verdict For Commonwealth Edison](#)  
[Bell Prevails in Direct Participation Claim Against Parent Corporations](#)  
[First District Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment in Favor of Forest Preserve District](#)  
[Johnson and Johnson Obtain Defense Verdict for Hospital in HIV Transplant Case – Plaintiff Sought \\$45 Million](#)  
[Conforti Achieves Favorable Verdict in Construction Site Accident](#)  
[Conforti Successfully Defends Waste Removal Trucking Company - Plaintiff Sought \\$3.3 Million](#)  
[Carini Obtains Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case Seeking \\$11M](#)  
[Katie E. Gorrie Obtains Favorable Result in Personal Injury Case Seeking \\$1.1M](#)  
[Joseph B. Carini Secures Defense Verdict in Construction Litigation Case Seeking \\$6.4 Million](#)  
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## **NOTABLE CASES**

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

[McQueen v Green -- Or Why the Defense Bar Sees Red](#)

[David Warnick Co-Authors IDC Quarterly Monograph on the State of Proximate Cause in Illinois](#)

[The Evolution of Forum Non Conveniens in Illinois and Recent Legislation to Limit the Doctrine](#)

[Case Law Overview: Seventh Circuit Appellate Ruling Sheds Additional Light on Facts Deemed Relevant in Construction Negligence Disputes](#)

[Neuhengen Decision Increases Specter for Recovery of Punitive Damages from Less than Diligent Defendant Employers](#)

[Illinois Spoliation of Evidence Law -- A Comprehensive Explanation](#)

[Illinois Supreme Court Restricts Construction Negligence and Premises Liability Theories of Recovery in Illinois](#)

[Tendering Claims: Court Ruling Underscores Why Sooner Is Better](#)

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