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Johnson & Bell has more than 30 years' experience handling investigations, arbitrations and lawsuits involving trucks, boats, trains and most any other mode that transports people or goods. We offer experienced, skilled and practical counsel to the commercial transportation industry. Our attorneys represent transportation and logistics businesses in personal injury, property loss, cargo loss and damage, subrogation, Jones Act, insurance coverage and commercial claims in the fields of trucking, logistics services, motor coach (specialized passenger transport), maritime, bus and railroad. Our team of attorneys is fluent in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act, Carmack Amendment issues, and all other aspects of state and federal law.

We have served as national coordinating counsel for trucking and logistics companies, assisting our clients in developing major accident-investigation protocols. We also support our clients with critical response teams — responding within minutes and arriving on-site at serious accidents to supervise, coordinate and assist in investigations. We also counsel clients on the multiple legal issues arising at accident scenes — preserving relevant evidence and assessing the scene and vehicles involved.

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CLIENT RESULTS

Johnson & Bell Litigation Team Prevails in Binding Arbitration

Hearn and Farris Win Summary Judgment Motion for National Client in Indiana Crash Involving Delivery Driver

Conforti, Busch, and Sandowski Secure Client Victory in Cook County Trucking Accident Case

Belovol Secures Dismissal for Transportation Client in Cook County

Plaintiff Claims $2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-Ender “Not Too Much.” Jury Disagrees, Awards $11,000

Survivors of Truck Driver Allege Improperly Loaded Cargo Spilled Out of Trailer and Crushed Driver. In Granting SJ Court Ruled Plaintiff’s Case Over Reliant on Speculation.

Boehm Secures Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking $1M in Damages

Wrongful Death Trucking Case Resolved Successfully

Transportation Company Succeeds with Effort to “Ship” Case to Kane County. Illinois Supreme Court Denies Plaintiff’s Petition for Appeal.

Indiana Ruling Bars Plaintiff Damages Expert from Testifying in Trucking Case

In Rare Reversal, Transportation Company Can Move Case Out of Cook County

Armstead v. National Freight, Inc., 2020 IL App (3d) 170777

Hearn Scuttles Plaintiff’s Attempt to Expand Monetary Damages, Liability

Burke, Linneman Secure Verdict for Plaintiff in Pro Bono Employment Dispute with FEMA

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

Burke, Macksey Secure Dismissal of Commuter Railroad

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

Burke, Linneman Achieve Favorable Verdict for Trucking Company

Shear Steers Client Clear of Hit and Run Claim

Second Time Around, Hearn Secures (Another) Favorable Outcome in Motorcycle Lawsuit Seeking $1.1M

Burke, Boehm and Macksey Secure Dismissal for Trucking Client

Hearn Secures Positive Outcome in Trucking Accident - Plaintiff sought $1.75M

Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment Against “Virtual Physical Contact” Assertion

Gary, Indiana Train Collision

Conforti Secures Not Guilty Verdict in Trucking Accident with Bicyclist

Conforti and Reid Receive Favorable Defense Verdict

Conforti Successfully Defends Waste Removal Trucking Company - Plaintiff Sought $3.3 Million

Carini Obtains Defense Verdict in Wrongful Death Case Seeking $11M

Fernando Corral, Jr. Personal Representative of the Estate of Fernando Corral, Sr., deceased, v. Mervis Industries, Inc., a corporation

Daniels v. Corrigan, 382 Ill.App.3d 66 (1st Dist. 2008)

Bogalusa Chemical Spill

Happel v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. Lexis 9782 (N.D. Ill., Feb. 9, 2008).

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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

Neuhengen Decision Increases Specter for Recovery of Punitive Damages from Less than Diligent Defendant Employers

Illinois Spoliation of Evidence Law -- A Comprehensive Explanation

Mach Mining Revisited Again - Leave to Add Party Defendants Who Didn't Have an Opportunity to Conciliate Denied

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