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

Johnson & Bell Indiana Team Prevails in Hospital Premises Liability Retrial

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

Busch & Sandowski Secure Significant Client Win in Cook County Circuit Court

J&B's Indiana Office Secures Appellate Reversal of Plaintiff's Verdict; New Trial Awaits

Kotsalieff 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

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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

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, Kotsalieff 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

Chicago Porch Collapse

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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

Using the Affordable Health Care Act to Mitigate Future Medical Damages

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